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March 6th, 2016 (Year C)

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.

**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9 am - 1:30 pm
Friday: 9 am - 12 noon**

From the Rector's Desk

At our Annual Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 21st, we had a short discussion on hiring an individual or company to come in and clean the Parish Centre – foyer, bathrooms, office and hallway.

Due to the financial state and our budget for 2016, this was an item that was not approved. No decision was reached on it except that your rector, who has been doing it over the years, would continue to clean the hall because of rentals.

It is time for members of the congregation to take this task on or we will have to cancel the rental agreements with Eastern Health and other individuals.

Ask yourselves, where can the extra dollars come from to pay for cleaning? Already there is a deficit in our budget for 2016 and that is with the hall rentals. Where do we get the extra money to meet the budget?

We are at a cross-roads and only you can help. There is an insert in the bulletin today seeking your help. If the congregation is not willing to help, we will have no choice but to discontinue the hall rentals.

We had a good Annual Meeting but with very little discussion on issues such as the one I spoke to you about in my report to you – “This town is a growing community but it is not reflected in the life of the church.” – No comments. One has to believe that it is not important or it's the rector's job. The rector is willing to do his visiting to new homes but the vestry has agreed with him that money issues should not be the focus of the visitation. It is the responsibility of both the Priest and the People. This parish has no Stewardship Committee. It is needed!

You may notice my frustration, because this is Thursday morning. The hall has to be cleaned and prepared for Eastern Health this afternoon. This is not easy work for one individual.

Where is the leadership in this parish? Do we expect one or two people to do it all? It is the same with our groups – ACW, ACM and the Recycling Team. Everything is placed on their shoulders but it would be so much better if we had the involvement of all our people.

We need to work together and build a strong witness in this community. This is your church, help to keep it going and growing stronger.

Rev. Ed.

Church Chuckles

Gladys Pun

There was this lady who was visiting a church one Sunday. The sermon seemed to go on forever, and many in the congregation fell asleep.

After the service, to be social, she walked up to a very sleepy looking gentleman, extended her hand in greeting, and said, “Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn.”

And the gentleman replied, “You're not the only one ma'am. I'm glad it's done too!!!”

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

The average Protestant gives five cents a week to foreign missions. He is that excited about world community in the name of Christ. According to this year's average attendance, we give ____ a week each. It's a good time to ask ourselves what we are excited about. If we follow where our resources go, we will get a pretty clear picture.

Stewardship Statement

Feb. 24th & 28th

Regular Givings: \$ 1,589.00

Maint. Fund \$ 140.00

E-Giving

“Prayerfully consider your parish in your estate planning.”

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.

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

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him: Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.

Schedule of Services

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 6th

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

Assistant: Debbie Collis

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assts: Harve Hiscock, Marianne Baker
Counters: Susan Powell, Tom Tulk **Sidesperson:** Gerald Sharpe

Wednesday: March 9th

7:00 pm Lenten Service

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 13th

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

Assistant: Carol Bartlett

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assts: Jennifer Tucker, Mose Tucker

Counters: Susan Powell, Tom Tulk **Sidesperson:** John Parrell

Notices

Thank You – I want to thank Dr. Greg Brown, Karen Puglisevich and Moses Tucker, who are representing this parish on the Refugee Committee. Each has been given a responsibility as we raise funds to bring a Syrian family to our province.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED – We ask you to give **financially** to our appeal for the Syrian family.

EASTER FLOWERS – Please note that the **deadline** for anyone wishing to give a donation toward flowers for the Easter Service in memory of departed loved ones **is Sunday, March 20th**.

Hosts needed for Synod Billets

The Diocese is seeking Hosts for Billets for the upcoming Diocesan Synod being held from April 21 – 24, 2016, in the City of Mount Pearl. Our billets are most commonly individuals from Labrador and the Trinity/Placentia area. Hosts will be asked to provide transportation to and from the Church of the Ascension, Mount Pearl during the dates of Synod as well as pick up and return to the St. John's Airport, if necessary. Some meals will be required by the Hosts but the majority of meals will be at Synod. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Elizabeth Crisby at (709)576-6697 or email adminassistant@anglicanenl.net

Notices (Cont'd)

The new ACW Altar/Cleaning Schedule is available in the foyer.

Pews from the old church building are now on sale in the Foyer for \$250.00.

Volunteer Drivers: The H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre is looking for volunteers in this community to drive

patients to their appointments. If you are able to help in this way, please call the Centre at 777-6480.

Stained Glass Windows: There are **three** windows remaining without stained glass and if you or your family would like to donate one of these as a memorial gift, please contact 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 wanting to rent the Parish Centre can call the church office at 895-0715.

2017 Confirmation: Notice to Parents of children who will be confirmed in 2017. We have begun 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. Registration for the present class is now **closed**. Registration for the next two year program will be announced at a later date.

Please check the clothes closets in the church foyer to see if any of these coats, sweaters, etc. belongs to you. Over the next few weeks, any unclaimed items will be removed and given to the needy.

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.**

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. **As per the motion passed at the Annual General Meeting on Feb. 21/16, any money received for this fund will go into a separate account and will not be used for general operating expenses.**

Noteworthy Events

Portugal Cove ACW - Monthly Card Games are held the third Tuesday of each month (or the 2nd last Tuesday, if applicable) at St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 8:00 pm. Cost \$5.00 and lunch is served.

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.

TOUR MAGNIFICENT SPAIN AND PORTUGAL - Join us for an exciting 18 days (September 23 – October 10, 2016) touring Spain and Portugal. Come and feel the breath of history as we wander the narrow streets of ancient town and explore palaces, castles and monasteries of former great powers and relax on beaches of the Mediterranean. This will be a journey of a lifetime featuring fascinating history, distinctive cultures and extraordinary scenery. The price is all-inclusive. Brochures available and questions answered by calling 709-754-8720 or emailing: wdkn10@gmail.com.

Milestones

Congratulations to Beverly Sharpe, who brought home a gold medal in the 2016 National Powerlifting and Bench Press Championships in Regina; plus she set the new national record for the division by squatting 111kg. Way to go, Bev.

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 Song - 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent **Scripture Readings for today, March 6th**

1st Reading: **Joshua 5: 9 - 12 Psalm 32: (Page 742) (Harve Hiscock)**
2nd Reading: **2nd Corinthians 5: 16 - 21 (Dawn Sharpe)**
Gospel: **Luke 15: 1 - 3; 11b - 32 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)**

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): **Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, 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): **God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): **Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendor of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through 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): **Warren & Moya Tucker, William & Rebecca Tucker, William & Rhonda Tucker and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Parish of Harbour Grace (2 congregations), Rev. Moses Tucker, Rector, and The Parish of Botwood (3 congregations), Rev. Larry Chatman, Rector.**

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Church of England, The Most Rev. and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.**