

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
February 1st, 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**



From the Rector's Desk

**We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er that gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.
(Hymn 295)**

Johnny and Billy were friends. Often they would eat at each other's house. As always, Billy's father would say grace at the table thanking God for the food. One day when outside, Johnny said to Billy, "It sure is funny how your father thanks God for the food; my dad works for ours."

We recognize the humour in this story and we chuckle at it. But let us pause to think about the truth in it. Moses warned his people that over-independence and a sense of self-sufficiency causes people to be forgetful of God who is the source of all good things. Moses said: "Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my hands have gotten me this wealth'. But remember the Lord your God for it is He who gives you power to get wealth."

A priest had been struggling with church finances for a long time. He kept on teaching faithfully about what it means to be a Christian disciple and a Christian steward. One day as he held up the people's offerings in prayer to God he said; "Lord we know of your love for us and we know what you think of us. We make this pitiful offering to you letting you know what we think of you."

Again, we appreciate this for its humour, as we should. However, underlying this is a great truth about the place God has in our lives. We give in relation to how important God is in our lives. We give according to how thankful we are for all that God has bestowed on us. We give according to how important God's work and ministry is to us. What we give to God really is a measure of a reflection of the place that God has in our lives. We might take exception to having our sense of self-important or self-sufficiency or our being too casually concerned about our relationship with God to be spoken about as "sin". If so, we might take offense to these words spoken by the Apostle Paul: "**And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them**" (2 Cor. 5: 15).

I offer this quotation for your consideration. **“To be a Christian is to live a life of grateful response to the outpoured love and grace of God. When we live for Christ who died for us and not for ourselves alone, then Christ is the Lord of our lives.”** (Turner Clinard, in “Responding to God”.)

At this time of year parishes are sending out letters with Financial Contribution Statements for the year that has ended. Likewise, parishes are preparing their Financial Statements for Annual Meetings. It really is a time for reflection, not just about “dollars and cents” matters but chiefly about our relationship with God and about the measure of our thankfulness to God for all the good things that God bestows upon us.

It is a sad thought that often when we talk about Christian Stewardship people respond to it as being no more than “money talk.” Might this be an indicator of where our hearts lie? Sorry, but whenever the church speaks about Christian Stewardship, even if the topic is church finances, we are ultimately speaking about **“relationship”, our relationship with God in response to all his tender mercies.** When we receive our Financial Contribution Statement this year, let us speak to God first; offer a prayer of thanksgiving, and then ask if our offering really and truly represents us and our relationship with God. And if movement or amendment needs to be made, let us confess it; and let us ask God to help us grow more near to him and to grow more deeply in our faithfulness as Christian Stewards. Likewise, when we gather as God’s Community at our Annual Meeting, let the first thought on our lips and in our hearts be, “Lord help us to be faithful stewards in all things and help us to live our lives as if we live them unto Christ”.

All the reports are vitally important...they all reveal our collective stewardship. But let us be mindful that ultimately all of the reports are about “relationship”...about our relationship with God and how important that relationship is.... And it is also about how we care for the things of God. It is also about relationship with each other and how faithful we are towards each other in doing our part for Christ’s sake and of responsibly sharing the load for the sake of Christ’s Church and His Ministry.

Note: We have not received the Financial Reports for 2014. However, I have received the Statistical Report on the people’s range of offerings. There appears to be some positive movement in 2014. I am so very happy to share that with you. This is good news for our overall financial picture. However, more than that, I believe it reflects growth in faith and growth in people’s relationship with our Lord. Thanks be to God.

A Christian life is the life of a steward lived “as unto God”. And to this life, God calls every one of us.

Rev. Ed+

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

Several small Christian colleges are climbing out of debt; several new congregations need to put up buildings. I’m sure that any of these places would be glad to help use up any offering surpluses we might have.

If we grow in our giving to the place where sharing is best for us, we will be able to help meet growing building needs and share with missions, schools and sister churches.

The sharing will then be added to our blessings even more.

Church Chuckle

The village Rector was passing a very well kept garden and stopped to admire the beautiful flowers.....”The Lord and you have done remarkable things to this garden”, said the Rector to the owner.

“Well, thank you Rector”, replied the owner, “but you should have seen it when it was only the Lord in charge!”

Memorial Request

Recently, we installed projectors and screens in the Chancellery. Because of the amount of light coming through the window at the back of the church, we considered blinds but instead would like to go with stained glass.

If anyone would like to donate the stained glass as a memorial for a departed loved one, we have been given a quote of \$3,450.00 plus installation plus H.S.T. This could be an individual donation or a group of families. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

Annual Reports

Anyone responsible for compiling Annual Reports for the parish are requested to have them submitted to the Rector as soon as possible.

Annual Financial Statements

Your Annual Financial Statements are available in the foyer. Please pick them up as you leave the church today.

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

Arthur R. Squires
Died February 3rd, 1995

by Dorothy Clarke & Family

A dear mother and grandmother,
Clementine McRoberts
May 3rd, 1923 – Jan 30th, 2012
by the Family

Schedule of Services

The Presentation of the Lord, Feb. 1st

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Ann Lambert

10:30 AM - Holy Communion (BAS) & Sunday School
Eucharistic Assts: Jennifer Tucker & Mose Tucker
Counters: Karen Puglisevich & Tom Tulk
Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

The 5th Sunday after Epiphany, Feb. 8th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Charlie Gosse

10:30 AM - Holy Communion (BAS), Sunday School and Installation of Officers
Eucharistic Assts: Larry Bradley, Joan Tucker
Counters: Don Morgan, Ruth Hiscock
Sidesperson: Todd Martin

MILESTONES

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

Notices

ACW Meeting, Wed. Feb. 4th, 7:30 pm

ACW & ACM - Installation Service –Feb. 8th at 10:30 am

Grief & Bereavement Session

Date: Tuesday, **Feb. 10th**
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: Cafeteria Conference Room
L. A. Miller Centre
To Register: Call 778-8972 (Mag)
777-2167 (Peter)

St. Michael's & All Angels Anglican Men's Association Jiggs Dinner with pancakes.

Date & Time: Sat., **Feb. 14th at 6:00 pm**
Cost: \$15.00.
For tickets: Call 368-2844

Lenten Retreat

Date: Sat., **Feb. 21st**
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: St. Philip's Anglican Church
Retreat Leader: **Deacon David Bell**
To register, call the Church Office at 895-0715

There are a few packages of the **2015 Church Envelopes** left in the foyer. If anyone could deliver these, it would be most appreciated.

Just a reminder to Parishioners who make their church contributions through post-dated cheques, that this may need to be taken care of at this time. Post-dated cheques may be dropped off at the office or placed in the offertory plate. Thank you.

If you are not receiving "Anglican Life" and would like a copy to come to your home, please call the Church Office at 895-0715.

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.

January 25, 2015

Regular Givings	\$997.00
Maintenance Fund	\$140.00

Daily Morning Prayer (Mon thru Friday) is being held at 10:00 AM at the church. Anyone who would like to share in this service is welcome to come along.

Chaplaincy Services at Hospitals in St. John's

When you are being admitted to a hospital in St. John's, you should be asked, "While you are admitted to hospital, would you like to have a visit from a chaplain or pastoral care worker?" Be sure to say "Yes" if you would like a pastoral visit. You will then be asked to identify your religion, and your name will be added to the chaplain's visitation list, and you will then receive a visit from the denominational chaplain within a day or two.

Also, the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army and United Church Chaplaincy Teams are continuing a pilot project to assess ways to share resources. The four denominations will share First-call Chaplain responsibilities at the hospitals in St. John's. This means that each night one chaplain will receive all after-hours calls (5:00 pm to 8:00 am). That First-call Chaplain will determine if the chaplain from the patient's own denomination is needed to provide particular services or supports (anointing/ communion). Patients and families can request their denominational chaplain, if they so wish. The denominational chaplains will follow up with patients seen by the First-call Chaplain.

Please call your Parish Priest as well.

If any members of our congregation have a new e-mail address or changed his/her e-mail address, would you kindly e- mail us your new address.

Maintenance Fund – I do ask you to give regularly to this fund. In the spring, major work around the windows of this building will be required. Repairs are needed immediately to the main door of our church. Please continue to use your "Pink Envelope" to contribute to 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 want 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.**

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, see the Brochure in the foyer or see the Diocesan website.

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 love.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The Presentation of the Lord
Scripture Readings for today, February 1st

1st Reading: **Malachi 3: 1 - 4** Psalm **84 (Page 817)** (Larry Bradley)

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 2: 14 – 18** (Wendy Decker)

Gospel: **Luke 2: 22 – 40** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 401:

This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel.

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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) **Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) **God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. 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: **Janice Spurrell, Arthur Squires Jr., Catherine Squires, Christine Squires, Lydia Squires, Edith Lawrence and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Parish of Grand Falls:** The Rev. Randy Lockyer, Rector; and **The Parish of Flowers Cove (4 Congregations),** The Rev. Irving Letto *pro tem*, Priest in Charge.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for, **Luwero – Uganda:** The Rt. Rev'd Evans Kisekka

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