

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**

**Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador  
Anglican Parish of St. Philip  
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**A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR  
PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS  
WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY**

**December 22, 2013 (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**

**The Bulletin is given to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of Edgar Belbin  
Lovingly remembered by wife Shirley & family**

Schedule of Worship

**4th Sunday of Advent – Dec. 22nd.**

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)**

Eucharistic Assistant: Ches Barfitt

**10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Sunday School**

Eucharistic Asst: Jennifer Tucker, Charlie Gosse

Counters: John Parrell & Gloria Earle

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

**Christmas Eve – Dec. 24th**

**4pm – Children's Program & Holy Eucharist (BAS)**

Eucharist Assistant: Larry Bradley

**Counters:** Linda Thomas & Lori Mercer

**7pm – Holy Eucharist (BAS)**

Eucharist Asst: Joan Tucker, Dave Bartlett

**Counters:** Susan Powell & Ches Barfitt

**11pm – Holy Eucharist (BCP)**

Eucharist Asst. Debbie Collis, Harvey Hiscock

**Counters:** Ruth Hiscock & Don Morgan

Sidesperson: John Parrell

**Our sympathy is extended to the family of Una Skanes and her sister Olive on the death of their niece and daughter Valerie Parsons who passed away Dec. 13.**

**Notices:**

**Services for December 29th**

**9:15am – Holy Communion**

**7pm – Carols & Lessons**

**Thank you** to everyone for your generous donations to the Christmas Food Hamper, Memorial Christmas Tree and the Sanctuary Flower Fund.

**Just a reminder to parishioners** who make their church contributions through post-dated cheques that it might be a good time to attend to this before year-end. Also the financial books of the Parish close on December 31 any contributions received after that date will be credited to your offering for 2014

**Boxes of Offertory Envelopes for 2014** may be pick-up in the foyer today. Ask your family members to help you to prepare for a trip of a lifetime. A trip to Israel – a journey to the Holy Land. See the brochure enclosed! All the information you will need to know.

**A reminder for persons entering the St. John’s Hospitals** and who would like to see a chaplain during your stay, make sure you or a family member tells the admitting clerk ‘I would like to see the chaplain during my time in hospital’. You will then be asked your religious affiliation and will receive a visit from the chaplain within a day or two.

**Survey regarding Sunday morning Worship Services**

.....please complete and return before the end of December. Please check with a Sidesperson if you do not have a copy of the survey.

**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.

**Financial Report to December 15, 2013**

Weekly Envelope	5116.00	Maint. Fund	11353.00
Loose Offering	387.50	Sunday School	61.00
PWRDF	320.00	Advent	215.00
Sanctuary	1050.00	Christmas	90.00
Belize/Chairs	20.00	Bulletin	115.00
Harvest Fest.	35.00	Hall Rental	445.00
Window Rep.	30.00	Christmas Hamper	150.00
ACW	3500.00	Initial	10.00
Mem. Tree	450.00		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>23,347.50</b>

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

**Parish Hall Rental** - any person wishing to rent the parish is asked to 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 Old Broad Cove Road and Bennett’s Road. This is a project of the ACM.

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-1:30pm. Friday 9am-12 noon.**

**Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The 4th Sunday of Advent**  
**Scripture Readings for Today, December 22nd.**

Isaiah 7: 10-16 Psalm 80, 1-7, 16-18 Page 812  
Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 270: **Let us say it together:**

**“A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us”.**  
**Matthew 1.23**

**Collect for the Day** (In Unison) Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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) Gracious God by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion:** (In unison) Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. 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: Lloyd & Phyllis King, Richard King, Sam & Paula King, Tanya & Gerard Knight, William King, Yvonne King, Reg Kickpatrick, Dave & Ann Lambert and their families.**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Yokohama (Japan) The Rt. Revd. Laurence Yutaka Minabe**

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

**The Diocese of Central Newfoundland & Labrador Synod Office Staff, Diocesan Wellness Officer, Joint Committee Officer, Retired Clergy & Deacons**