



**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
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**Anglican Church of St. Philip**

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**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Year C)**

### 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**

The Christmas Season is behind us for another year. We have moved into another season in the life of the Church's year, which we call "Epiphany". From January 6<sup>th</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the Season of the Epiphany. In this season, we see that Jesus is manifested to all people both Jews and Gentiles. He humbled himself and came into the world as a baby born in Bethlehem for all of us through his birth, death and resurrection.

Today, in the Season of the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. Baptism for Anglicans is one of the sacraments necessary for

salvation along with the Holy Eucharist. As I write this, I am reviewing the Baptism Service in the Book of Common Prayer. I do ask you to look at the rubrics on Page 522. This service is very seldom used anymore but it has some good teaching for us today. At the end of the service, we read this prayer "Remember always that Baptism represents unto us our profession; which is to follow our Saviour Jesus Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin and rise again into righteousness, continually mortifying all evil desires and daily increasing in all virtue and godliness of living."

The responsibilities for parents and godparents are plainly laid out for us as well. "Take care that he/she be taught the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer....be instructed in the Catechism, be brought to the bishop to be confirmed by him/her, to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit .... Receive communion....go forth into the world to serve God in the fellowship of the church.

In Baptism, we are called to ministry. What ministry are you fulfilling in the Parish? Are you bringing others to a deeper understanding of Jesus? Are you a steward of God's creation?

In 2016, I am asking that you begin to fulfill your baptismal ministry in helping us to build up the Kingdom of God in this part of his vineyard.

As we reflect today upon our own Baptism, may the Spirit rest upon us and give us boldness to share our faith with others so that they may become part of the body of Christ here and inheritors of the Kingdom of God.

### **Church Chuckle**

Consensus..or Nonsensus

Definition of a committee: A group of people who individually can do nothing, but as a group decides that nothing can be done.

### **Would That You Could**

Definition of a crisis: A situation in which you can't say, "Let's forget the whole thing."

### **A Stewardship Thought for the Week**

The Tithe

There is one talent we all seem to have. We seem to be able to spend whatever we make. If we make

\$10,000, we live on that. If we make \$20,000, we live on that. The same is true for \$50,000, I guess.

It is also true that if circumstance cuts us back, we manage to adjust and live on what is available.

Hundreds of thousands of people have proven that they live just as well on what is left after God gets His proper part of what comes into their hands. That is both a psychological reality and a divine provision.

If you haven't tried it, go ahead. You have a pleasant surprise coming. The kingdom work surges forward, and you will be better off indeed.

### **Stewardship Statement**

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Regular Givings: \$ 1,387.00**

**Maint. Fund \$ 390.00**

**E-Giving**

### **Preauthorized Payment (e-Giving) of Church**

**Offerings** is an option for our parishioners. Many people find it a safe and convenient way to make their offerings and, if you are interested, **please complete the form which you will find in the pamphlet rack in the foyer.**

**For those who are giving by Pre-authorized (e-Giving),** there are plastic cards available in the foyer which read "Giving electronically to the Anglican Parish of St. Philip". We want our people to think about giving to the church by this method.

### **Recyclable Donations: -Recycling is a fundraising 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 & 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, corner of Old Broad Cove Road and Bennett's Road. If you can help with sorting the recyclables on Monday or Tuesday nights please call John Parrell. **The ACM could really use your help.**

**Maintenance Fund:** We want to thank you for your continued support. It is very important for us to build on this fund so that the necessary repairs to the church can be completed in a timely manner. Please keep in mind that we were encouraged after the church was debt free to continue to give a dollar per day to this fund.

**Parish Hall Rentals:** The Parish Centre is available to members of the congregation and the public to rent for birthdays, weddings and anniversaries. Please consider renting the hall for your next important event. Any person wanting to rent the Parish Centre can call the church office at 895-0715.

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 348:**

**A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."**

**The Bulletin today is given to the glory of God and in Loving Memory of:**

**VICTORIA FAYE SHARPE  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1957 - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1985  
By Parents, Victor & Olive and their Family**

### **Schedule of Services**

#### **The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am** - Holy Communion (BCP) **Eucharistic**

**Assistant:** Mary Ann Baker

**10:30 am** - Holy Eucharist (BAS)

**Eucharistic Assts:** Carol Bartlett & Jennifer Tucker

**Counters:** Linda Roberts, Todd Martin

**Sidesperson:** Don Morgan

#### **Second Sunday after Epiphany January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am** - Holy Communion (BCP) **Eucharistic**

**Assistant:** Mose Tucker

**10:30 am** - Holy Eucharist (BAS) **Eucharistic Assts:**

Charlie Gosse & Ches Barfitt

**Counters:** Linda Roberts & Todd Martin **Sidesperson:**

Karen Puglisevich

## Notices

### ACW Annual Meeting and Election of Officers:

Monday, **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, at 7:30 pm.

### ACM Annual Meeting: Wednesday,

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm.

**Meeting of the Select Vestry:** Monday, **January 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm.

The group that leads “The Prayers of the People” each Sunday morning will meet on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

“**Belize Project**” I want to thank you for the support you gave when a team from this Diocese went to Belize to help build a new worship centre for the congregation of St. Mark’s in Hattieville.

Now we are calling upon Anglicans throughout our Diocese to help raise funds for a rectory for the priest who serves at St. Mark’s. I ask each family in this Parish to give through prayer a gift towards this project. We are extending this project until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. You have until this time to give your gift to help the people of Hattieville. Thank you.

### 2017 Confirmation: Notice to Parents

of children who will be confirmed in 2017. We have begun the new **Two Year Confirmation Program** for candidates **who will be confirmed in 2017.** Please note candidates must attend this two-year program in order to be confirmed. Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you want your child to attend.

“Prayerfully consider your parish in your estate planning.”

## Milestones

(If you know of anyone in the Parish celebrating a milestone in their lives, please contact the Church Office so that we can share the good news in our church bulletin.)

## Noteworthy Events

**Portugal Cove ACW** - Monthly Card Games are held the third Tuesday of each month (or the 2<sup>nd</sup> last Tuesday,

if applicable) at St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 8:00 pm. Cost \$5.00 and lunch is served.

### Beaumont Hamel – On the Trail of the Caribou – June/July 2016 – 10 days/16 meals -

Bishop Geoff will be leading a tour to Beaumont Hamel to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First World War. For further information, please see the brochure in the foyer or see the Diocesan website.

### “Thought For Today” ---

I was shocked, confused and bewildered  
As I entered Heaven’s door  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its décor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood a kid from seventh grade  
Who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought  
Was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus “What’s the deal?”  
I would love to hear your take  
How did all those sinners get up here,  
God must’ve made a mistake.

“And why is everyone so quiet,  
So somber – give me a clue.”  
“Hush, child”, he said  
“They’re all in shock,  
No one thought they’d be seeing you.”

## Judge Not

**Remember, just going to church doesn’t make you a Christian; any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.**

**Every saint has a Past. Every sinner has a Future.**  
**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 to be sung at the end of the service.

**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.**

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## Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The Baptism of the Lord Sunday

### Scripture Readings for today, January 10<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 43: 1 - 7 Psalm 29: (page 738)**  
(Debbie Collis)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Acts 8: 14 - 17** (Dawn Sharpe)

Gospel: **Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 - 22** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

**Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

**Today in our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for our parish families. (Each week we remember a number of our families in our Prayers of the People): Derek & Ellen Stevenson, Edna Strowbridge, Gary Sullivan, Ronald & Thelma Sullivan, Laura & Wilbert Taylor and their families.**

## In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

**In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia: The Most. Rev’d. Philip Leslie Freier.**