

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**

The Conversion of St. Paul (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

(repeated)

A Funeral Pall is a Symbol of Faith.

I want to share some thoughts with you concerning the use of a Funeral Pall draped over the casket at Funerals. I want to share this because our Parish has a lovely Funeral Pall and I don't think there are many parishioners, if any, who are aware we have it because it has not been used. Also, I think there may be some misunderstanding about what a Funeral Pall represents; and since this was given to our Parish as a Memorial Gift, it seems to me that we should at least make its use available to people who might wish to use it. Some information concerning what a Funeral Pall represents may be helpful.

While some Anglican Church communities do not use a Funeral Pall and while others do even within our local area, the use of a Funeral Pall is an ancient tradition in the Anglican Church; and the Book of Alternative Services recognizes its use when it says **"The coffin may be draped by a pall during the service. In ritual matters, liturgical practice should be considerate of the cultural traditions of the mourners."**

Therefore, any use we may make of the Funeral Pall would be considerate of the wishes of the mourners. But I think the people should know about the Funeral Pall, what it represents and signifies, and have the freedom to choose whether or not they want it used at the funeral of a loved one.

The Church speaks in ritual, through word and symbol. What, then, is the symbolic nature of a Funeral Pall? To answer that question, I direct the people to page 146 (BAS). There you will see, in the middle of the page, a list of scriptural passages which unfold for us the meaning of Baptism. I will just quote three of these passages all of which have relevance to what the Funeral Pall represents: **"Baptism is participation in Christ's death and resurrection." (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12.)** Baptism is a **Reclothing in Christ. (Gal. 3:27).** Baptism is a **"liberation into a new humanity in which barriers of division, whether of sex or race or social status, are transcended." (Gal. 3:27-28)**

Referring to Gal 3:27-28, the Funeral Pall reminds worshippers that, whether rich or poor, or whatever our social status might be, we are all equal in Christ.

Whether we are buried in a very expensive coffin or an inexpensive one, or whether a person is a dignitary or common folk, the Funeral Pall serves to signify and preserve the worth, value and dignity of every human being and their equal status in the sight of God.

Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. In Baptism we are signed with the cross and we are proclaimed to be Christ's own forever. This is the identity of all who are baptized, and the Funeral Pall, when it is draped over the coffin, reminds us that as we were clothed in Christ in Baptism and were buried with him in his death and resurrection in baptism, we will be raised with him in newness of life.

Indeed the placing of the Pall can be a very tender and meaningful moment in the Funeral Liturgy for people of faith in the Christian hope. As the body of a deceased Christian enters the church, and while a Funeral Pall is draped over the casket, usually by members of the deceased's family, the minister, recalling words from Galatians 3:27, says: "**As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ, in his/her baptism (name) put on Christ, and it is our faith and hope that in the day of Christ's coming (name) shall be clothed in glory.**" The people respond saying, **Amen.**

The colour of a Funeral Pall at one time in church history was black, emphasizing death and grief. Today the colour is usually white, the colour for resurrection, and it symbolizes for us our joyful hope and faith in the resurrection while also symbolizing for us our having put on a white baptismal garment and being clothed in Christ's righteousness in baptism. The remembrance of our baptism reminds us of the beginning of a Christian life and it's appropriate to recall the meaning of our baptism as a Christian body enters the Church, the Body of Christ for the final time. In fact, a Funeral Pall suggests the greatest thing that can be said about a deceased person; that he/she is a sister or brother of Christ, a member of the Body of Christ, a child of the church and of God, and an inheritor of God's glorious kingdom.

The colour of our Funeral Pall is "red". I don't know exactly why red was chosen instead of "white". Red, of course clashes with the liturgical colour of white which is used at funerals. However, I don't think that should be an issue concerning its use. Red is a colour the church uses in Holy Week to remind us of our redemption and our salvation through the blood of Christ. There is also a passage in Revelation which refers to those who "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." (Rev. 7:14). The Blood of the Lamb cleanses us from sin and the washing away of sin is also a baptismal symbol.

I recommend the use of the Funeral Pall, and I hope this information may be helpful; especially for anyone who might wish to use it. The Funeral Pall opens up to us, through symbol, what our baptism means to us, in life and in death, and our joyful hope in the risen and new life in heaven with our Lord and with all the saints at Christ's return in glory.

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

Some of the people in our church give regularly, heavily, and readily for its program and outreach. Others give very little. Have you wondered what the difference is?

"They have it to give. They're wealthier", say the ones who give little.

That's not it at all. Those whose giving is strongest are completely ordinary. It's a matter of their priorities, dedication, vision and affection.

Church Chuckle

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found", the boy called out.

"What have you got there dear?"

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

Schedule of Services

3rd Sunday after Epiphany (The Conversion of St. Paul), Jan. 25th

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

10:30 AM - Holy Communion (BAS) & Sunday School
Eucharistic Assts: Debbie Collis & Harve Hiscock
Counters: Karen Puglisevich & Tom Tulk
Sidesperson: Don Morgan

4th Sunday after Epiphany, Feb. 1st

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Ann Lambert

10:30 AM - Holy Communion (BAS) & Sunday School
Eucharistic Assts: Jennifer Tucker & Mose Tucker
Counters: Karen Puglisevich & Tom Tulk
Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

MILESTONES

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

Notices

ACM - The ACM held their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21st and the following people were elected to serve for this upcoming year:

President - Gary King
Vice President - Ches Barfitt
Secretary - Harvey Hiscock
Treasurer - Ed Bonnell
Communication Officer – John Parrell

POT LUCK LUNCH TODAY FOLLOWING 10:30 AM SERVICE.

ACW Card Game, Mon., Jan. 26th at 8:00 pm in the Parish Centre. Cost \$5.00. Lunch will be served.

Vestry Meeting – Wed., Jan. 28th at 6:45 pm

Cards & Darts Fellowship, Wed., Jan. 28th at 8:00 pm

ACW & ACM - Installation Service –Feb. 8th at 10:30 am

There are a few packages of the **2015 Church Envelopes** left in the foyer. If anyone could deliver these, it would be most appreciated.

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.

If you are not receiving “Anglican Life” and would like a copy to come to your home, please call the Church Office at 895-0715.

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.

Jan. 18th, 2015

Regular Giving \$1,192.44

Maintenance Fund \$ 180.00

Daily Morning Prayer (Mon thru Friday) is being held at 10:00 AM at the church. Anyone who would like to share in this service is welcome to come along.

Cards & Darts Fellowship: The Cards & Darts Fellowship will be held on the **4th Wednesday of each month,** at 8:00pm.

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.

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.

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: - 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.**

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.

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 love.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The Conversion of St. Paul
Scripture Readings for today, Jan. 25th

1st Reading: Acts 26: 9-23 Psalm 67: (page 788) (Margaret Sheppard-Boone)

Gospel: Matthew 10: 16-22 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 350:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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) Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: **Derek & Barbara Skinner; Ruby Skinner; Derek & Jean Smith; Fern Somerton & David Ryan; Donna Spurrell, Glen & Lisa Spurrell and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of St. Augustine, St. John's: The Ven. David Pilling, TA, Rector; and **The Parish of Gambo (5 Congregations),**The Rev. Hannah Dicks, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for, Long Island, The Rt. Rev'd Lawrence Provenzano.

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