

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

**Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador
Anglican Parish of St. Philip
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**A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR
PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS
WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY**

December 24, 2013 (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

*Let us keep the true spirit of Christmas ...today,
tomorrow and always. Merry Christmas and a warm
welcome to all our parishioners and visitors who are
worshipping with us today.*

**The Bulletin is given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Gary Squires who passed away Dec. 24 1974, Age 20 yrs
Memories hold you in our hearts forever**

Sister Faye & family

**In loving memory of Parents Bill & Evelyn Clarke
Lovingly remembered by Lewis Clarke & family**

**In loving memory of dear Father & Grandfather William G.
Tucker, Brother, Brother-in-law and Uncle, Walter Tucker
Remembered by Catherine, Baxter, Michael & Tanya (Rose)**

**In loving memory of a dear Father & Grandfather John
Bartlett, Sept. 29, 1935 – Dec. 24 2012
Remembered by David, Carol & family**

Schedule of Worship

Christmas Eve – Dec. 24th

4pm – Children's Program & Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharist Assistant: Larry Bradley

Counters: Linda Thomas & Lori Mercer

7pm – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharist Asst: Joan Tucker, Dave Bartlett

Counters: Susan Powell & Ches Barfitt

11pm – Holy Eucharist (BCP)

Eucharist Asst. Harvey Hiscock

Counters: Ruth Hiscock & Don Morgan

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

Services for December 29th

9:15am – Holy Communion

Eucharist Assistant: Todd Martin

7pm – Carols & Lessons

Counters: Tom Tulk & Jeanette Osmond

Sidesperson: John Parrell

Notices:

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the Christmas Food Hamper, Memorial Christmas Tree and the Sanctuary Flower Fund.

Boxes of Offertory Envelopes for 2014 may be pick-up in the foyer today.

Just a reminder to parishioners who make their church contributions through post-dated cheques that it might be a good time to attend to this before year-end. Also the financial books of the Parish close on December 31 any contributions received after that date will be credited to your offering for 2014.

Rev. Keeping and his wife Joyce wish to thank the many parishioners for the Christmas cards and gifts they have received. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Merry Christmas to all our parish families as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Ask your family members to help you to prepare for a trip of a lifetime. A trip to Israel – a journey to the Holy Land. Check with the church office for additional information if you are interested.

A reminder for persons entering the St. John's Hospitals and who would like to see a chaplain during your stay, make sure you or a family member tells the admitting clerk 'I would like to see the chaplain during my time in hospital'. You will then be asked your religious affiliation and will receive a visit from the chaplain within a day or two.

Survey regarding Sunday morning Worship Services
.....please complete and return before the end of December. Please check with a Sidesperson if you do not have a copy of the survey.

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.

Financial Report to December 15, 2013

Weekly	5116.00	Maint.	11353.00
Envelope		Fund	
Loose Offering	387.50	Sunday	61.00
		School	
PWRDF	320.00	Advent	215.00
Sanctuary	1050.00	Christmas	90.00
Belize/Chairs	20.00	Bulletin	115.00
Harvest Fest.	35.00	Hall Rental	445.00
Window Rep.	30.00	Christmas	150.00
		Hamper	
ACW	3500.00	Initial	10.00
Mem. Tree	450.00		
		Total	23,347.50

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

Parish Hall Rental - any person wishing to rent the parish is asked to 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 Old Broad Cove Road and Bennett's Road. This is a project of the ACM.

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-1:30pm.
Friday 9am-12 noon.**

**Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Christmas Eve
Scripture Readings for Today, December 24th.**

Isaiah 9: 2-7 Psalm 96, Page 834

Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel: Luke 2 1-20

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 270: **Let us say it together:**

**"I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord".
Luke 2.10-11**

Collect for the Day (In Unison) **Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reign s 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) **Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen**

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) **Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name 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: William Lamswood, Bernadine Lawlor, Grace Layman, Helen & Ray Loveless, Melanie Lundrigan, Noel & Marilyn Lundrigan, Todd Martin and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Ysabel (Melanseia) The Rt. Revd. Richard Naramana

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

**The Diocese of Central Newfoundland & Labrador
Synod Office Staff, Diocesan Wellness Officer, Joint
Committee Officer, Retired Clergy & Deacon**