



**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
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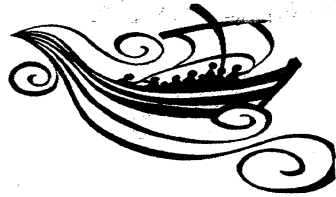
**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Year C)**

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

It is a sad fact that churches feel the need to post signs ALL ARE WELCOME. Why should we need to advertise that fact?

Jesus lived his entire ministry among strangers – people outside the dominant social and religious norms of his day. He spent his time with all the wrong people – sinners, tax collectors, lepers, women, smelly fishermen and shepherds, and foreigners. Yet even the disciples had to ask, “When was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you?”

If we are honest with ourselves, the church has been, and remains in some cases, one of the least welcoming places we inhabit. The saying has long been true that the most segregated hour of the week is Sunday morning. Our signs say ALL ARE WELCOME, but our behavior often says STRANGER DANGER.

“Not us,” you say. “See our sign!” But there are a lot of “if’s” associated with being fully accepted into church communities. You are welcome *if* you are the right color, *if* you speak the right language, *if* you wear the right clothing and smell good, *if* you love the same people we love. These ifs are so deeply ingrained in our various cultures that we may be largely unaware that we communicate them. But the stranger notices our discomfort - diverted eyes, purses tucked closer to the body, impenetrable circles of conversation at coffee hour.

It is difficult and often painful work to be radically honest with ourselves, to see that our actions do not always match our intent. Signs that say ALL ARE WELCOME are a good first step in welcoming the stranger. Our behaviors will change as we take time to think and pray about how we do and do not welcome strangers into our lives, at church, and in other settings.

How can we face the limits of our experience and understanding in ways that challenge our fears and transform our world views? How can we practice the radical welcome Jesus teaches us?

*(Borrowed from Forward Movement – Meeting Jesus on the Margins – Author Lee Anne Reat)*

Rev. Ed.

Church Chuckles

Two goobers were digging a ditch on a very hot day. One said to the other, “Why are we down in this hole digging a ditch when our boss is standing up there in the shade of a tree?” “I don’t know”, responded the other, “I’ll ask him.” He climbed out of the hole and went to his boss. “Why are we digging in the hot sun and you’re standing in the shade?” “Intelligence”, the boss said. “What do you mean, ‘intelligence’?” The boss said, “Well, I’ll show you. I’ll put my hand on this tree and I want you to hit it with your fist as hard as you can.” The goober took a mighty swing and tried to hit the boss’ hand. At the last second the boss removed his hand and the goober hit the tree. The boss said, “That’s intelligence!” The goober went back to his hole. His friend asked, “What did he say?” “He said we are down here because of intelligence.” “What’s intelligence?”

said the friend. The goober put his hand on his face and said, “Take your shovel and hit my hand.”

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

This week has given me several occasions to praise God for another kind of offering many of you are making – the offering of committed Christian growth and maturity of spirit.

Some of you are able to turn crisis into victory. Others can absorb unthoughtfulness and offer kindness in return. Others are learning to appreciate even very different people who love and want to serve the Lord. You are studying, serving and gaining self-control. I thank God for your gifts.

Stewardship Statement

Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Regular Givings	\$ 852.00
Maint. Fund	\$ 480.00
E-Giving – February	\$ 1,405.00
Refugee Collection	\$ 1,015.00

**“Prayerfully consider your parish in your estate planning.”**

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.

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

*All I care for is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection*

Schedule of Services

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 13<sup>th</sup>

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

**Assistant:** Carol Bartlett

**10:30 am** – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

**Eucharistic Assts:** Jennifer Tucker, Mose Tucker

**Counters:** Susan Powell, Tom Tulk **Sidesperson:** John Parrell

Wednesday: March 16<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 pm** Lenten Service

Sixth Sunday in Lent March 20<sup>th</sup>

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

**Assistant:** Charlie Gosse

**10:30 am** – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

**Eucharistic Assts:** Ches Barfitt, Joan Tucker

**Counters:** Linda Roberts, Todd Martin **Sidesperson:** Don Morgan

Milestones

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rev. Ed Bonnell on the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination as Deacon, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Notices

**SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY** – As you are now aware, five parishes have come together to form a Committee and hope to raise enough funds in these five parishes to sponsor a Syrian Refugee family. We want to raise the funds among the five churches instead of asking the diocese for a grant. I hope every family in this parish will give to this appeal. **No amount is too small.**

We have an opportunity to help a family, who is now living in a refugee camp, to find a new home in a new country where peace and security reign.

I ask you as members of St. Philip's Parish to give and as you can see in the bulletin today, some have already given.

Twenty-two families have donated \$1,015.00. Please give with a willing heart.

**NOTE TO ACM MEMBERS** – We need to know by **March 20<sup>th</sup>** if you are planning to attend the Annual Conference at Lavrock on April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Please let Ches know so that he can register the group from St. Philip's.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – Please note that the **deadline** for anyone wishing to give a donation toward flowers for the Easter Service in memory of departed loved ones **is Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** .

**The new ACW Altar/Cleaning Schedule** is available in the foyer.

#### **Notices (Cont'd)**

**Pews from the old church building are on sale in the Foyer for \$250.00.**

#### **Hosts needed for Synod Billets**

The Diocese is seeking Hosts for Billets for the upcoming Diocesan Synod being held from April 21 – 24, 2016, in the City of Mount Pearl. Our billets are most commonly individuals from Labrador and the Trinity/Placentia area. Hosts will be asked to provide transportation to and from the Church of the Ascension, Mount Pearl during the dates of Synod as well as pick up and return to the St. John's Airport, if necessary. Some meals will be required by the Hosts but the majority of meals will be at Synod. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Elizabeth Crisby at (709)576-6697 or email [adminassistant@anglicanenl.net](mailto:adminassistant@anglicanenl.net)

**Volunteer Drivers:** The H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre is looking for volunteers in this community to drive patients to their appointments. If you are able to help in this way, please call the Centre at 777-6480.

**Stained Glass Windows:** There are **three** windows remaining without stained glass and if you or your family would like to donate one of these as a memorial gift, please contact your Rector.

**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.

**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. Registration for the present class is now

**closed.** Registration for the next two year program will be announced at a later date.

**Please check the clothes closets in the church foyer to see if any of these coats, sweaters, etc. belongs to you. Over the next few weeks, any unclaimed items will be removed and given to the needy.**

**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. **As per the motion passed at the Annual General Meeting on Feb. 21/16, any money received for this fund will go into a separate account and will not be used for general operating expenses.**

#### **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.

**TOUR MAGNIFICENT SPAIN AND PORTUGAL** - Join us for an exciting 18 days (September 23 – October 10, 2016) touring Spain and Portugal. Come and feel the breath of history as we wander the narrow streets of ancient town and explore palaces, castles and monasteries of former great powers and relax on beaches of the Mediterranean. This will be a journey of a

lifetime featuring fascinating history, distinctive cultures and extraordinary scenery. The price is all-inclusive. Brochures available and questions answered by calling 709-754-8720 or emailing: [wdkn10@gmail.com](mailto:wdkn10@gmail.com).

#### **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 - 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent** **Scripture Readings for today, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 43: 16 - 21 Psalm 126: (Page 885) (Joyce Keeping)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Philippians 3: 4b - 14 (Todd Martin)**

Gospel: **John 12: 1 - 8 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)**

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison): **Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him 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): **Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison): **Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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): **Thomas & Leila Tulk, Lorna Walters, Kevin & Joyce Whelan, Jeff & Faye Williams and their families.**

**In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for **The Parish of Bay de Verde** (3 congregations), Rev. Michael Carruthers, Priest-in-Charge, Part-time, Pro-Tem **and The Parish of Lewisporte** (3 congregations), Rev. Bruce Vallis, RD, Rector, Rev. Owen Holwell, Deacon.

**In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for **Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Rev. Dr. Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.**