



**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
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**February 21<sup>st</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**

This week you will find in your bulletin an envelope to support the ministry of the five parishes who are committed to bringing a family to this country from Syria. We all know the problems facing these people who have been driven from

their homeland in search of a new home. We have the opportunity to help a family and with your support we can do it.

I have included a short Lenten meditation for us to reflect upon as we think of the Syrian refugee situation. I am asking you to give - no amount is too small.

But, I am asking our congregation members to seriously consider giving a larger than usual gift, if it is possible. I know God will bless you.

Please pay attention to the first lines of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of this meditation.

In Fritz Eichenberg's - *Christ of the Breadlines* - Jesus stands with six others who appear to be poor and perhaps homeless, huddled under blankets. Their heads are bowed. In prayer? In exhaustion? Jesus shares the despair and humiliation of the hungry waiting in long lines to receive their daily bread.

The fundamental lesson of Matthew 25 is that when we respond or fail to respond to the needs of others, we are responding or failing to respond to Christ. Salvation, in this passage, is a matter of how we treat "the least of these." Churches are very good at feeding people. Church folk are known for sumptuous potlucks and parties. We respond readily to calls for food at pantries that serve the poor, and many congregations serve dinners at shelters or in their own dining rooms to neighbors in need. We give generously to international organizations such as Episcopal Relief & Development when famine threatens whole populations.

But is that enough? We may be responding to only one aspect of the hunger that grips our sisters and brothers and ignoring our own hunger in the process. If we look closely at *Christ of the Breadlines*, we see more than hunger for food. Each person in the line is turned inward, alone and vulnerable. What we see goes beyond hunger for food. We see hunger for connection, hunger for relationship. Isn't that a hunger we all share, regardless of our economic circumstances?

When we recognize Christ's presence as we gather around tables with the poor, feeding

programs transform into Eucharistic celebrations, as hearts are filled along with stomachs. When we join in the meal we soon discover that we, too, are the hungry in need of food. We, too, are the lonely, afraid, and in need of friendship. We discover Christ in the other and Christ in ourselves. (Taken from a meditation by Lee Anne Reat in a book entitled Meeting Jesus on the Margins.)

Rev. Ed.

### Church Chuckles

A little boy was in church for the first time. He watched as the ushers passed around the collection plate. When they got to his pew, he told his father, "Don't pay for me, Daddy, I'm under 5."

Little Johnny was at a relatives wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and then turn to the crowd, put his hands up like claws, and roar.

By the time he reached the pulpit the crowd was in tears from laughing.

When the priest asked what he was doing, Little Johnny replied, "I was being the ring bear".

### A Stewardship Thought for the Week

#### **My Financial Commitment:**

1. Does it adequately reflect my love for Christ?
2. Does it exceed the tithe (10% of my income)?
3. Does its size require faith on my part?
4. Would Jesus be pleased with me?
5. If God used it alone to determine my gratitude to Him, would it pass the test?
6. Is it more than I would spend on skiing, games, boating, vacation, and self-entertainment?
7. Could the world look at it and determine by it that I'm truly one of Christ's disciples?
8. Does it reflect my concern for world missions?

### Stewardship Statement

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

**Regular Givings: \$ 798.00**

**Maint. Fund \$ 40.00**

**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.

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 288:

*If you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

### Schedule of Services

#### Second Sunday in Lent February 21<sup>st</sup>

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

Assistant: Charlie Gosse

**10:30 am** – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assts: Ches Barfitt & Joan Tucker

Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas

Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

#### Wednesday: February 24<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 pm** Lenten Service

#### Third Sunday in Lent February 28<sup>th</sup>

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

Assistant: Dave Bartlett

**10:30 am** – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assts: Todd Martin, George Sharpe

Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas

Sidesperson: Todd Martin

### Notices

#### Pot-Luck Lunch and Annual Congregational

Meeting to be held today, February 21<sup>st</sup>

following the 10:30 a.m. service.

ACM Meeting, Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>,

following the mid-week Lenten Service.

#### DAMA Winter Meeting, Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

at 5:30 pm – St. Augustine’s Church. Please let

Rev. Keeping know if you wish to attend. Please

note the time change to 5:30 instead of 5:00.

#### Lenten Quiet Time – Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

Theme: Four Hours of Grace

Leader: Bishop Geoff

Place: Church of the Good Shepherd

To Register, Call 747-1022.

We would like to thank Ernest & Maxine Jones for repairing one of our bookcases and hymn book numbers.

Thank You to members of the ACM with cook Moses Tucker for the pancake and sausage supper and thank you to everyone who supported the event.

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

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

“Belize Project” I want to thank the people of the parish who have given to this project. We are asking each family to give a gift of \$10.00. We have received \$1,354.00 as of today. Our goal is \$1,500.00 for the parish.

#### 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)

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. Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you want your child to attend.

**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.**

“**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.

### Noteworthy Events (Cont’d)

#### Music Night – Holy Innocent’s Parish Paradise

Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 pm

(Doors open at 7:00 pm)

Admission \$5.00 – 50/50 draw

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.**

**Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the Second  
Sunday in Lent**

**Scripture Readings for today, February 21st**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 15: 1 – 12; 17 – 18

Psalm 27 (Page 735) (Allie Wheeler)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 3: 17 to 4: 1  
(Glenda Winter)

Gospel: Luke 13: 31 - 35 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison): Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison): Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord 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): Mark & Sharon Tucker, Moses G. &

Linda Tucker, Raymond & Sharon Tucker, and their families.

**In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for The Parish of Bay Roberts/Coley’s Point; Rev. Kenute Francis, Rector, and The Parish of Grand Bay (3 congregations); Rev. Steven Maki, Priest in Charge.

**In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; The Most Rev. Sturdie Downs, Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Nicaragua.