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

September 27th, 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**



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.

From the Rector's Desk

This is a joyful and happy day in the life of our Parish. We are happy to have Bishop Geoffrey Peddle with us for the Service of Confirmation this morning. Seventeen young people will affirm their faith in Jesus Christ, renew their commitment to him, and with God's help promise to follow him as Saviour and Lord.

Today, the whole congregation promises to support them in their life in Christ and joins with these seventeen young people in renewing their own baptismal covenant. The Bishop lays his hands upon those being confirmed and asks the Lord to strengthen them in the Holy Spirit, to empower them in God's service in the Church and in the world, and to sustain them in their life.

As members of the Church, it is a good time for all of us, candidates for confirmation included, to step back a bit and to do some sober and prayerful thinking about what all of this implies. It is not a graduation from anything, as it is often treated. Indeed it is a **continuation** of what began at Baptism. In the words of the BCP, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit at confirmation ".....to **continue** as Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto their life's end."

We have been taught in our Anglican Faith that Baptism represents unto us our profession. Indeed, some have called Baptism a lay person's ordination. It surely implies **continuing** to learn and grow in the faith, to actively **participate** in the life and worship of the Church, to be disciples and servants of the Lord. We can never graduate from these things; we can only continue to grow into all of that through grace and an active and lively faith.

I have encouraged and challenged this fine group of young people to fulfill their baptismal ministry by actively pursuing ways of being involved in the life and faith of this church community. This requires commitment, encouragement and support

from parents and godparents in helping them to move forward in this way. Indeed, it will require the love and support and encouragement of the entire faith community, just as we have promised in Baptism and Confirmation. It is my earnest prayer that all of us may be resolved to make Confirmation the great gift it is meant to be and never ever to treat it as a "graduation".

In the future, preparation for Confirmation will be a two-year program. The first year will be mostly about teaching the faith and growth in spirituality. The second year will be about learning to fulfill our Baptismal Covenant through Sunday Worship and by being actively engaged in some aspect of ministry and service in our church family. It will be a requirement that the student and parents commit to this program. It is reasonable to expect this kind of response if Confirmation Preparation is to help the young people to be all that God has called them to be. Without that kind of commitment, no Program for Confirmation is workable. Therefore, I prayerfully appeal to parents and godparents, as well as students for Confirmation, to make an honest and prayerful response in order to make Confirmation the gift the church has meant it to be.

Today, let us be joined in heart and in faith as these young people renew their baptismal covenant and make promises in God's name. As our Bishop lays hands upon each one of them and prays over them, may they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the discipleship and ministry to which God has called them.

I would ask the people to take care to say their "Amen" as the Bishop lays hands on each one and prays over them.

Rev. Ed

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

When the six-year old son of a Texan pledged \$100 a week to the church, the preacher, feeling the boy did not know what he was doing, called on his parents.

"It's perfectly in order". The father assured him. "We insist that the boy tithe!"

Church Chuckle

A Navy Commander began teaching Sunday school for young children. One Sunday, the Pastor asked one of the Commander's 4-year old students what she had learned that day.

"Well", she said, "I learned all about the ten commanders. Isn't it sad that they're always broke?"

Noteworthy Events

Portugal Cove ACW - Monthly Card Games are held the second Tuesday of each month at St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 8:00 pm. Cost \$5.00 and lunch is served.

Charity Performance -

There will be a charity performance of Henry Vth taking place at St. Mary the Virgin Auditorium at 7:30 pm on the 25th and 26th of October. This is the 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt, being celebrated simultaneously in London and Paris - producer and director David Akenhead - on behalf of the St. John's Retired Citizens Association. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the door on the day of the play. David also will be at the corner of Water Street and George Street most afternoons from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm; also, at the Dominion at Quidi Vidi on weekend afternoons or call 726-8523 or email. davidakenhead@bellaliant.net. Come along and enjoy the performance.

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, please see the brochure in the foyer or see the Diocesan website.

Stewardship Statement

Sept. 20th, 2015

Regular Givings: \$ 839.00

Maint. Fund 328.57

E-Giving

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

**Parents, Edna & Bert Eddy
Brother, Bert Eddy and
Nephew, Clarence Squires
Always remembered with love
by Margaret Tucker & Family**

**Victoria Faye Sharpe
Sept. 23rd, 1957 – Jan. 6th, 1987
Lovingly remembered by
Parents, Olive & Victor, brothers & sisters**

**Adrian Squires
Sept. 27th, 1939 – Nov. 7th, 2013
Remembering you on this day, comforted by so many memories
by the Squires Family**

Welcome back to our Sunday school teachers and students.

Schedule of Services

18th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 27th

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

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), Confirmation & Sunday school

Eucharistic Assts: Dave Bartlett, Todd Martin

Counters: John Parrell, Gloria Earle

Sidesperson: Don Morgan

19th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct. 4th

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

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), Baptism, Sunday school,

Registration for Confirmation & Birthday Sunday.

Eucharistic Assts: Debbie Collis, Harvey Hiscock

Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas

Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

Notices

Pot Luck Lunch: Following the Confirmation Service today there will be a pot luck lunch for the candidates and the congregation. All are welcome.

2017 Confirmation: Notice to Parents

of children who will be confirmed in 2017. October 4th, 2015 we will begin 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.

ACW Card Game: Monday, **September 28th**, at 8:00 pm. Lunch will be served. Cost \$5.00.

Cards & Darts: Will be holding their Closing Dinner & Awards Night on Wednesday, Sept. 30th at 7:00 pm.

Harvest Festival: Jiggs Dinner (Tickets Required for Meals) Tuesday, Oct. 20th. Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Cost: \$15.00 – Tickets can be purchased from ACM members or Church Office. **(Donations of Salt Beef would be appreciated.)**

Cemetery Cleanup: **By the end of October,** we ask that you remove all pots and flowers from the graves for the winter months. Any pots and flowers remaining on the graves after that will be discarded.

Prayers of the People Group: I am happy to announce that we have recruited two new people to join this group. If anyone is interested, please contact the rector as more recruits are needed.

Pamphlets – “Daily Bread” and “Today”:

Please pick up the Sept/Oct editions of these pamphlets for your daily devotions.

Memorial Windows: There is now an opportunity for families who would like to donate a Memorial Window in the Church in Memory of Departed Loved Ones. The cost ranges from \$2,075.00 to \$2,395.00. We are hoping to put in at least three windows on each side of the church for the time being. The cost depends on the design, so if you are interested, please come to the church and look at the designs that are available. On the bulletin board in the foyer are samples of the designs with or without the emblem. Some will have the emblems added so that is why there is a cost range. Both the stained glass window in the back of the church, over the doors, as well as the one over the Altar, are scheduled to be installed this month.

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.

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.

Hymn - Come And Praise

Refrain: *Come and praise the Lord our King, Hallelujah x 2*

Christ was born in Bethlehem, Hallelujah! Son of God and Son of Man, Hallelujah!

He grew up an earthly child, Hallelujah!

Of the world but undefiled, Hallelujah!

Refrain

As a man He toiled and taught, Hallelujah!

And in love our souls He sought, Hallelujah! He His Father’s will defined, Hallelujah!

Grace and truth in Him combined, Hallelujah!

Refrain

Jesus died at Calvary, Hallelujah!

Rose again triumphantly, Hallelujah!

Thru the gift of His own blood, Hallelujah!

Reconciling us to God, Hallelujah!

Refrain

He will cleanse us from our sin, Hallelujah!

If we come by faith to Him, Hallelujah!

Then we’ll live with Him some day, Hallelujah!

And forever with Him stay, Hallelujah!

Refrain

New 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.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture Readings for today, September 27th

1st Reading Isaiah 61:1-9. **Psalm 139:1-9 (Page 896)**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 7, 11-16.

Gospel: Luke 4:16 -21 (**Rev. Ed Bonnell**)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 382:

Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.

Collect for the Day: **(In Unison): Almighty God, grant that we who have been buried with Christ in baptism may be raised with him to newness of life. Renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may live in righteousness and true holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: **(In Unison): Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of 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: Renee & Jarred Moore, Canon Donald & Florence Morgan, Dr. G. L. Moss, Greg & Michele Moss, Barry & Deborah Myers and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of Rose Blanche (3 congregations); Rev. Jeffrey Petten, Priest in Charge and The Parish of St. Peter's, C.B.S.); Rev. Jean Smith, Priest in Charge.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Spokane – (VIII, The Episcopal Church) - The Rt. Revd. James Waggoner.