

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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

February 8th, 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...

- ³⁵₁₇ To be Fishers of people in response to the call of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit;
- ³⁵₁₇ To be a House of Prayer
- ³⁵₁₇ To be a Centre for Christian Teaching;
- ³⁵₁₇ To be Disciples in learning;
- ³⁵₁₇ To be a fellowship of Loving and Sacrificial Service;
- ³⁵₁₇ 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

You have heard me speak about deepening our spirituality quite often, I'm sure. And if you were to ask people "what is Christian spirituality?" you would, no doubt, receive many different answers, depending, perhaps, on who you asked. All that I have written in our Bulletin "From the Rector's Desk" as well as in our preaching series on our Mission Statement is about "spirituality". In fact, all that takes place in church involves our spirituality and the deepening of our love relationship with the Lord and with one another... spiritual expression in practice.

Some folks might find spiritual discernment and the deepening of spirituality by listening to the experiences of the mystics or to people like Thomas Kempis who spoke of his experiences with God as "**familiar friendship with Jesus.**" By that he meant "a friendship that becomes dearer, closer, and more wonderful every day until we know Him as "Jesus lover of my soul", not only in song but in blissful experience". (Quoted from "Practicing His Presence").

Still others might speak to us about Brother Lawrence of France who died in February of 1691 or Frank Laubach, an American by birth, who died June, 1970. Gene Edwards describes their lives as a "testimony of two men's unique relationship with God...walking in the awareness of the presence of Christ...just as Christ walked about on earth, constantly aware of His Father."

Spirituality for those two men meant practicing a constant fellowship with Christ always in a living awareness of the presence of Christ in their life journey.

On September 18, 1931, Frank Laubach wrote in his journal "**I choose to look at people through God, using God as my glasses, coloured with His love for them.**" (Quoted from "Practicing His Presence"). For him, spirituality had a lot to do with how we look at others. I think it is a similar thought like that of St. Paul's when he wrote "From now on we regard no one from a human point of view."

On September 28, 1931, Frank Laubach wrote:
"Friendship with God is the friendship of child with parent. As an ideal son grows daily into a closer relationship with his father, so we may grow into closer love with God by widening into His interests, and thinking His thoughts, and sharing His

enterprises.” (Quoted from “Practicing His Presence”). For him, spirituality grew through relationship and friendship with God and by living in God’s way.

Brother Lawrence wrote **“I have always been governed by love without selfish views, and have resolved to make the love of God the end of all my actions. I have been well pleased with this single motive.”** (Quoted from Practicing His Presence”). For Brother Lawrence, spirituality was expressed in self-giving love which is, of course, living a life that is Christ-like; letting Christ’s love flow into him and then to let Christ’s love flow from him to others. He also wrote, **“We shall not become like Christ until we give him more time.”** In our world, which is much more busy and preoccupied than his world, we could receive this as good advice for growing our spirituality.

A theologian and Christian writer, Evelyn Frost, writes: **“The temperature of the spiritual life of the church is the index of her power to heal”** (Quoted from Synthesis). Christian spirituality is expressed in our need to be healed and our willingness to let God use us in his work of healing. In our Gospel lesson today, Jesus heals Simon’s mother-in-law. One thing we can learn from this is that God’s healing presence is right there with us---in the house, in the kitchen, in the sickroom, in the ordinary. In the “Rule of St. Benedict” we are told that our way to God lies in the daily and the ordinary. Commenting on the “Rule of St. Benedict”, Esther Waal writes this: **“If I cannot find God here and now, in my home and in my work, in my daily routine, in the things that I handle in the kitchen or in the office, then it is no good looking for Him anywhere else...St. Benedict is asking us to sanctify the present moment, whether in chapel, kitchen, library, or garden”.**

“There is a story of two men walking along a crowded sidewalk in a down-town business area. Suddenly one exclaimed: “Listen to the lovely sound of that cricket.” But the other man could not hear. He asked his friend how it was that he could hear amid the noise of people and traffic.

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From the “Rector’s Desk (Cont’d)

The first man, who was a zoologist, had trained himself to listen to the voices of nature. But he didn’t explain. He simply took a coin out of his pocket and dropped it to the sidewalk, whereupon a dozen people began to look about them. “We hear”, he said, “what we listen for.” (Quoted from Synthesis)

Spiritual development involves training ourselves to listen and be attentive to God’s presence wherever we find ourselves or in whatever circumstances may come our way. It involves our discipleship and stewardship, prayerful conversation and listening to God, quiet meditation and reflection, meditation upon the scriptures, seeing God in our world, seeing Christ in others and living as unto Christ.

As we come close to the **Lenten Season**, I take this opportunity to challenge our people to make a renewed effort of using the disciplines the church recommends for a deeper and closer walk in dearer company with our Lord as he heads to Jerusalem, to Good Friday and Easter. Attend our upcoming **Lenten Quiet Day**. Spirituality and spiritual growth involves a great many things and really is the art of **Practicing His Presence**.

Rev. Ed+

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

We share a lot of good things in the church – laughter, tears, urgent prayer, praise. We face tests and cries together. We

select from among ourselves those who lead us. We have sent from ourselves missionary partners around the world. It is ultimately our responsibility, challenge and pleasure to keep this church growing and to stretch its outreach and impact – not that of a council, Synod, executive group or headquarters.

If we are to be the church we can be, under God’s direction, we will do it. Our money commitments are important to our life and strength as a church.

Church Chuckle

“Good Samaritan”: A Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead.

She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then, she asked the class, “If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?”

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, “I think I’d throw-up”.

MILESTONES

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

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

My mother,
Maud Squires
Feb. 8, 1903 – March 30, 1982
By Nina & Family

Errol Sharpe
By Shirley & Family

Harvey Sharpe
By Mary, Cheryl & Beverly

Heber Walters
who passed from life to” life eternal” on February 4th, 2003

“If we could have one lifetime wish
One dream that could come true,
We’d pray to God with all our hearts
For yesterday and you.”

by Lorna, Donna, Lorna D., Dale, Roy, Rendell and Robin

Schedule of Services

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

The Last Sunday after Epiphany, Feb. 15th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: David Bartlett

10:30 AM - Holy Communion (BAS), Sunday School.
Eucharistic Assts: Todd Martin, George Sharpe
Counters: Don Morgan, Ruth Hiscock
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

Pot-Luck Lunch and Annual Congregational Meeting following the 10:30 a.m. service.

Ash Wednesday, February 18th
7:00 pm Service of Holy Eucharist

Notices

As noted above, the **Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, February 15th**, following the 10:30 a.m. service. We will meet for a pot-luck luncheon and then move into the annual meeting.

Pancake Supper & Card Game – Shrove Tuesday, February 17th at 5:00 pm

Annual Financial Statements

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

Notices (Cont'd)

Lenten Quiet Day

Date: Sat., Feb. 21st
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: St. Philip's Anglican Church
Retreat Leader: **Deacon David Bell**
The three talks for the day are:
 Incarnation and Sanctification
 Temptation and Death
 The Triumph of the Light
To register, call the Church Office at 895-0715

Memorial Request

Recently, we installed projectors and screens in the sanctuary. 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.

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.

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

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.

February 1st, 2015

Regular Givings	\$1,305.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 825.00
E-givings for Jan.	\$1,205.00

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.

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 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Scripture Readings for today, February 8th

1st Reading: **Isaiah 40: 21 – 31 Psalm 147: 1 – 12, 21c** (Joan Osmond)

2nd Reading: **1st Corinthians 9: 16 – 23** (Rev. Russell Osmond)

Gospel: **Mark 1: 29 - 39** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 353:

He took our infirmities and bore our diseases

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, 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: **Laura Squires, Gerald & Nina Squires, Gordon & Jackie Squires, Halley Squires, Joseph Jr. & Evelyn Squires, and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of Buchans (4 congregations), the Rector is awaiting appointment, and The Parish of Holy Trinity (Trinity/Conception) (8 congregations), Rev. Nancy March, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for, Maiduguri – (Jos, Nigeria), The Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Kana Mani.

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