

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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

May 3rd, 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

Today, I am In the Central Diocese joining them in their closing service of Synod.

In the Spring of 1985, I did my Parish Internship in the Parish of Salvage, where Synod is being held this year.

In the early 1960's, Canon Don was made a priest in the church in Eastport.

I was invited to their Synod because I was a youth delegate at their first Synod, following the election of the first bishop of Central Newfoundland Diocese. That was 40 years ago and I am only 29 now.

I have been asked to share my faith journey as well as to speak about the future of the church as I see it.

The Gospel for this Sunday is wonderful as I speak to the people of that diocese. The gospel reading comes from John 15: 1-8. Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches." (verse 5).

As I reflect upon this gospel, I cannot help but think about you, the people of St. Philip's as we move forward as a Christian community. It is so important for us to stay close to the Vine, which is Jesus. It is time for us to have a period of spiritual growth and develop as mature people in the faith.

We have, in the past, focused upon building a new place of worship, now consecrated, free from debt. It has been hard work for those who have given of their time, talents and treasure to see that what we have, has been realized. Thank you for your support.

With that completed, we need to focus more on Jesus as the Vine and we are the branches. In order to bear fruit, we have to be close to Jesus. That is why I want to have yearly teaching missions in the parish to help our people to grow spiritually.

I ask for your support, as we will be undertaking our first teaching mission from June 9th – 12th at 7:30 each evening. It will be a time of **pruning** for each of us, so that in the future we can bear good fruit for Him.

If the church is to exist in the future, things have to change. I believe the change has to occur in us.... to become the people God wants us to be, to be truly mature Christian bearing

witnesses to the love of God in our lives and be trained to share our faith with others.

Let's build a Christian home here at St. Philip's Church and carry it out in the community.

Like the song – I am building a church, we are building a church.

May God's peace be yours now and in the days to come. "Peace in Him"

Rev Ed

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

I can identify with the little boy in the Bible; the one who brought lunch to eat while he heard the Master talk about wonderful things. "Will you let the Master have your fish & bread to use?" the disciples asked him. And the little he had to give was used to feed thousands.

We may not have much to give, but we will not hold back what we have. And the Lord, who deserves all the credit, will make great things happen.

Church Chuckle

An atheist decided to take a vacation, and go fishing. He picked as his destination the Loch Ness in Scotland. While out in a boat fishing, the Loch Ness Monster approached and hissed at him. The Atheist cried out, "Lord, save me, help me Lord!"

A voice from Heaven came down and said, "I thought you did not believe in Me!"

Replied the Atheist, "A minute ago, I didn't believe in the Loch Ness Monster either."

Mothers' Day – May 10th

If anyone would like to have flowers placed in the church next week for Mothers' Day, donations can be made to the Sanctuary Fund. Donations will be accepted at the church office or by calling the office - Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Coastal Sounds Community Choir Spring Concert – Friday, May 8th at 7:30 pm.

Location: All Saints Anglican Church;

Tickets - \$15.00 (Regular)

-\$12.00 (Senior & Students)

-Children under 12 free

Reception to follow.

Food item for CBS Food Bank accepted.

For tickets - Call – 834-0216 or 240-0525

Topsail United Church - Aurora Ladies Choir – Friday, May 22nd at 7:30 pm.

Tickets - \$15.00 (Regular)

-\$12.00 (Seniors & Students)

- Children under 12 free

Reception to follow

Food item for CBS Food Bank accepted.

For tickets – Call – 834-0216 or 240-0525

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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:

My Husband, John Lewis Picco

May 1, 1937 – Feb. 28, 2014

And

Brothers, Wallace & Winston Squires

And all departed loved ones

by

Louise Picco & Family

Precious Mother & Grandmother

Clementine MacRoberts

May 3, 1923 – Jan. 30, 2012

by

The Family

We welcome into the Family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism

Avery Jeanette Pearl

Mitchell-Mercer

Daughter of

Glenda Mitchell and Paul Mercer

Schedule of Services

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

6th Sunday of Easter, May 10th

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

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

Eucharistic Assts: Debbie Collis, Harve Hiscock

Counters: Karen Puglisevich, Todd Martin

Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

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 26th, 2015

Regular Givings \$ 1,351.00

Lenten Offering \$ 25.00

Easter \$ 5.00

Maintenance Fund \$ 550.55

E-Giving –

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.

ACW Meeting - Wednesday, May 6th at 7:30 pm.

FOR SALE – Here at the Church, we have six (6) 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.

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

Students and the Parish of Upper Island Cove (3 congregations), Rev. William Strong Rector and Rev. Arch Young, Hon. Asst.

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.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Ngbo, Enugu, Nigeria, The Rt. Rev. Christian Ebisike.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter (Feast of St. Philip & St. James May 1st)

Scripture Readings for today, May 3rd

1st Reading: **Isaiah 30: 18 - 21 Psalm 119: 33 - 40 (Pages 870, 871 & 881)** (Jeanette Osmond)

2nd Reading: **2nd Corinth. 4: 1 - 6** (Lloyd Osmond)

Gospel: **John 14: 6 - 14** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentences for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 405:

**Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, says the Lord; that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
and**

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them bear much fruit.

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth. Grant that we, mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of Jesus Christ, 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) Almighty God, to know you is to have eternal life. Grant us to know your Son as the way, the truth, and the life; and guide our footsteps along the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) Holy God, in Jesus Christ we find the way to you. May we who have met him in this banquet be kept in your unending love, and see you working through your Son, for he is Lord for ever and ever. 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: **Wade & Judy Tucker, Walter & Susanna Tucker, Warren & Moya Tucker and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Queen's College, the Corporation, Faculty, Administrative Staff &