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

September 28th, 2014 (Year A)

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

The first precept highlighted in our Parish Mission Statement is this: **"To be fishers of people in response to the call of Jesus, in the Power of the Holy Spirit."** This is one important part of Mission in which we are challenged to give full attention and a fulsome response, here at St. Philip's.

It is human to resist something which makes no sense to us. After fishing all night and having caught nothing, Jesus told Peter to put out into the deep and to put down their nets. Peter was a professional fisherman. He knew all there was to know about fishing; and what Jesus asked him to do made no sense to him at all. We understand his protest. Yet Peter was obedient and did exactly as our Lord had told him. We often refer to the miracle of the abundant catch of fish. Another miracle of great importance is how Peter was caught by Jesus, how he was changed within himself and how his life and career would also be changed. Peter and his partners would remain as fishermen but as fishers of people; commissioned by our Lord to bring people into God's kingdom. And so are we!

The story begins with people pressing in on Jesus forcing him to the water's edge and having to get in a boat and to preach from there. The people hungered for the teaching that Jesus offered. They were like fish being drawn to the light or to living food. The world is still hungry to receive the Word of God and to experience God's love.

Jesus promised Peter that in the future he would catch people for the Kingdom. To catch fish requires dedication and faithfulness; and it also requires the Word of God which lures hungry people towards life with God. The world is full of people hungry for the love of God in Christ. It is, therefore, the business of every Christian disciple to make Christianity and God's Church attractive and wholesome; working with Jesus in his ministry of Kingdom building. A congregation was asked, how come their church was growing so rapidly. The reply was: "It is the quality of the life of our members that brings inquirers to attend church and eventually to become a part of it."

Our Lord came to the shore of Lake Gennesaret to fish for Peter and to call him into ministry. He came to a tax office to fish for and call Matthew. As it was then, so it is now; our Lord comes to ordinary people like you and me, on any ordinary day, in any ordinary way, to ordinary people occupied in ordinary tasks calling us into discipleship and into a vocation of fishing for people, of lovingly inviting people into friendship and into fellowship with Christ and his church and into His Kingdom of Love.

One more thing which is clear from our Lord's call to Peter and from our Lord's teaching and the claims he makes on His disciples, we either allow ourselves to be fully caught or to swim away. Being a lukewarm disciple is never enough in our Lord's eyes. In the Book of Revelation, our Lord reproves and disciplines those churches who are neither hot nor cold because complacency renders people ineffective and unattractive to others and unfaithful to our Lord's Mission.

A lack of enthusiasm will not generate enthusiasm. Anything that is great demands our best efforts, our dedication and commitment. A lukewarm, half-hearted fisherman fails in his occupation. A fully responsive and obedient fisherman like Peter moves from no fish to a very large catch, from defeat to victory. Remarkable things happened in Peter's life because he was fully committed and faithful to his calling to be a fisher of people. Rev.

The Bulletin today is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

*Edward Squires
By Laura and Family*

and

*Victoria Faye Sharpe
By Vic, Olive & Family*

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Rita Foote, who recently passed away. Mrs. Foote was the mother of Barbara (Foote) Tucker.

Nicholas Mercer had his surgery for a new heart valve in Toronto during this past week. He is doing fine and hopes to be home by early October.

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 there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Schedule of Services

16th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 28th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant: Mose Tucker

10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

(Pot-Luck Lunch & Alzheimer's Coffee Break

Immediately following the 10:30AM Service

Guest Speaker from The Alzheimer's Society)

Eucharistic Assistants: Ann Lambert/Jennifer Tucker

Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

17th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct. 5th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant: Charlie Gosse

10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assistants: Ches Barfitt/Larry Bradley

Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas

Sidesperson: John Parrell

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9 am - 1:30 pm

Friday: 9 am – 12 noon

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

Vision will always be carried by a few. In the Church those few will give more, work more, love more & win more – and be blessed more, in every conceivable way – than the big group gathered at the edge of the Church.

I hope that we few – all of us – from today forward will be more fiercely committed to moving **this** church to the greatness of the servant of all, Jesus Christ.

Church Chuckle

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he was ill and she said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded "I have a pain in my side....I think I'm going to have a wife."

MILESTONES

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

Defibrillator Training

If anyone is interested in being trained to use our defibrillator, please contact your rector.

We have to ensure that a representative of any group using the Church is trained.

Your name will be added to a list and you will be notified when the training is to take place.

NOTICES

We are looking for a Sunday School teacher and some assistants to help with our Sunday School Program. Please call Lisa Lake at 895-2824 or email llake99@hotmail.com, if you would like to get involved in this ministry.

Confirmation Classes: If your child has reached the age of 11 and would like to be confirmed in 2015, please contact the rector. Candidates are required to attend classes during the 2014 – 2015 school year.

ACW Card Game – Monday, Sept. 29th at 8:00PM in the Parish Centre

Cost is \$5.00. Lunch will be served.

ACW Meeting–Wed. Oct. 1st at 7:30 pm

ACW FALL FELLOWSHIP

The ACW Fall Fellowship and Election of Officers will be held at All Saints Anglican Church, Pouch Cove on **Tuesday, Oct. 7th**. Holy Eucharist will take place at 7:00pm, followed by a meeting and social. All women and clergy of the parish are invited – clergy may robe if they wish.

Cards & Darts – Wed. Oct. 8th at 8:00 pm

Please come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Rockathon/Walkathon

The ACW will be holding a Rockathon/ Walkathon on **Sat., Oct. 11th** from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The walk portion will begin at 10:00am from the site of the old parish hall on Thorburn Road. All ladies of the parish are invited. If you want a sponsor sheet, please call Rebecca Tucker at 895-2343. If you cannot walk or rock, please sponsor a member of the ACW.

Harvest Festival Jiggs Dinner

Wed. Oct. 15th, 2014

Time: 5:00PM – 7:00PM

Cost: Adult - \$15.00

Children 7 - 12 years - \$5.00

(Children 6 and under – Free)

Tickets available from members of the ACM.

Sign-up sheets available in the foyer.

The members of the ACM are seeking monetary donations toward the SALT BEEF for their Jiggs Dinner on Oct. 15th.

Donations may be put in a white envelope marked with your name and envelope number and placed in the Sunday offering plate. We would like to thank you in advance for your donation to this project.

Also, if you are available on the morning of Oct. 15th to help peel the vegetables, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact John Parrell.

Noteworthy Events

National Seniors' Day Celebration at Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Recreational Centre – Wednesday, October 1st – 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Call 895-8000, Ext. 4, to register. Refreshment served. Music provided. Come and enjoy a great afternoon with friends.

The Parish of the Good Shepherd – Presents Dinner and Cabaret Sat., Oct. 4th, 2014 at the Mount Pearl Community Center; Dinner entertainment by Janet Cull & dance music by Dave Lewis. Tickets are \$50.00 and you can call 747-1022 or 728-1534.

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.

Maintenance Fund – It is time to speak once again about our Church Maintenance Fund. Now, that we are into the last quarter of our church's financial year we want to encourage people to continue giving to this Fund. We know that some regular

contributors have dropped off and we want to encourage them to give for the long term.

Sept. 21, 2014 Regular

Giving

\$2270.00

Our Parish is also in need of a second volunteer organist. God has given us many gifted musicians within our congregation and it would be wonderful to have them share these talents with us. We also invite anyone who would be able to lead some of our Sunday services with other musical instruments such as piano, guitar, accordion, etc. If this could be your way of saying thank-you for your give of music, please give Rev. Keeping a call.

For your devotional reading this Fall, please pick up the booklets “Today” and “Our Daily Bread”, available in the foyer

“Life in the Eucharist” – If you feel your child is ready to receive “the Body & Blood of Christ” at our Sunday morning worship (at the age of 5 – 7 years), you can register them by calling the church office at 895-0715. The time and dates of preparation classes will be discussed with the parents.

The parish is looking for one or two more volunteers to help with typing the weekly church bulletin and other office duties.

Normally, this would require one morning toward the end of the week. Please call Rev. Keeping if you are able to help.*

There are many ministries being carried out in this parish that need the support of our people. Therefore as we begin our fall, I would like to see people get involved more in these ministries. Just speak to the rector or call the church office to become involved.

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.

Parish Hall Rentals: The Parish Centre is available to members of the congregation for birthday parties, weddings, Anniversary Parties, etc. Please consider renting the hall for your next important event. - Any person wishing to rent the parish hall may call the church office at 895-0715.

Recyclable Donations: - 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. This is a project of the ACM. If you can help with sorting the recyclables on Monday or Tuesday nights please call John Parrell. **Your help is needed.**

Maintenance Fund Offering – Please use your pink envelope to contribute to the maintenance fund. If you are not already contributing to this fund, please consider it to help us with the ongoing upkeep of our complex.

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.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the 16th Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Readings for today, Sept. 28th

1st Reading: **Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm: 78: 1-4 & 12-16** (Pages 806 & 807) (Gloria Earle)

2nd Reading: **Phillipians 2: 1-13** (Dave Earle)

Gospel: **Matthew 21: 23-32** (Deacon Ed Bonnell)

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

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

Collect for the Day. (In Unison). **Grant O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

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: **Tony Hayward & Melissa Hicks, Courtney Hiscock, Harvey & Ruth Hiscock, Mabel Hiscock, Scott & Cherie Howe, and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Parish of Rose Blanche, (3 Congregations): **Rev. Jeffrey Petten, Rector, and the Parish of St. Peter's, CBS: Rev. Mark Nichols, Rector.**

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: **The Episcopal Church: The Most Revd Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of TEC**
