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**Anglican Church of St. Philip
895 -0715**

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November 22nd, 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



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**

The Reign of Christ Sunday

Today is the last Sunday of the Christian calendar. This Sunday is usually known as the "Reign of Christ Sunday" or "Christ the King Sunday". This day is the culmination of a year of following events and stories celebrating the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday we will begin the cycle over again, as we begin a new year in the life of the church as we anticipate the birth of the Christ Child.

As we look at the life and ministry of Jesus, there is one theme that is common throughout, which is

"The Kingdom of God". Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God more often than he spoke of anything else.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus said, "I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God...for I was sent for this purpose." (Luke 4:43).

In the Gospel accounts, Jesus' audiences were mainly poor and marginalized people and he spoke to them in a language that was rich with imagery that they could understand. These were people who had a keen understanding of the power of kings and emperors and who lacked power in their own daily lives. It is no wonder that Jesus caught their attention when he spoke about a different kind of kingdom where God reigns.

The Kingdom of God, as Jesus referred to it, meant God's will on earth; a place where all would experience the fullness of life and God's love and compassion would reign.

Jesus understood the Kingdom of God to be a present reality, a reality which could be actualized if people would only see it and live it.

God's Kingdom was present and made visible wherever right relationships were being established; wherever justice and compassion prevailed.

I believe that walking the way of Jesus and living in the fullness of the Kingdom of God requires "a conversion of the heart". We must put our beliefs in action as well as deepen our spiritual life by discerning God's will for us - living differently than the way we are presently living. "The Kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (Romans 14:17). Come, God, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom.

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

Most of us have sung the chorus,

He owns the cattle on a thousand hills, the wealth in every mine.
He owns the rivers and the rocks and rills,
The sun and stars that shine.

Then why doesn't He work out the operation of the church, the business of world missions and the satisfaction of human need, without offerings? Because He has given me the privilege of being an essential partner in this important enterprise, and because I need to learn the joy of giving.

Stewardship Statement

Nov. 15th, 2015

Regular Givings: \$1,148.00

Maint. Fund 100.00

E-Giving

Church Chuckle

Jesus vs. Satan

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said "THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job."

So Stan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused.

They faxed.

They e-mailed.

They e-mailed with attachments.

They downloaded.

They did spreadsheets!

They wrote reports.

They created labels and cards.

They created charts and graphs.

They did some genealogy reports.

They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and

Satan was faster than hell. The, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming:

"It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went out."

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work. Satan observed this and became irate. "Wait!" he screamed. "That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?"

God just shrugged and said,

JESUS SAVES

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.

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.

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.

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 394:
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!**

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

**Tyler Spurrell
"Forever In Our Hearts"**

by Mom, Dad and brother, Sheldon

Mother, Margaret (Mercer) Molloy
Dec. 22, 1905 – Nov. 22, 1997
“Never To Be Forgotten”

by daughter, Rose Mercer

Howard Tucker
April 18, 1926 – Nov. 4, 2001
“Never To Be Forgotten”

by special friend, Rose Mercer

Schedule of Services

Last Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 22nd

The Reign of Christ
Children’s Sunday

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

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), & Sunday school
Eucharistic Assts: Marianne Baker & Joan Tucker
Counters: Don Morgan & Ruth Hiscock
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

1st Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29th

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

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), & Sunday school
Eucharistic Assts: Todd Martin, George Sharpe
Counters: John Parrell, Gloria Earle
Sidesperson: John Parrell

Milestones

Congratulations to Rev. Ed Keeping on the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on November 27th, 1985.

The congregation is invited to celebrate Rev. Ed’s anniversary at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Friday, Nov. 27th at 7:00 pm here at the church.

Notices

ACW Fall Sale, Saturday, November 21st. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Parish Centre

Baked Goods, Crafts, Christmas Cake Table, Guess Cake, Christmas Stocking, White Elephant Table, etc. Lunch – Soup and Rolls plus Cookies, \$5.00.

ACM Meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 25th at 7:30 pm.

Pot Luck Lunch – Sunday, Nov. 29th we will hold our monthly pot luck luncheon following the 10:30 am service. All are welcome. Bring a pot luck dish.

Harvest Festival Event: 50/50 Ticket draw: up to Dec. 5th. Tickets are now available at the church office.

ACW Card Game: Monday, December 7th, at 8:00 pm. Lunch will be served. Cost \$5.00.

The Select Vestry is having a Moose Supper with Dessert on Saturday, December 12th 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Cost: \$15.00 per person. Tickets are now on sale from members of Vestry or at the Church Office. Supper by tickets only. Take-out available. Deadline for take-out Dec. 9th.

Cards & Darts: A decision will have to be made as to whether or not to continue with this group. We would need more participation than we have at present and although it was enjoyed by all who attended, the numbers are too small. If you are interested and would like to keep this group going, please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board posted in the foyer.

Memorial Windows: We are still accepting donations to the stained glass window (St. Philip) in the back of the church. You can give a gift in memory of a departed loved one to this window.

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. Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you want your child to attend.

Noteworthy Events

The Threshold Ministries, which was once known as the “Anglican Church Army in Canada”, is sharing God’s love by giving Hope this season and is seeking donations to carry out their mandate of evangelism and social service.

This ministry relies on the generosity of people like yourselves. I am still involved in this ministry although the name has changed over the past number of years.

Can you help with this ministry? Your money will help to initiate a new program and ministries. Without your help this will be impossible. Pamphlets can be found in the foyer.

St. Luke’s Annual Christmas Concert – Sunday, Dec. 6th at 7:30 pm. Hosted by Myrle and Marilyn Vokey. Tickets – \$22.50 (Call 729-3900). Place: Arts & Culture Centre.

Coastal Sounds Choir – Annual Holiday Concert – Friday, Dec. 18th at 7:30 – At All Saints Church, Foxtrap. Tickets - \$20.00 – online at www.coastalsounds.ca

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.

HELP WANTED

The Anglican Diocesan Resource Centre located at 19 King’s Bridge Road in St. John’s, NL requires a person to work part-time in the bookroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the month of November 2015. The applicant should have a working knowledge of using cash register and customer service. Training will be provided. Hours are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with a lunchbreak. Salary is \$12.00 per hour. Interested persons should apply to Archdeacon Sam Rose, Diocesan Executive Officer, via email at rose@anglicanenl.net or by phone (709)576-6697.

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, please see the brochure in the foyer or see the Diocesan website.

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 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 Last Sunday After Pentecost - The Reign of Christ & Children’s Sunday
Scripture Readings for today, November 22nd

1st Reading: 2nd Sam. 23: 1-7, Psalm 132: 1-13 (page 889) (Ches Barfitt)

2nd Reading: Revelation 1: 4b-8 (Ruth Hiscock)
Gospel: John 18: 33-37 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule. 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): Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this 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): Dean & Lisa Sharpe, Edward & Jill Sharpe, George & Shirley Sharpe, Gerald Sharpe, Keith & Tammy Sharpe, Mary Sharpe and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of Green Island (2 congregations), Rev. Marlene Harvey, Rector, and The Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, St. John's, Rev. Jonathan Rowe, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Wangaratta – (Victoria, Australia), The Rt. Rev. John Parkes.

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Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador
Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle**