

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Launching out into the Deep: (In Unison): Bless, O Lord our God, the worship and work of this church. Grant that it may faithfully, "launch out into the deep" and respond to the call of Jesus to be Fishers of People. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make it a house of prayer, a Centre of Christian teaching and disciples in learning; a community of loving and sacrificial service and a witness to your redeeming love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families. (Each week we remember several of our families in our Prayers of the People): **Jim & Barbara Pender, Nicholas & Melissa Pender/Hancock, Ethel Penney, Audrey Picco, Carl & Ann Picco and their families.**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the parish of Mauranga South – (Kenya) The rt Revd Julius Karanu Wa Gicheru

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Forteau (4 congregations) Rector - awaiting appointment and the Parish of Fortune-Lamaline (2 congregations) Rector – Rev. Neal Buffett

Provincial Prayer Care: Diocese of Fredericton – Bishop David Edwards

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
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**Rector's Warden – Harvey Hiscock –
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People's Warden – Gary King - 895-6239

Parish Mission

Statement

God's people in the Parish of St. Philip, in a covenant relationship with God through Baptism, are called....

- To be Fishers of people in response to the call of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit;
- To be a House of Prayer
- To be a Centre for Christian Teaching;
- To be Disciples in learning;
- To be a fellowship of Loving and Sacrificial Service;
- To be Witnesses to our Lord's Love through Word and Example.

**Launching out into
the
Deep...
Into New Spiritual
Depths**



**A WARM
WELCOME IS
EXTENDED TO ALL
OUR
PARISHIONERS
AND VISITORS
WHO ARE WITH US
TODAY. WE HOPE
THAT GOD WILL
BLESS US AS WE
WORSHIP HIM
HERE TOGETHER
AT ST. PHILIP'S
CHURCH.**

**Office Hours: Mon-
Thurs: 9 am - 1:30
pm**

**Friday: 9
am – 12
noon**

**From the
Rector's
Desk**

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As told in the service last week, the season of Easter is more than one day. For the next fifty days or so, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, we are in the season of Easter.

The Gospel for today is continuing from

April 23rd, 2017 (Year A)

last Sunday's gospel. It is the story of the disciples gathered in the upper room in fear of the Jews. With the doors locked, Jesus appears to them. This happened in the evening of the 1st. Easter Day. Thomas, one of the disciples, was not there in the room at the first appearance of Jesus. The disciples told him that they had seen the Lord. Thomas' response was that he would not believe until he saw the marks of the nails in his hands and feet. A week later, in a similar circumstance to the first evening of the resurrection, Jesus appears to them again in that room and this time Thomas was with them. Thomas believed.

During the season of Easter, we are going to read and hear of

Jesus appearing to other people after the resurrection. As the gospel says for today, "that these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God."

MAINTENANCE FUND: We are asking our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us lower our debt on the new furnace. We have borrowed the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan is out for seven years. Beginning Dec. 31st 2016, we are paying **\$653.93** per month.

**The Collect, Epistle
and Gospel for
2nd.Sunday of
Easter**

Scripture Readings
for today, April
23rd.

**1st Reading: Acts 2:
14a, 22-32**
Psalm 16, Page 719
(Lori Gosse)

**2nd Reading: Peter
1: 3-9**
(Reegan Gosse)

**Gospel: John 20:
19-31**
(Deacon Bonnell)

**Response after
the Scripture
Reading:**

Reader:
For the Word of
God in Scripture;
For the Word of
God among us;
For the Word of
God within us;
**Response: We
give you thanks,
O God.**

Dismissal Song:

**Go now in
peace; never be
afraid.
God will go with
you each hour
of every day.**

**Go now in faith,
steadfast strong
and true. Know
he will guide
you in all you
do.**

**Go now in love
and show you
believe. Reach
out to others so
all the world can
see.**

**God will be
there watching
from above. Go
now in peace, in
faith and in
love.**

Stewardship
Thought For the
Week

Giving is an
act of faith. We
give, believing that
God will provide for
our needs. We
give, believing that

Christ's church is
worthy of our
offerings. We give,
believing that men
are lost. We give,
believing that the
gospel can save us.
If you do not give,
which of these do
you disbelieve?

Church Chuckles

It was Easter
Sunday Eucharist
and the priest was
walking down the
aisle throwing holy
water over the
congregation. My
three year old got
hit and said, "Hey,
who spit on me?"

Recyclable
Donations:-
**Recycling is
a fund-raising
project of the**

ACM and your
assistance is
needed. **"We**
thank you for your
co-operation in
removing screw
top covers from all
bottles – plastic
and glass – and
further ask that
you remove corks
and screw tops
from alcoholic
beverage
containers." For
your convenience,
boxes are located
near Sharpe's Store
on Thorburn Road
and Country
Convenience. If
you can help with
sorting the
recyclables on
Monday or Tuesday
nights, please call
John Parrell.
The ACM could
really use your
help.

**The church is
now on
facebook.**
WWW.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch
Take a look!

included in the weekly bulletin should be at the church office by Thursdays, 10am.

What a time to have a teaching mission in our parish during the Season of Easter. To hear the written word come alive for us and to believe, as Thomas did, who claimed Him at that moment to be his Lord and God.

I believe the world is waiting to hear anew, the word of God and believe they may have life in His name.

Let us proclaim, over these fifty days, that Jesus Christ is risen and death has no dominion over Him. If you believe this, then tell others. Peace and Joy be yours in this Easter Season. Amen.

Please note, any items to be

We encourage you to use the E-Giving method for giving to the life and witness of the church in this community. You will find forms in the foyer which need to be signed and returned to the church.

The Ballicatter after school program is renting our parish hall from Monday to Friday each week. They are currently looking to add young children to their program. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact them at

ballicatterasp@gmail.com.

**ACW Card Games
*Please note that the ACW card games will now take place on the last Tuesday of each month.***

**Lavrock Summer Camp Application
Church Camp
Dates:
Girls' Camp
– (Ages 8-13 Yrs)
July 10th – 14th,
2017**

Junior Co-ed Camp
(Ages 8 – 13Yrs)
July 17th – 21st,
2017
Applications available at the church office.
Register early if you are interested.
Cost: \$165.00

New Rental Rates -
The Vestry has approved the following new rates for renting of the Parish Centre effective January 1st 2017:
Baby Showers, Children's Birthday Parties, etc. - \$75.00
Adult Dinner/Dance,

Birthday Parties with dance, etc. - \$150.00

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary Page 336:
Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

The Bulletin today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Dear Parents
Hubert Mercer – Oct. 21, 1924 – April 26, 2011
Myrtle Mercer – Aug. 20, 1029 – April 26, 2016

Given by

**Ruth, Derek,
Karen and their
families**

**We welcome
into the church
today through
the waters of
baptism:
Maddox Larry
Joseph Tucker
Son of
Joseph and
Melissa Tucker**

**2nd. Sunday of
Easter – April 23rd.
8:30 am – Holy
Communion(BCP)
Eucharistic
Assistant – Mary
Ann Baker**

**10:30 am – Holy
Eucharist (BAS) &
Sunday School
Eucharistic
Assistants – Carol
Bartlett & Jennifer
Tucker
Counters: John
Parrell & Gloria
Earle
Sidesperson: Todd
Martin**

**3rd. Sunday, April
30th.
8:30 am – Holy
Communion (BCP)**

**Eucharistic
Assistant – Mose
Tucker**

**10:30 am – Holy
Eucharist (BAS) &
Sunday School
Eucharistic
Assistants – Charlie
Gosse & Ches
Barfitt
Counters: Lori
Mercer & Linda
Thomas
Sidesperson:
Gerald Sharpe**

**Pastoral/Spi
ritual Care is
available to all who
enter an Eastern
Health facility. To
avail of this
ministry of the
church, upon
admission you (or
your next of kin)
will be asked if you
would like to
receive pastoral
care. If you answer
'yes' and state your
denomination, you
will be added to
the list of patients
to be visited by the
chaplain and/or
pastoral visitor. If
you answer 'no',
your choice will be
respected and you
will not receive a
pastoral visit.**

**Should you later
change your mind,
please advise the
nurse of the
Pastoral Care office
at 777-6959.
Chaplains are
bound by the
Protection of
Information Act.
Chaplains can only
advise your parish
clergy of your
admission with
your consent.**

**For the past
three years, the**

**Anglican, Roman
Catholic, Salvation
Army and United
Church
denominations
have worked
together to provide
a First Call Chaplain
for afterhours calls
(5pm-7am) at the
Health Sciences,
Miller Centre, St.
Clare's and
Waterford
Hospitals. The
chaplain on call
will respond and
can make contact
with the
denominational
chaplain if
requested or
needed. The
denominational
chaplain will
continue to visit
during regular
daytime hours
(7am-5pm).**

**Prayerfully
consider your
parish in your
estate
planning".**

**Stewardship
Statement**

**As we begin
this new year
together as a
church, we are
asking our people
to look at their**

<p>Yearly Budget for Envelope giving for 2017 - \$95,000.00</p> <p>Needed Monthly - \$7,917.00</p> <p>Needed Weekly - \$1,827.00</p>
<p>Rec'd April 16th. Regular Giving</p>
<p>Maintenance</p>
<p>Rec'd Year to Date Regular Giving</p>
<p>Maintenance</p>
<p>Total brought in for Sunday, April 16th.</p>

regular giving. Our budget for regular giving this year is set at \$95,000.00. For several years, we have never reached our goal but it is so important for us to do it in 2017 or we will have a serious problem on our hands. Please look at your regular giving and see if you can increase it for this year and going forward.

Notices

Archdeacon Ed King will be conducting our 3rd. Annual Teaching Mission. The mission will run from May 10th. – 14th. The services will be at 7 pm each evening (May 10-13) with the closing service on

Sunday, May 14th. at 10:30 am.

We will not have a Pot-luck luncheon on Sunday, April 30th. The next Pot-luck luncheon will be on Sunday, May 7th as the Bishop will be here for Confirmation.

Canon Shirley Gosse will be celebrating her 25th anniversary as a deacon in the Church of God. St. Philip's Church is hosting a service of celebration on Saturday, April 29th at 7 pm. We invite members of the congregation to join us in this event. Our Bishop will be the guest preacher at this service. Tea to follow.

"Faith in the Public Square" conference Saturday, June 3rd at St. Mary's church. To register, please give me (Rev. Ed.) your name and then you will hear from Synod office advising that you are registered.

Don't want to prepare lunch today. I have an idea for you! St. Philip's ACW is having a sub-sandwich sale on Saturday, April 29th. To order a sub-sandwich, call a member of the ACW or their President, Rebecca at 895-2343 or the church office at 895-0715, then come by at noon and pick it up. The

cost is only \$8.00 for 9" sandwich (with 3 deli meats & cheese) with a cookie and a drink. Some Good!!

The Select Vestry will be meeting on Monday evening, April 24th. at 7:30 pm

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Archdeacon Julie Brace as Territorial Archdeacon for the Archdeaconry of Labrador.