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

MARCH 13, 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

Temptation

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. (Matthew 4:1-2)

It begins with temptation. It always has. That is the human condition from the Garden of Eden on. We know temptation like the back of our hand. The cookie jar that was off-limits may be one of our earliest memories. Yet, it is difficult for us to accept the temptations of Jesus as being anything like ours. That is not actually humble on our part; it simply makes less of him.

The temptations of Jesus out in the wilderness seem so grand compared to our often trivial wanderings. They do seem beyond our imaginations. The devil asked him to change stones into bread; a miracle for no good reason. Next, he was asked to jump off the pinnacle of the temple; a cheap magic trick to show off his immortality. Finally, he was shown the kingdoms of the world and offered them if he would just worship the devil; an offering of only false ambition. And Jesus turned him down.

We need to know that the temptations offered Jesus were real to him. Real temptations. Real decisions to be made. Real consequences to live with. Tempted just like human beings have always been tempted; just like we are.

“Just like we are” is the operative phrase. Because, underneath each of the temptations offered to Jesus in the wilderness was one basic temptation. It was the elemental temptation to deny who he was and how he was going to be. To follow any other path would be to deny his mission, his vocation, his being. If the time in the wilderness was supposed to teach him anything, it must have taught him that. And as his ministry took form, there were always other voices asking him to be somebody else. Asking him to be their idea of the Messiah. Asking him to sound and act more like a Savior they would easily recognize. Asking him to be more of a healer and miracle worker, a more traditional kind of teacher, a more visible hero. And Jesus turned them down.

Lent can be just forty days and nights of trivial temptations about things that don't really matter all that much. Or it can be a creative wilderness time to ask ourselves some deeper questions. You see, we really do share the elemental temptation of

Jesus. Our temptation is always to deny who we are, and how we are supposed to be, and instead, keep trying to become 'someone else' for all the 'someone else's' out there in the world. We are always tempted to quit being who we are instead of discovering the person God has always wanted us to be...ourselves.

Being ourselves in a world that constantly asks us to be someone else is the most difficult task we can have in life, and it is a task that never goes away. It doesn't mean that we don't need to try to improve. People do get better. People do put aside destructive ways of behaving. It just means that we don't need to try to become another person in order to be loved by God. That is hard enough for us to believe. But it is the Gospel truth.

Being yourself is hard work. It is tiring work. But it is interesting to note that when Jesus himself had finished his time in the wilderness, angels came and took care of him. Angels are waiting to care for us too in the midst of our temptations. But we have to risk some wilderness time first in order for that to happen. *(Borrowed from Anglican Digest Lent, 2006- Author The Rev. Jeffrey H. Walker, Christ Church Greenwich, Greenwich, Connecticut)*

Rev. Ed

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

Yesterday I was thinking of some of my happiest times...filled with pure joy, rich experience; the time of spiritual fulfillment. Many are associated with giving gifts to family & friends; unexpected little things. Preparing to give to the Lord's business is still a thrill too...and it is more...

In the process of facing spiritual opportunity, we meet a strong personal need.

Church Chuckle

A minister, looking up from the sermon he was reading, was horrified to see his young son in the gallery, pelting the congregation with candies.

Before he could say anything, the boy called out: "You keep talking, Dad. I'll keep the awake!"

Who is the greatest financier in the Bible?

NOAH – He was floating while everyone else was in liquidation.

MILESTONES

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

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.

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

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.

March 8th, 2015

Regular Givings	\$1,375.00
Lenten Offering	\$ 232.50
Maintenance Fund	\$ 190.00
E-Giving –	

Lenten Giving: We have set a budget of \$3,500 for our Lenten Giving. Please give this your prayerful consideration during Lent.

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.

Update - We have begun receiving donations toward the stained glass window. If you are interested in making a donation, now is the time.

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.

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

**OUR DEAR LORETTA TUCKER
By Victor & Family**

Schedule of Services

The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Todd Martin

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (BAS), Sunday School.
Eucharistic Assts: George Sharpe, Debbie Collis
Counters: Lori Mercer, Linda Thomas
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

Wednesday, March 18th

7:00 pm Lenten Service (no Eucharist)
Lenten Theme: Parables of the Gospel

The Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22nd
8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Christopher Earle

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (BAS), Sunday School.
Eucharistic Assts: Harve Hiscock & Ann Lambert
Counters: Susan Powell & Sherry Lynn Connolly
Sidesperson: John Parrell

Notices

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Rev. Ed Bonnell on the 15th anniversary of his ordination as Deacon, March 17th, 2004.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - We would like to acknowledge the courage of **Sara Squires** on her recent participation in "Shave For The Brave" – a very worthwhile cause and a very caring young lady.

VESTRY MEETING

The regular Vestry meeting will take place on **Monday, March 16th at 7:30 pm in the Boardroom.**

ACW SUB SALE – April 15th is the date for the annual Sub Sale. A sub sandwich, cookies and a soft drink for \$8.00. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Orders must be in by April 7th. If you require further information, please contact Rebecca at 895-2343.

FOR SALE – Here at the Church, we have four (4) chairs to sell for a small price.
One of the chairs is on display in the foyer this morning.

SOUND SYSTEM – We are in need of people to operate our sound system on Sunday mornings. If you are interested and are willing to be trained, please see your rector.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE – Head & Assistant Cook for Lavrock Camp & Conference Centre. For a job description email www.anglicanenl.net Please send Resume to vacanciesenl@gmail.com by March 18th.

EUCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS NEEDED

The hospital chaplains are looking for Eucharistic Assistants to assist with Holy Communion at St. Clare's Hospital and the Leonard Miller Centre.

Eucharistic Assistants are needed at St. Clare's from 8:30 am – 9:30 am and at the Leonard Miller Centre from 1:00 pm.

If any Eucharistic Assistants are willing to volunteer, please see your Rector.

BABY CLOTHES FOR HAITI

The Eastern Health Nurses who use the parish hall on Thursday afternoons are looking for baby clothes for Haiti. Team Broken Earth can share your outgrown baby clothes with needy children of Haiti. Monetary donations also accepted.

Donations will be collected here at the church for the team going to Haiti on March 21st, 2015.

DAMA Weekend at Lavrock – Apr. 10th & 11th, 2015

Registration: 3:30 – 5:00 pm on the 10th.

Deadline for registration – March 22nd, 2015. Let your local president know if you are attending.

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: -Recycling is a fundraising project of the ACM and your assistance is needed. *"It would be very helpful if the screw top covers were removed from all bottles – plastic as well as glass."* 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.**

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.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **Missouri – (V, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Wayne Smith**

Grief & Bereavement Information Support Group:

8 weeks of support for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

- Facilitated by Jean White-Coady & Erik Seaward every Thursday from April 9th, 2015 to May 28th, 2015
- Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Location: Canon Wood Hall (St. Thomas's Church, 8 Military Road
- Registration is required:
- Call 368-7050 or email jean.jay@nf.sympatico.ca

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent
Scripture Readings for today, March 15th

1st Reading: **Numbers 21: 4 – 9 Psalm 107: 1 - 3, 17 - 22**
(pages 854 & 855) (Joan Osmond)

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 2: 1 – 10 (Rev. Russell Osmond)**

Gospel: **John 3: 14 - 21 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)**

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 288:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) **Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, 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 mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) **Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendor of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your hold name, through 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: **Laura & Wilbert Taylor, Rick & Linda Thomas, Mark & Didi Todd, Jason & Krista Trask and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Parish of Bay de Verde (3 congregations), The Rev. Michael Carruthers, Priest in Charge pro tem, and The Parish of Lewisporte, (3 congregations), The Rev. Bruce Vallis, Rector.**