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

November 23rd, 2014 (Year A)

**The Bulletin today is given to the glory of God and in Loving
Memory of:**

**SON, BROTHER, BROTHER-IN-LAW AND UNCLE
WALTER TUCKER,
By Mom, Katherine & Baxter**

**LESLIE MCDONALD
DEC. 12TH, 1936 - DEC. 2ND, 2011
By Cynthia LeRoux & Mary-Lou Quilty**

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome today, through the waters of Holy Baptism:

**Hunter William Jason Burry
Abigail Joy Petten-Butt
Mya Carlson Hiscott
Skyler Velma Bernice Lundrigan**

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

I am offering Advent Reflections for your reading and meditations this Advent. There are four devotions and they are offered by bishops from the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Episcopal (Anglican) church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As you know, the Anglican Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church are in full communion with each other.

The second devotion (Second Sunday of Advent) is written by Katherine Jefferts Schori. She is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The last devotion in the series (Advent 4) is written by Fred Hiltz, Anglican Primate of Canada. I commend these devotions to you.

Prayer - "God of holy patience, help us to offer a compassionate witness against the fear and despair of our time." Amen

By Katherine Jefferts Schori – The world seems like a miserable and tragic mess this year—there is war all over the Middle East and strife in Eastern Europe; western nations are increasingly divided between abject poverty and obscene wealth; Ebola is spreading; our globe is warming, seas rising, and species disappearing. Woe, woe, woe, everywhere we turn.

In the face of that sort of invitation to despair, Isaiah cries, “Be of good cheer. Even though you know the perfidy of humankind, God is working his ancient promises out. The path to the Reign of God is emerging even now, even in the midst of dark despair.” (Isaiah’s use of “comfort” implies “be strong.”)

Peter tells a similarly despairing community to be patient and to be at peace. Whence cometh patience? Whence cometh my help? Patience is above all the ability to abide even when it hurts like hell, knowing that God’s road keeps rolling out ahead of us, leading onward to healing, wholeness, and the holy peace that passes all understanding.

Patience comes from a root that means to *suffer* or *endure*. It can be painful to wait, especially if we are eager for the birth of a child, anxious to have an onerous task completed, or a wound healed. The deeper origin of the word lies in a root that means to hurt, injure, blame, revile, or damage – the word *final* comes from the same root. In some deep sense, patience is the virtue needed in the face of the fiendish and whatever is hostile to life.

As Peter puts it, we wait for a new heaven and a new earth, in spite of all the forces that stand in the way. We wait patiently, confident that God is working his purposes out. Yet patience does not mean total passivity. Perhaps surprisingly, *passive* originally meant that one was capable of suffering; today it often implies that one is unfeeling and unresponsive. To live as Jesus did is to embrace the world’s suffering – in as full a way as possible – and yet to endure, knowing that God is still in our midst, and in the heart of the pain. Patience in this season of waiting is not just about putting up with delay, but having deep compassion for all who wait for justice, healing, and peace. It is about solidarity, and suffering-with (which is the literal meaning of *compassion*).

John the Baptizer is announcing the presence of compassion in the flesh – and reminding his hearers that God’s road builder toward that future is coming. Not only will a fellow sufferer stand with you, but he will help unfold that path to a healed world. The pathway isn’t finished yet, but if you’ll turn around, you will see it and become part of it.

In this season of patience, what suffering claims your heart? What do you wait for, in solidarity with another? Will you join in building that road through the wild and fearsome darkness?

Our capacity for patience can be expanded. The ability to sit or stand or rest quietly can be cultivated, and short arrow-prayers can be helpful: “Let me rest in you, O God,” Hold me in the palm of your hand,” “Let me be still and know that you are God.” Some find it helpful to practice giving thanks in every breath, remembering with Dame Julian that God is as close as our breath and as enfolding as our clothing. The confidence and deep awareness of God’s intimacy is the source of patience, and it gives rise to courage and strength to endure and act in solidarity with the suffering.

In this season of Advent we wait expectantly not only for the birth of a child but for the birth of a new and enlivened body of God’s creation. Expectant parents never know exactly what is coming, and in many parts of the world the mother justly lives in considerable fear for her own life and that of her child. As with Elizabeth and Mary, solidarity can relieve those fears, building a bridge of trust, knowing that others have endured, and that we are

never alone. We are seeing bridges like that being built in the midst of Ebola fears, as the bold and brave stand with the ill and dying. The whole body of God’s creation awaits the resurrected life for which all were made. Where will you build that road of solidarity through fear and despair?

Noteworthy Events

The ACM of our parish will be providing an outside Christmas Tree complete with BLUE LIGHTS. Donations in memory of loved ones are invited and as the donations are received, the blue lights will be replaced with WHITE LIGHTS in memory of the particular loved one. BY CHRISTMAS EVE, THE TREE SHOULD HAVE ONLY WHITE LIGHTS.

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.

Diocesan Resource Centre, opened Saturdays from Nov. 1st – Dec. 20th for the Christmas Season.

Portugal Cove-St. Philip’s and Volunteer Fire Dept. Christmas Parade – Sunday, Dec. 7th at 2:00pm starting at Beachy Cove Elementary School and finishing at the Royal Canadian Legion.

St. Augustine’s – Sunday, Dec. 7th.

Mini Craft Sale – 12:00 Noon – 2:00pm.

Messiah at the Basilica! Join the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra and its Philharmonic Choir for Handel’s Messiah on Friday, Dec. 12th & Saturday, Dec. 13th at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Both concerts begin at 8:00pm. Tickets (\$25/\$30) are available at the Arts and culture Centre Box Office - 729-3900 - online www.artsandculturecentre.com) and at the concert. If Messiah isn’t already a part of your holiday tradition there’s no better time to start. Featuring renowned soloists Shannon Mercer (soprano), Julie Nesrallah (mezzo soprano), Michael Colvin (tenor), and Philippe Sly (baritone), this promises to be a performance that will make you want to stand up and shout “Hallelujah!”

Memorial United Church, Portugal Cove – Roast Beef Dinner & Dessert – Sat. Dec. 13th.

Eat-in 6:00pm; Take-out can be picked up by 4:00pm. Adult \$15.00; Children 12 & under \$7.00. To order, please call 895-6926.

St. Michael & All Angels Parish, 75 Kiwanis St. – Fall Sale – Sat. Dec. 13th. Morning Coffee 9:30am- Noon – Cost \$5.00. Pea Soup Lunch from 12:00 Noon – 2:00pm - \$5.00. Also Bake & Craft Stalls & Mystery Bags.

Schedule of Services

2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 7th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Ches Barfitt
10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)& Sunday School
Eucharistic Assists: Larry Bradley, Joan Tucker
Counters: Don Morgan, Ruth Hiscock
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 14th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Dave Bartlett
10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)& Sunday School
Eucharistic Assists: Todd Martin, George Sharpe
Counters: Don Morgan, Ruth Hiscock
Sidesperson: John Parrell

“TODAY” & “OUR DAILY BREAD” - Please pick up the latest copy of “Today” and “Our Daily Bread” for your daily devotion. They are on the table in the foyer. We are encouraging people to use them for their own spiritual growth. Please put a quarter in the container provided, so we can support these ministries.

MILESTONES

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

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

John Knox wrote about the reply of Jesus to the man who asked him to make a brother divide an inheritance with him. Jesus wouldn't do it! Then Knox used a phrase “God does not hear our complaints against others.” Knox wrote, “He asks, “what about you?”

In the blessings and expectations concerning christian's giving, each of us should ask “what about me?”

Church Chuckle

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5 and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson; “If Jesus were sitting here he would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait’.”

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus!”

Notices

A SINCERE THANK YOU to the ladies, who came to the Church last Saturday for the General Church Cleaning and did a fantastic job.

THE ACW WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported their Fall Sale. Congratulations to the following prize winners:

Print – Carolyn Rose
Christmas Stocking – Rev. Ed Keeping
Guess Cake – Henry Tucker

You can pick up your 2015 church envelopes

as you leave the church this morning. They are in the foyer.

Notices Cont'd

If anyone would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, we are in need of one blind for the church. Please contact Rev. Keeping if you are interested.

As a church, we are called to help needy people in our community and province. The need in this parish at this time of the year is not great. Therefore, with your help, I would like to provide some assistance to the Food Bank. The deadline is Sunday, Dec. 14th.

Cards & Darts Fellowship: The Cards & Darts Fellowship will be held on the **4th Wednesday of each month**, at 8:00pm.

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

Advent Bible Study has begun. This week, it will be held on Monday, Dec. 8th at 7:30pm. Dates for subsequent weeks will be announced.

ACW Closing Dinner for 2014 - Wednesday Dec. 10th. This will take place at P J Billingtons, Kenmount Road. All ladies of the parish are welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact Rebeca by Monday, Dec. 8th.

Select Vestry Meeting – Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 7:00pm. Please note change in time.

St. Philip's Anglican Church New Year's Eve Party – Wednesday, December 31st at 9:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and are available by contacting Una Skanes, Margaret Tucker or Rebecca Tucker.

Advent Envelopes: We encourage the people of our congregation to use their Advent envelopes during this season. These givings are a separate budget item and we graciously ask for your support at this time.

Christmas Flower Fund: If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for Christmas flowers in the Sanctuary, please note that the deadline is **Dec. 18th.**

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.

November 30 th 2014	
Regular Giving	\$1,561.00
Nov. 30 th 2014	
Maintenance Fund	\$1,505.00
Maintenance Fund	
To date	\$13,951.00

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 wanting 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.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT –

Reader 1: O God, we light the second candle of Advent. (With the first candle already burning, a family member lights the second candle.)

Reader 2: We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender you come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

Reader 1: Isaiah announced God’s coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God’s redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd—feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock. This Advent we seek such a God.

People: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.

People Sing: Shine on us, O God of justice;
Guide our path through gloom of night;
Bear within us Wisdom’s glory;
Come to us, O Christ the Light.

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.”

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent Scripture Readings for today, Dec. 7th,

1st Reading: **Isaiah 40: 1 – 11 Psalm 85: 1-2 & 8-13** (Pages 818 & 819) (Dawn Sharpe)

2nd Reading: **2nd Peter 3: 8-15a** (Lori Gosse)

Gospel: **Mark 1: 1-8** (Deacon Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 269:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Luke 3.4,6)

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) **Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before this glory; 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 our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) **Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet’s call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of 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: **Ethel Penney, Audrey Picco, Carl & Ann Picco, Louise Picco, John & Winnie Piercey, Diane Pollett, Bruce & Susan Powell and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Clarendville, The Rev. Robin Travors, Rector and the Parish of Bay of Islands, (2 congregations), Rev. Nelson Chatman, Rector

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: **Kinkizi – (Uganda), The Rt. Rev. Dan Zoreka**
