

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

November 16th, 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

Schedule of Services

23rd Sunday after Pentecost Nov. 16th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Christopher Earle
10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)& Sunday School
Eucharistic Assists: Todd Martin, George Sharpe
Counters: Jeanette Osmond, Tom Tulk
Sidesperson: Don Morgan

Reign of Christ Sunday, Nov. 23rd

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Debbie Collis
10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)& Sunday School
Eucharistic Assists: Harve Hiscock, Mose Tucker
Counters: Karen Puglisevich, Susan Powell
Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

We are pleased to have Derek & Jean Smith providing the music for the Holy Eucharist Service this morning.

Rev. Keeping will be out of the parish from Nov. 17th – 22nd, attending a RCMP Chaplain Conference in Surrey, BC. Rev. Ed is the Lead Chaplain in the Province with the RCMP.

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

“Is your local church noted for **LOVE**, or is it like the parody of “Onward Christian Soldiers?”

Like a mighty turtle
Moves the church of God;
Brothers we are treading
Where we've always trod;
We are all divided,
Many factions, we;
Very strong on doctrine,
Weak on Charity

“If our congregation is going to evangelize our corner of the world, it has to be a unified army of **lovers**. So you have true doctrine! You have articulate preachers and a nice building and prospects by the dozen! If you don't have an abundance of love, you won't be anything more than a collection of tinkling cymbals and clanging gongs. Channeling God's love to the world is a part of our **stewardship** too.”

(Russ Blowers, in a message to the North American Christian Convention)

Church Chuckles

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong.

Finally the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home and I want to stay with you guys."

If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend whom you hate.

MILESTONES

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

Notices

CPR TRAINING - Mon. Nov. 17th (Please Note the Change of Date) Parish Centre

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm.

Ten members of the congregation have been asked to take this Course. The Rector will be contacting these people.

ACM Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 19th at 7:30 pm in the Boardroom.

ACW Card Game, Monday, November 24th at 8:00 pm in the Parish Centre. Cost \$5.00. Lunch will be served.

Annual Church Cleaning: Saturday, Nov. 29 at 9:30 a.m. We ask the men and ladies of the congregation to come out and help with this cleaning.

Pot-Luck Lunch Postponed. We are going to postpone our November 30th Pot-Luck Lunch to **December 7th** because of the Santa Claus Parade.

Diocesan Anglican Men's Association – Notice of General Meeting – Sunday, Nov. 30th – Church of the Ascension, Mt. Pearl

Business Meeting at 4:00pm sharp; Supper at 5:00pm; Church Service at 6:30pm. DAMA Pins will be on sale @ \$5.00. Please let Gary King know if you plan to attend this event by the deadline of Nov. 23rd.

Advent Quiet Day with Bishop Geoff: You are invited to an Advent Quiet Day in the Parish of St. Philip's on **Saturday, Dec. 6th** with the Right Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Peddle. The theme will be, **"The word was made flesh...and dwelt among us...full of grace and truth."** Bishop Geoff will deliver a single talk that day in three parts, based upon John 1:14, beginning at 10:00am and ending at 2:00pm with a closing Eucharist. Lunch will be provided by the parish at a cost of \$5 each. Please register by contacting the parish directly at 895-0715 or by e-mail at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com.

Christmas Flower Fund: If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for Christmas flowers in the Sanctuary, please note that the deadline is **Dec. 18th**.

Note to Sidespersons:

Before you leave the church on Sunday mornings, would you be kind enough to have your team put away the tables & chairs in the Parish Centre. Thank you.

Baptismal Preparation:

In preparation for baptism, it will become the practice in the parish that the priest will visit the family for information purposes and to get to know them.

The Saturday before the baptism, the parents and godparents will meet at the church, at an agreed upon time, for preparation. This is a teaching time for baptism.

Following the service, the priest will continue to have follow-up with the family.

Baptism will usually be the first Sunday of the month but often due to work commitments of the family, we may have to work with them to find another alternative.

Advent Envelopes: We encourage the people of our congregation to use their Advent envelopes during this season. These givings are a separate budget item and we graciously ask for your support at this time.

"TODAY" & "OUR DAILY BREAD" - Please pick up the latest copy of **"Today"** and **"Our Daily Bread"** for your daily devotion. They are on the table in the foyer. We are encouraging people to use them for their own spiritual growth. Please put a quarter in the container provided, so we can support these ministries.

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

Noteworthy Events

Diocesan Resource Centre, opened Saturdays from **Nov. 1st – Dec. 20th** for the Christmas Season.

Memorial United Church, Portugal Cove hosting a concert with Kevin Collins on Friday, November 21st, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be obtained by calling 895-2226.

Church of the Good Shepherd – Wildlife Dinner – Nov. 22nd – Moose or Rabbit or Stuffed Pork, Dessert – Tickets \$15.00 each. Call 745-4160 or 745-1273 for tickets.

Duncan Howell is retiring as Facility Manager at the Lavrock Center at the end of the 2014 Season. The Diocese will be hosting a small farewell for Duncan on **Tuesday, November 25, 2014. It will be held at the Diocesan Synod Office Basement, 19 King's Bridge Road from 2:00 – 5:00pm.** Those who have shared with Duncan at Lavrock are welcome to attend.

Fish & Brewis Supper: St. Mary's Church, **Friday, Nov. 28th @ 6:30 pm.** Tickets \$15.00. Call 579-0039 to reserve a ticket.

St. Thomas Church annual Fall Mini-Sale: **Saturday, Nov. 29th, 10:00 am – noon.**

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

The number of people with diabetes in Newfoundland & Labrador is expected to rise from 57,573 people to 96,840 people in 2032.

Please take an on line CANRISK test and for each test taken, it will raise \$1.00 for research and you could win \$5,000.00 Sun Life Money for life experience.

Visit: www.dontberisky.com or www.diabetes.ca

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.

November 9th, 2014

Regular Giving \$1,261.00

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. Please use your “Pink Envelope” to contribute 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 wanting 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.**

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.”

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

Peter Clarke

By Alvin & Effie Clarke & family

Uriah Tucker

May 4, 1915 – Nov. 13, 1988

By Walter & family

Tyler Spurrell

Dec. 10, 1997 – Nov. 20, 2011

By Mom, Dad and best buddy and brother, Sheldon.

“Forever in our hearts”

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From the Rector’s Desk

Today we continue with teaching on the different aspects of our Parish Mission Statement. Today, our subject is about being a **Christian witness.**

Jesus told the Apostles, **“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)**

The risen Lord appeared to the eleven and said to them **“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” (Mark 16: 15)**

We conclude from these words of our risen Lord that his church is called to be a living witness to our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit; and by our faith and ministry to bear witness, to give testimony by our word and example to who Jesus is, to the Gospel of salvation in Christ, and about his living, healing and empowering presence that graces our daily lives.

In the “Ordination of a Priest” (BAS) we find these words: “All baptized people are called **to make Christ known** as Saviour and Lord, and to share in the renewing of the world.” In our Baptismal liturgy the people welcome the newly baptized saying “We welcome you into the household of God, **confess** the faith of Christ crucified, **proclaim** his resurrection, and **share** with us in his eternal priesthood. Witnessing is a vital part of our baptismal vocation.

In our Church Catechism (BSP, p. 555), we are taught that the vocation of a Christian is to “follow Christ and bear witness to him.... Bringing the teaching and example of Christ into everyday life.”

All who are baptized are called to make Christ known...to confess, to proclaim, to bear witness, to share the faith. Anglicans have grown too comfortable in believing that the ministry of witnessing, and ministry generally, is the “minister’s job” and has little to do with the rest of us. That kind of thinking helps to stagnate the church and gets in the way of bearing witness

to the Gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus. The ministry of witnessing is every Christian's job, yours and mine.

Today there are many good signs in many churches that the laity is increasingly taking hold of their baptismal ministry which includes giving witness to their faith and making Christ known. Where this is happening Christian communities experience a strong sense of being a Mission Minded church where renewal and vitality is rekindled. It is good that our Parish mission Statement recognizes the church as a witnessing church and holds it out to be a fundamental part of who we are. Our Parish mission Statement calls us out to be **“Witnesses to our Lord's Love through Word and Example.”**

Jesus witnessed to the two on the Emmaus Road by being present to them and by sharing in their experiences in caring conversation. Being a witness basically is being a friend; and friends share and care and they enjoy fruitful conversation. God wants to use our ordinary lives, our faith, to invite, to welcome, to be friends, to share what we have experienced and what our faith in Jesus Christ means to us; and to trust in God's power and grace that he will use our faith to influence others towards faith in Jesus Christ and the life of the Kingdom.

With sensitivity be open to opportunities for the sowing of seeds and let God do the rest. We need not worry about failure because there can only be success. **Success is measured in faithfulness and in the love shown in our conversation, welcome and invitation.** God is ever present in our conversation and in our welcome and, with God's help, we can all be effective witnesses for Christ and, because we are Christian, we should want to be.

So let us find opportunities and with sensitivity show people what Christ is doing in our lives. As God has blessed us, let us pour these blessings out into our neighbourhoods. Pray for witnesses and be a witness for Christ. Be a friend and bring a friend to Christ. Share the Good News with sensitivity and with love, for **“Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10: 17).**

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the 23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Readings for today, Nov. 16th,

1st Reading: **Judges 4: 1 - 7** **Psalm 123** (Page 883) (Joan Osmond)

2nd Reading: **1st Thess. 5: 1 - 11** (Gary King)

Gospel: **Matthew 25: 14 - 30** (Deacon Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 392:

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. (John 15.5)

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) **Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive 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) **Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) **Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; 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: **Canon Donald & Florence Morgan, Dr. G. L. Moss, Greg & Michelle Moss, Barry & Deborah Myers, John & Susanne Myrick, and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Parish of Paradise, Rev. Byron Barter, Rector, and our Anglican Life Editor, Rev. Samuel Rose.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), Lusitanian Church – Portugal, The Rt. Rev. Jose De Pina Cabral
