

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS
WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY**

August 16th, 2015 (Year B)

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**



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TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE
WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S
CHURCH.**

From the Rector

*I want to share with you this morning an excerpt from
Anita Corrine Donihue's book, "Here I am, Lord.*

Birds on a Telephone Wire

Good morning, Lord. I step outside to get the newspaper. The air is unusually crisp. Clouds glide across the darkened sky, driven by chilling winds from the north. After experiencing several recent hot days, I shiver. I'm anxious to get back inside. This kind of weather has invaded my comfort zone.

Irritating screeches from the telephone wires above the driveway pierce the silence. I glance up and see crows lined up in a straight, ebony row. The birds act as though they prefer snuggling together, seeking comfort from one another.

I'm kind of like that, Lord. I enjoy the company of the strong Christians I know. It reminds me of the birds on the telephone wire. It's good to enjoy the strength that comes from our friendships. Still, I know You want me to step out of my comfort zone and allow those who don't know You to become part of my life.

I slip on my sweatshirt and walking shoes and step back out the door. The wind whips my hair. The air clears my lungs and mind. Walk with me, Lord. Talk to my heart about who I can share Your love with today.

When I feel comfortable, I'm thankful for Your presence being with me.

Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Rev. Ed

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

We give for many reasons. One of the strongest is our desire to reach out with the gospel and with human service. We also make provisions here for worship, fellowship, study, and reinforcement in faith. As we look around at the facilities, we are grateful to faithful Christians of the past generation for foresight and unselfishness. We intend to give the next generation such opportunities, too.

Church Chuckle

Persevere

A young pastor was sitting in a restaurant eating lunch. He opened a letter from his mother he just got that morning. As he opened it a twenty dollar bill fell out. He thought; "Thanks, mom, I could use that right about now." As he finished his meal he noticed a beggar outside on the sidewalk leaning against the light post. He thought: "That fella could probably use the \$20 more than I.

Noteworthy Events

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.

Mid-Year Financial Statement

Please pick up your Mid-Year Financial Statement in the foyer. If you are able to deliver any of the remaining statements in your area, it would be greatly appreciated.

Stewardship Statement

August 16th, 2015
Regular Givings: \$ 903.00
Maint. Fund 155.00
E-Giving

Schedule of Services

13th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 23rd

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

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), **Eucharistic Assts:** Joan Tucker
Counters: Linda Roberts, Todd Martin
Sidesperson: Don Morgan

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 30th

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

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) and Holy Baptism
Eucharistic Assts: Todd Martin, George Sharpe
Counters: Linda Roberts, Todd Martin
Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich
New 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 to 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.

ACW Card Game: Monday, August 31st, at 8:00 pm. Lunch will be served. Cost \$5.00.

Cards & Darts: There will be a Cards & Darts game night on **Wednesday, September 9th, at 8:00 pm.** The purpose of this game is to allow a number of people to catch up on their games. Our end-of-year night will be on Wednesday, September 30th, 2015. All are welcome to the Cards & Darts game nights.

Stained Glass Window: We are still accepting donations towards the cost of the stained glass window to be placed at the back of the church. Please make your donation through the church offering.

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.

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.

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.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture Readings for today, August 23rd

1st Reading: 1st Kings 8: 22 – 30, 41 – 43 Psalm 84 (Page 817)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 6: 10 - 20

Gospel: John 6: 56 – 59 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 375:

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; 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): God of Glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things for the sake of 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: Rev. Edward & Joyce Keeping Arthur & Bernice King, Georgina King, Lloyd & Phyllis King, Selina King, Yvonne King, and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of Brooklyn (6 congregations); Rev. Issac Hutchings, Rector, and The Parish of Seal Cove (4 congregations); Rev. Charles Harris, Priest in Charge.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for San Diego (The Episcopal Church); Rt. Rev. James Mathes.