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A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR  
PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS  
WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 (Year A)

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

**MARGARET (MERCER) MOLLOY**  
DEC. 22, 1905 – NOV. 22, 1997  
By Daughter Rose  
“Never Forgotten”

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

For the past six weeks, I have included teaching articles  
in our Sunday Bulletin on the different parts in our Parish Mission  
Statement. The clergy have shared teaching sermons on our  
Mission Statement and I thank them for their support and for the  
teaching they have shared. I would encourage the membership to  
review the articles in the Sunday Bulletins to be refreshed in the  
things that have been shared.

The purpose of that exercise was to help make our  
Mission Statement to **“come alive”** to the hearts and minds of our  
people; to help deepen our awareness and understanding of  
Mission....to make it a lot more than nice ideas written in our  
Bulletin.

Of course, when a Parish develops a Mission Statement  
that is approved by Vestry and our congregational Annual Meeting,  
it is presumed that **our people are willing to make an investment  
into turning our Mission Statement into a living reality.** My  
heartfelt prayer is that we are all committed to making that  
investment.

The Anglican Communion defines Mission as “God in  
Action”. All Mission comes from God and we share in our Lord's  
Mission which he has entrusted to His Church. We are the Body of  
Christ....the hands and feet and voice and heart that builds up the  
Body, sharing in that mission with one another, and which seeks to  
bring our Lord's Mission into our neighbourhoods and into the  
world.

This, of course, means that our Parish is being challenged  
to take on a renewed attitude and a renewed commitment to being a

Mission Minded church. When this happens, parishes become more enlivened in the Spirit, rekindled in faith and in gospel action. Together, we can become a church where God's People share more fully in our Lord's Mission.

It makes sense that I cannot name off a list of all the things that we can do, but I offer some suggestions:

‡ Make a new beginning by attending Bishop Geoffrey's Advent Retreat right here in our own parish.

‡ Make occasional visits to the church for some uninterrupted silence and quality time with our Lord.

‡ Look prayerfully and deeply inside and ask the Lord to help us find ways to change our hearts and become more mission minded.

‡ Develop a personal "Rule of Life" and make an effort to follow it. A sample Rule of Life can be found on page 555 in the BCP.

‡ Make it a practice to learn more about our faith...maybe to join in the Bible Study...to read spiritual books. Good books may be found at our Diocesan Resource Centre.

‡ Look for opportunities to serve, and do all we can to be a loving supporting and healing community.

‡ Take God's Mission out into our neighbourhoods and into the world simply through friendship and conversation and through invitation to worship with us.

‡ Be committed to Outreach...The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is an excellent way to help others in God's world, and there are other means for doing this.

‡ Make a determined effort at being a good Christian Steward, **offering our time and talent and money** for the work of ministry and in proportion to how God has provided for us.

‡ Do all in our power to make our place of worship a place that attracts people to our faith Community?

The opportunities and ways for being a Mission Minded Church are limited only by our imaginations. The most important first step is to seek the Lord for guidance and then make one decision at a time at being a partner in mission with our Lord and with each other.

And please remember that your rector can best serve God's people when there is a wonderful spirit of becoming mission minded people in our part of God's vineyard. Support needs to be a mutual experience. Let us, then, find ways in which we can develop and grow together, supporting each other in the different aspects of Mission and Ministry. May God bless us all in this Mission of "God in Action" in the many and diverse ways in which we can build each other up as needed and necessary members in the Body of Christ.

#### **Noteworthy Events**

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

**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. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.** Tickets \$15.00. Call 579-0039 to reserve a ticket.

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

#### **Blue Christmas**

For whatever reason, Christmas can be painful for some. The grief experience can often make us feel alone in the midst of celebrating and the joy of Christmas. On **Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Anglican Church**, they will be offering a **Blue Christmas Service**. Come, sit, reflect and listen to the quiet music of classical guitarist, Charlie Barefoot, with hymns & reflections as well, to help people to face the upcoming season.

#### **Grieving – Coping with the Holidays**

Eastern Health Pastoral Care & Ethics Dept. invites you to **"Coping with the Holidays" on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00pm – 3:30pm in the HSC auditorium.** Or, choose to attend an **alternative slot on Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00pm – 8:30pm.** The events are designed to provide people, who are spending their first couple of holiday seasons without a loved one, with helpful information and suggestions. For further information, please call Rev. Jacintha Penney or Paul Grimes at 777-6959.

**Tree Lighting Ceremony – Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philips – Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm, at the Town Hall**

#### **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.

**"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.

#### **Schedule of Services**

##### **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

##### **Advent Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eucharistic Assistant: Ann Lambert  
10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)& Sunday School  
Eucharistic Assists: Jennifer Tucker, Charlie Gosse



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."**

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**Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the Last Sunday After Pentecost: The Reign of Christ**

**Scripture Readings for today, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> ,**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16, 20 - 24** Psalm 100 (Page 838) (Larry Moss)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Ephesians 1: 15 - 23** (Wendy Decker)

Gospel: **Matthew 25: 31 - 46** (Deacon Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 394:

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!** (Mark 11. 9,10)

**Collect for the Day. (In Unison)** Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; 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)** Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion: (In unison)** Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. 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: **Dianne Neil, Cynthia Oliver, Lloyd & Jeanette Osmond, Rev. Russell & Joan Osmond, John & Pheobe Parrell, Doreen Parsons and their families.**

**In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Parish of Green Island (2 congregations), Rev. Marlene Harvey, Priest in Charge, and the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, St. John's, Rev. Samuel Rose, Rector.**

**In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt. Rev. Carlos Lopez-Lozano.**

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