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**A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR
PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS
WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY**

APRIL 26th, 2015 (Year B)

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



From the Rector's Desk

Teaching Mission in the Parish of St. Philip's

The Parish of St. Philip's will be conducting a "Parish Teaching Mission" from June 1st to June 15th. The Mission Leader will be Rev. Dr. Rudolph Anthony from Belize.

Our Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador is a companion diocese with the Diocese of Belize. I met Father Anthony a few years ago when our diocesan men's group (DAMA) sponsored a mission to Hattieville, Belize, to help with extensive work on their church, providing materials and labour, and sharing in the life, worship and faith of the people as a part of our mission. This was a very rewarding mission for all who attended. I am very pleased that Father Anthony has agreed to visit our parish to lead this teaching mission which, I believe, will be a benefit to our parish and the diocese. I eagerly anticipate this event and I am excited about it because of its potential for parish learning and spiritual growth.

Father Anthony was born in Belize City and grew up in a small village in the Belize District. He grew up with no running water and no electricity. Many Newfoundland folks can identify with these living conditions. His parents had a lot of farm animals and grew a good assortment of fruits and vegetables. His mother is still alive and living in Manhattan, New York. He has eight siblings and all, except for a brother, live in the United States. He was formerly married, has three children who are young adults and all of them live in the United States.

His work resume, as well as his educational background, is very impressive and quite extensive, so I will have to condense that. Father Anthony moved from his village to board with strangers in Belize City where he obtained his High School Diploma. At age 17 he taught Primary School with the Anglican Diocese. He graduated from Belize Teacher's College with a Diploma in Primary Education and a certificate in Primary Education from the University of the West Indies. Following that he became a Primary School Principal. He immigrated to the United States and taught with Private, Parochial and Public Schools in New York and became a Vice-Principal in New York. Later he joined the United States military where he served in a number of

locations, including South Korea. He resided in Orlando, Florida, in the nineties where he worked for the Orlando County Government as a Life Skills Specialist, Youth Resident Coordinator, and a Counsellor for the inmates in the Orlando jail. He also worked with physically and sexually abused children. He was a Principal of a High School in Belmopan, the Capital City of Belize. He was Chief Inspector of Schools and General Manager of Government Schools. He has received a number of honours and awards and holds membership on various boards, including Representative of Belize on the Executive Board of UNESCO, Paris.

Father Anthony has received a Diploma in Theology from George Mercer School of Theology, Garden City, NY; Doctorate in Ministry from New York University, New York. He is an ordained priest since 2002. From 1998 to 2004 he served in various capacities in the Diocese of Belize. From 2008 – 2010 he was Priest-in-charge at St. John's Cathedral, Belize City. From 2010 to the present he is Priest-in-charge in St. George's Church with missions to St. Mark's, St. Augustine's and St. Paul's Anglican Parish Church.

We, at St. Philip's Church, look forward with anticipation to this teaching mission and are grateful that Father Anthony has agreed to be our Mission Leader. Please keep Father Anthony and our Parish Teaching Mission in your prayers.

There will be special services with Father Anthony each evening from June 9th to June 12th. Father Anthony will also be worshipping with us at both morning services on Sunday, June 7th and June 14th at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

We extend an invitation to members of other parishes who might wish to share in these services.

Rev Ed

I will be out of the Parish next Sunday attending the Diocesan Synod of Central Newfoundland. It is almost 40 years since we formed the three dioceses. I was a youth delegate at the first Synod of Central Newfoundland Diocese. Please remember me in your prayers as I preach at their closing service for this Synod on May 3rd.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Teaching Mission

I have invited the Rev. Dr. Rudolph Anthony from St. Mark's Church, Hattieville for a teaching mission. He will be in the Parish from June 1st to June 15th. I can tell you there will be special services each evening from June 9th to June 12th with more information to come as that date approaches. I hope this will become a yearly project in the life of our Parish. It is a way to deepen our faith in the One who gave his all for us.

Confirmation

will take place on Sunday, Sept. 27th, 2015 at the 10:30 am. service

Chaplaincy Services at Hospitals in St. John's

When you are being admitted to a hospital in St. John's, you should be asked, "While you are admitted to hospital, would you like to have a visit from a chaplain or pastoral care worker?" Be sure to say "Yes" if you would like a pastoral visit. You will then be asked to identify your religion, and your name will be added to the chaplain's visitation list, and you will then receive a visit from the denominational chaplain within a day or two.

Also, the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army and United Church Chaplaincy Teams are continuing a pilot project to assess ways to share resources. The four denominations will share First-call Chaplain responsibilities at the hospitals in St. John's. This means that each night one chaplain will receive all after-hours calls (5:00 pm to 8:00 am). That First-call Chaplain will determine if the chaplain from the patient's own denomination is needed to provide particular services or supports (anointing/ communion). Patients and families can request their denominational chaplain, if they so wish. The denominational chaplains will follow up with patients seen by the First-call Chaplain. Please call your Parish Priest as well.

If any members of our congregation have a new e-mail address or changed his/her e-mail address, would you kindly e-mail us your new address.

EUCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS NEEDED

The hospital chaplains are looking for Eucharistic Assistants to assist with Holy Communion at St. Clare's Hospital and the Leonard Miller Centre.

Eucharistic Assistants are needed at St. Clare's from 8:30 am – 9:30 am and at the Leonard Miller Centre from 1:00 pm. If any Eucharistic Assistants are willing to volunteer, please see your Rector.

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

Wilmeth Collis
April 26, 1931 – Nov. 6, 2000
by
Debbie, Marie, Randy & Nicole

Schedule of Services

4th Sunday of Easter, April 26th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic Assistant: Charlie Gosse

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS), Sunday School & Confirmation Class

Eucharistic Assts: Larry Bradley, Joan Tucker

Counters: Susan Powell, Tom Tulk

Sidesperson: John Parrell

5th Sunday of Easter, May 3rd

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic Assistant: Dave Bartlett

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS), Sunday School & Confirmation Class

Eucharistic Assts: Todd Martin, George Sharpe

Counters: Karen Puglisevich, Todd Martin

Sidesperson: Don Morgan

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

A missionary intern once wrote to her home church to say that she wanted to stay in Rhodesia another six months because she felt satisfied that she was doing something more important for God and her fellow human beings than she had in any work she'd done before.

One reason we bring our gifts today is to make possible this kind of worldwide ministry – witness and service.

Church Chuckle

Another way to pray

An old gentleman was strolling through the park one beautiful day when he came upon a child sitting on a bench busily saying her “ABC’s”. The old man waited until the child was through, then he said, “I see you are practicing your alphabet.”

“No”, replied the child, “I am praying. You see, I don’t know how to pray very well so I give God the letters and he puts them into the right words.”

MILESTONES

If anyone knows of someone in the Parish celebrating a milestone in their lives, please contact the Church Office.

Just a reminder to Parishioners who make their church contributions through post-dated cheques, that this may need to be taken care of at this time. Post-dated cheques may be dropped off at the office or placed in the offertory plate. Thank you.

Preauthorized Payment (e-Giving) of Church Offerings can now be offered to our parishioners. Many people find that this is 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 will be 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.

April 12th & 19th, 2015

Regular Givings	\$ 2,145.00
Lenten Offering	\$ 20.00
Easter	\$ 50.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 250.00
E-Giving – March, 2015	\$1,205.00

Maintenance Fund – I do ask you to give regularly to this fund. In the spring, major work around the windows of this building will be required. Repairs are needed immediately to the main door of our church. Please continue to use your “Pink Envelope” to contribute to this Fund so when the time comes for repairs there will be funds available.

MEMORIAL BULLETIN: We encourage you to donate the weekly bulletin as a memorial to a departed loved one. The envelopes and information are available from the pamphlet rack in the foyer.

Memorial Request

Recently, we installed projectors and screens in the Sanctuary. Because of the amount of light coming through the window at the back of the church, we considered blinds but instead would like to go with stained glass.

If anyone would like to donate the stained glass as a memorial for a departed loved one, we have been given a quote of \$3,450.00 plus installation plus H.S.T. This could be an individual donation or a group of families. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

Update - We have begun receiving donations toward the stained glass window. If you are interested in making a donation, now is the time.

Notices

The role of the Church is to teach the faith and help people to grow spiritually; to come to know the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in their own personal lives. Therefore, our Parish will begin a time of spiritual renewal and growth as we move forward year by year.

I have asked Rev. Dr. Rudolph Anthony to join us in our first teaching mission in the Parish from June 1st to June 15th, 2015. To find out who the Rev. Dr. R. Anthony is please be sure to read today’s “From the Rector’s Desk”.

ACM Meeting: Wed., April 22nd, at 7:30 pm.

ACW Card Game: Mon. April 27th, at 8:00 pm. Cost \$5.00. Lunch will be served.

Cards & Darts will resume again on Wednesday, April 29th at 8:00 pm.

FOR SALE – Here at the Church, we have eight (8) chairs (2 types) to sell for a small price.

One of each type is on display in the foyer this morning.

SOUND SYSTEM – We are in need of people to operate our sound system on Sunday mornings. If you are interested and are willing to be trained, please see your rector.

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.

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 want to rent the parish hall can call the church office at 895-0715.

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.

Noteworthy Events

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 100th Anniversary of the First World War.

For further information, see the Brochure in the foyer or see the Diocesan website.

Grief & Bereavement Information Support Group:

8 weeks of support for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

- Facilitated by Jean White-Coady & Erik Seaward every Thursday from April 9th, 2015 to May 28th, 2015
- Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Location: Canon Wood Hall (St. Thomas's Church, 8 Military Road
- Registration is required:
- Call 368-7050 or email jean.jay@nf.sympatico.ca

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings for today, April 26th

1st Reading: Acts 4: 5 – 12 Psalm 23 (Page 731) (Margaret Boone)

2nd Reading: 1st John 3: 16 – 24 (Larry Bradley)

Gospel: John 10: 11 - 18 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 339:

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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: Raymond & Sharon Tucker, Shirley Tucker, Victor & Joan Tucker, Victor Tucker, and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of Belleoram (5 congregations), Rev. John Nicolle, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church of New Jersey, The Rt. Rev. William Stokes.