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April 3rd, 2016 (Year C)

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**



A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WHO ARE WITH US TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

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

From the Rector's Desk

We are now into the season of Easter celebrating the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In our gospel reading for Easter Sunday, we saw the resurrected Christ appearing to Mary Magdalene and commission her to go and tell the disciples that he was alive. Later on that first Easter Day, Jesus appeared to the disciples in a locked room where they had gathered for fear of

the Jews. He spoke these words to them, "Peace be with you" and commissioned them to go out into the world with the good news.

One of the disciples was not there that evening and his name was Thomas, often referred to as "Doubting Thomas", perhaps getting his name from this story.

The disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus but he didn't believe them. He told them, unless he saw the marks of the nails and put his finger into his side, he would not believe. A week later, under the same conditions, Jesus appeared to them again and Thomas was there. Jesus told Thomas to put his finger into his side and look at his hands. From that point Thomas believed and claimed Jesus for himself. Jesus said, "Have you believed because you have seen?"

In this season of Easter, there are many signs that tell us that the resurrection took place. Let us look for more signs in the days to come that will manifest to us that He is alive and reigns as King in our lives. Stop doubting and believe.

Thomas was restored and we too can be restored to the fellowship of Christ.

The gospel today is, I believe, a gospel of hope and that is what we need in the life of the church and community. Thomas lost his faith, was restored and was sent out with the good news about Jesus. We believe he brought many to the feet of Jesus and their lives were restored.

May this gospel be for us a gospel of hope and encouragement as we struggle with our faith. **Peace be with you now and always.**

Rev. Ed.

Church Chuckles

Three cowboys were hanging out in the bunkhouse. "I know that smart Alec, Tex", said the first. "He's going to start bragging about that new foreign car he bought as soon as he gets back."

"Not Tex", said the second. "He'll always be just a good ol' boy. When he walks in, I'm sure all he'll say is hello".

"I know Tex better than any of you", said the third. "He's so smart, he'll figure out a way to do both. Here he comes now".

Tex swung open the bunkhouse door and shouted, "Audi, partners".

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

This month we will pay our taxes! We will pass money to the government, then it is used for a variety of purposes, several of which benefit us. That's fair! We give, then the government gives back. (A slight amount is eaten up, but that's the way human institutions are!)

With God, He gives first, and gives, and gives, and gives – and in loving response we give back. That's the happier way, isn't it?

Stewardship Statement

Mar. 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 27th

Regular Givings \$ 1,685.00

Maint. Fund \$ 180.00

Refugee Collection \$ 2,690.00

E-Giving

"Prayerfully consider your parish in your estate planning."

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.

SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY – As you are now aware, five parishes have come together to form a Committee and hope to raise enough funds in these five parishes to sponsor a Syrian Refugee family. We want to raise the funds among the five churches instead of asking the diocese for a grant. I hope every family in this parish will give to this appeal. **No amount is too small.**

We have an opportunity to help a family, who is now living in a refugee camp, to find a new home in a new country where peace and security reign.

I ask you as members of St. Philip's Parish to give and as you can see in the bulletin today, some have already given.

Lavrock Summer Camp looking for an

Intermediate Coed Camp Director – Summer Camps for July are in the planning stages and they have Directors for two of the camps but do not have a Director for the Intermediate Coed Camp from July 4 – 8, 2016 for 11 – 13 year olds.

Would you know of anyone that would be interested in doing this? It would be a shame if they are not able to offer this camp because they cannot find a Director. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please ask them to email Elizabeth Crisby --adminassistant@anglicanenl.net

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

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen but yet believe.

The Bulletin today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

Raymond and Beatrice Tucker
by the Tucker family

Schedule of Services

2nd Sunday of Easter April 3rd

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

Assistant: George Sharpe

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assts: Marianne Baker, Carol Bartlett

Counters: Karen Puglisevich, Susan Powell

Sidesperson: Todd Martin

3rd Sunday of Easter April 10th

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

Assistant: Jennifer Tucker

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assts: Mose Tucker/Charlie Gosse

Counters: Karen Puglisevich, Susan Powell

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

Notices

ACW Meeting, Wed. April 6th, at 7:30 pm.

Our next regular **Vestry Meeting** is scheduled for **Wed. April 13th, at 7:30 pm.**

The meeting will be held in the Parish Centre.

The church would like to have two more couples to come once per month on Thursday to clean the Parish Hall before the rental in the afternoon.

NOTE TO ACM MEMBERS – The DAMA Lavrock overnight Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will now take place on May 6th and 7th.

Pews from the old church building are on sale in the Foyer for \$250.00.

The new ACW Altar/Cleaning Schedule is available in the foyer.

Stained Glass Windows: There are **three** windows remaining without stained glass and if you or your family would like to donate one of these as a memorial gift, please contact your Rector.

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.

2017 Confirmation: Notice to Parents of children who will be confirmed in 2017. We have begun the new **Two Year Confirmation Program** for candidates **who will be confirmed in 2017**. Please note candidates must attend this two-year program in order to be confirmed. Registration for the present class is now **closed**. Registration

for the next two year program will be announced at a later date.

Please check the clothes closets in the church foyer to see if any of these coats, sweaters, etc. belongs to you. Over the next few weeks, any unclaimed items will be removed and given to the needy.

Recyclable Donations: -Recycling is a fundraising project of the ACM and **your assistance is needed.** *“We thank you for your co-operation in removing screw top covers from all bottles – plastic & glass - and further ask that you remove corks and screw tops from alcoholic beverage containers.”* 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. If you can help with sorting the recyclables on Monday or Tuesday nights please call John Parrell. **The ACM could really use your help.**

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. **As per the motion passed at the Annual General Meeting on Feb. 21/16, any money received for this fund will go into a separate account and will not be used for general operating expenses.**

A note from The Anglican Chaplaincy

If you are admitted to hospital you should be asked by admitting if you would like the services of Pastoral Care. If you say “Yes”, you will sign a consent and the chaplain will see you within 24 hours. If you decline pastoral care and later change your mind, have a nurse call the chaplain. You will be asked to sign a consent and the chaplain will visit. Please note that due to confidentiality, the chaplains can only contact your parish priest with your permission.

Noteworthy Events

Portugal Cove ACW - Monthly Card Games are held the third Tuesday of each month (or the 2nd last Tuesday, if applicable) at St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 8:00 pm. Cost \$5.00 and lunch is served.

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 Song - 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.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter
Scripture Readings for today, April 3rd

1st Reading: **Acts 5: 27 – 32** **Psalm 150**
(Page 909) (Allie Wheeler)

2nd Reading: **Revelation 1: 4 – 8** **(Glenda Winter)**

Gospel: **John 20: 19 - 31** **(Rev. Ed Bonnell)**

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, 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 grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): **Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen 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. Ed & Debbie Bonnell, Clyde & Cecile Bradbury, Greg Brown & Lisa Lake, Frank Burry, Trevor Burry and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Parish of Twillingate (3 congregations), Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer, Rector, and The Parish of St. Mark the Evangelist, Rev. Robert Cooke, Rector.** **In our Province of Canada Prayer Care,** we pray for **Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, Archbishop Percy Coffin and the Provincial Council.**

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean: The Most Rev. Ian Gerald James Ernest, Archbishop and Bishop of Mauritius.**