

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**

September 21st, 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

From the Rector's Desk

I am so very pleased with the opening of our Sunday School and our Confirmation Class. This Youth Ministry excites me. I am hoping that we can encourage some young people to become Servers. I invite your help in encouraging young people to be involved in the Church's Ministry in this way. I am also excited as we begin our various ministries after a summer break.

This Fall we will be having some teaching/preaching concerning our Mission Statement and I wish to share a few thoughts about it with you.

We are taught in Holy Scripture that God is at work making all things new. God is calling us to participate in his re-creative work even though we are often slow to recognize it and slower still to commit ourselves to His work. God continues to call His people in every generation and in every place to be more than we have been. In our times of rapid change and challenge, changing life-styles and Excesses in materialism, it is important that God's people renew themselves in finding new ways to be a Mission Minded Church. Maybe we can begin this work with a fresh and responsive emphasis on Mission; of exploring and being open to experience more deeply of God's Good News and the inward working of the Holy Spirit.

Today we will have our first in a series of sermons related to our Mission Statement. As we open our minds and hearts to meditate on Mission, let us remember that when Jesus said "Follow me" or when he said "As the Father has sent me so send I you", he surely meant that being a disciple and follower involved commitment to and participation in his Mission both by word and example.

Mission can be defined in many ways and there are different aspects to it. I hope that the unfolding of some aspects of Mission as related to our Mission Statement will be helpful. I will end, now, by quoting Rev. Harold Percy from his book "Good News People".

"The Mission of the Church is to bear witness, through its life and worship, to the truth of the Gospel, to live as a sign and model of the reign of God, and to work for the reconciliation of the entire world to God through Jesus Christ." (Harold Percy)

Please pray for our clergy as, together, we share some thoughts about our Mission Statement; and pray also asking the Lord to give

us grace to participate more fully in our Lord's Mission.
Rev. Ed.

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

Alex Spurrell
June 21, 1934 – Sept. 25, 2002
by Jean

Schedule of Services

15th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 21st

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Christopher Earle
10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Eucharistic Assistants: Debbie Collis & Harve Hiscock
Counters: John Parrell, Gloria Earle
Sidesperson: Todd Martin

16th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 28th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Mose
10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)
(Pot-Luck Lunch & Alzheimer's Coffee Break
Immediately following the 10:30AM Service
Guest Speaker from The Alzheimer's Society)
Eucharistic Assistants: Ann Lambert/Jennifer Tucker
Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

Sunday, October 5th, - we will welcome as our guest preacher,
the Rev. Juliet Nurse-Dicks. The Archdeaconery is
"exchanging pulpits" for the main service of the day. Rev. Ed
will be at The Church of the Ascension.

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

There is more to stewardship of life than just handling money. Just a short word about ultimate stewardship and a challenge for a week. Do absolutely what you believe you, in the eyes of God and for the good of people, should do – for a day, two days, a week. See how full stewardship feels.

Church Chuckle

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph & Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied "They couldn't get a baby sitter."

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

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.

MILESTONES

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

Thank You

To-date we have received \$8,035.00 towards our "In Lieu of Auction Appeal", which is approximately one-half of what we had budgeted. We want to sincerely thank those who have contributed over the summer months. There is still time to contribute...any amount would be appreciated.

We have received the defibrillator and it will be installed as soon as possible. Thank you for your donations to this important system for our church.

If anyone is interested in being trained to use our defibrillator, please contact your rector. Your name will be added to a list and you will be notified when the training is to take place.

NOTICES

We are looking for a Sunday School teacher and some assistants to help with our Sunday School Program. Please call Lisa Lake at 895-2824 or email llake99@hotmail.com, if you would like to get involved in this ministry.

Confirmation Classes: If your child has reached the age of 11 and would like to be confirmed in 2015, please contact the rector. Candidates are required to attend classes during the 2014 – 2015 school year.

ACW Take-out Turkey Teas Sept. 20th –

We would like to thank everyone who helped to prepare the teas and those who supported this very successful event.

St. Augustine's Men's Service Club is hosting a Hymn Sing on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 2014 in support of DAMA's project with the Parish of Hattieville and the Diocese of Belize. The evening will start with a hymn sing beginning at 7:00PM and conclude with a fellowship hour following the hymn sing. A freewill offering will be taken with all proceeds going towards our continuing support of the ministry to the Diocese of Belize. Rev. Ed Keeping will speak briefly of the work team that went down from our Archdeaconry last year to the Parish of Hattieville in Belize. This invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend this event.

The Parish Stewardship Committee will met on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 2014 at 7:30PM.

Rev. Wayne Parsons will be inducted as Rector of St. John the Evangelist, Topsail, on **Wednesday, Sept. 24th, at 7:00 pm.**

Gaither Homecoming Artist, "**Lynda Randle in Concert**", **September 25th at 7:30 pm, Salvation Army Citadel, 25 Adams Ave., St. John's.** Tickets \$32.00, available from The Book and Bible House, Thorburn Road – 753-6464 or S.A. Christian Bookstore, Adams Ave. – 579-3291.

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Craigmillar Avenue, St. John's - Jiggs Dinner & Dessert Thurs., Sept. 25th. 6 pm - Tickets \$15.00 By calling church office @ 579-0039.

St. Augustine's Church – Cold Plate Take-out Sept. 27th. Cost \$13.00 – call 753-1931

ACW Card Game – Monday, Sept. 29th at 8:00PM in the Parish Centre

Cost is \$5.00. Lunch will be served.

National Seniors' Day Celebration at Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Recreational Centre – Wednesday, October 1st – 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Call 895-8000, Ext. 4, to register. Refreshment served. Music provided. Come and enjoy a great afternoon with friends.

Harvest Festival Jiggs Dinner

Wed. Oct. 15th, 2014

Time: 5:00PM – 7:00PM

Cost: Adult - \$15.00

Children 7 - 12 years - \$5.00

(Children 6 and under – Free)

Tickets available from members of the ACM.

The members of the ACM are seeking monetary donations toward the SALT BEEF for their Jiggs Dinner on Oct. 15th. Donations may be put in a white envelope marked with your name and envelope number and placed in the Sunday offering plate. We would like to thank you in advance for your donation to this project.

Also, if you are available on the morning of Oct. 15th to help peel the vegetables, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact John Parrell.

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.

This year our budgeting focus will be on our weekly envelope giving. Please keep in mind our goal is a minimum of \$500 per year per family.

Sept. 14, 2014 Regular Giving	\$1,600.00
e-giving	685.00
Total	\$2,285.00

Our Parish is also in need of a second volunteer organist. God has given us many gifted musicians within our congregation and it would be wonderful to have them share these talents with us. We also invite anyone who would be able to lead some of our Sunday services with other musical instruments such as piano, guitar, accordion, etc. If this could be your way of saying thank-you for your give of music, please give Rev. Keeping a call.

For your devotional reading this Fall, please pick up the booklets “Today” and “Our Daily Bread”, available in the foyer

“Life in the Eucharist” – If you feel your child is ready to receive “the Body & Blood of Christ” at our Sunday morning worship (at the age of 5 – 7 years), you can register them by calling the church

office at 895-0715. The time and dates of preparation classes will be discussed with the parents.

Dedication to all the ladies who helped out on Monday, Sept. 16th, 2014.

THERE IS A HEAVEN FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Many of us will be shocked to find
when the day of reckoning nears,
there's a special place in heaven
set aside for volunteers.**

**It's furnished with big recliners,
comfy couches and footstools;
where there's no committee chairman,
no group leaders, no car pools.**

**There'll be no team that needs a coach,
no bazaar and no bake sale;
nothing to be stapled,
not one thing to fold and mail.**

**Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cold drinks and gourmet dinners
and rare treats fit for a king.**

**Who'll serve those privileged few
and work for all they're worth?
Why...all those who reaped the benefits
but not once volunteered on earth!**

The parish is looking for one or two more volunteers to help with typing the weekly church bulletin and other office duties. Normally, this would require one morning toward the end of the week. Please call Rev. Keeping if you are able to help.

There are many ministries being carried out in this parish that need the support of our people. Therefore as we begin our fall, I would like to see people get involved more in these ministries. Just speak to the rector or call the church office to become involved.

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 for birthday parties, weddings, Anniversary Parties, etc. Please consider renting the hall for your next important event. - Any person wishing to rent the parish hall may 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.**

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

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Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the 15th Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Readings for today, Sept. 21st

1st Reading: **Exodus 16: 2-15** Psalm: **105: 1-6 & 37-45**(Pages 845-846 & 848) (Larry Moss)

2nd Reading: **Phillipians 1: 21-30** (Wendy Decker)

Gospel: **Matthew 20: 1-16** (Deacon Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 381:

Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your son.

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ Our Lord, 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) God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our 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: **Robert & Lorraine Halfyard, Susan & Alexander Hall, Warrick & Margaret Hammond, Jean Hancock and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Parish of Spaniard's Bay, (Two Congregations): Rev. Christopher Fowler, Rector, and the Parish of Greenspond/Newtown/Pound Cove), (Three Congregations): Rev. Cindy Graham, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Church of the Province of Uganda: The Most Rev'd Stanley Ntagali, Archbishop of Uganda & Bishop of Kampala
