

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**

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

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

From the Rector

Last weekend was the last long weekend of the summer.

This week, we have seen our children return to the classroom for another year. Over the next few weeks, we here in the life of St. Philip's church will see people coming back to church for worship after the summer break. The church will be busier as organizations restart after a period of closure for the summer. I want to welcome everyone back and hope the summer was a relaxing, refreshing and rewarding time for all of you.

It is also a time to catch a vision of what we want to do for the next number of months in the life of the church. We have been reflecting upon a number of things over the summer as we have taken a look at the needs of our church. Some of the priorities that we will be addressing over the next few months and preparing for the future will be in the areas of our cemetery being extended, beautification of our land around the church, growing the church and allowing our people to grow spiritually.

We started in June with a mission to help our people to grow spiritually and we will continue this in 2016.

One of the things I hope to do this Fall is to have more people of our parish involved in the ministry of the church. These ministries include the "Prayers of the People" Group, Sidespersons, ACM, ACW, P.A. System Team, Counting Team, Stewardship Team and more fellowship, etc.

We have to have a vision as we move forward as a parish. I ask you to reflect upon the "Stewardship Thought" for this week as printed below.

I believe we can grow the church by involving more people, bringing people in to teach and help us to grow spiritually; allowing people to fulfil their ministry within the context of the church. More important for us is to be a welcoming church as

people come to visit often looking for a place to worship – a spiritual home.

As we do more reflecting in the near future, other things will be put on our agenda.

Now, I am calling upon you to reflect and pray to see if God is calling you to be involved in the ministry of St. Philip's Church.

For those who have been deeply involved over the past number of years, I want to thank you for your ministry.

*Rev. Ed*

### **A Stewardship Thought for the Week**

Vision will always be carried by a few! In the church those few will give more, work more, love more, and win more – and be blessed more, in every conceivable way – than the big group gathered at the edge of the church.

I hope that we few – all of us – from today forward will be more fiercely committed to moving this church to the greatness of the servant of all, Jesus Christ.

### **Church Chuckle**

As a young man, McKerry was an exceptional golfer. At the age of 26, however, he decided to become a preacher. On being assigned to a church, he was distressed to discover that they had a strict rule that their Pastor must not engage in any sports, including golf. This was particularly difficult for McKerry, but he agreed.

One Sunday morning, Pastor McKerry woke up and, realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf.

So...he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to give the sermon for him that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Pastor McKerry headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his congregation.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then Pastor McKerry hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. It WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE! St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

### **Noteworthy Events**

**Portugal Cove ACW** - Monthly Card Games are held the second Tuesday of each month at St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 8:00 pm. Cost \$5.00 and lunch is served.

**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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First World

War. For further information, please see the brochure in the foyer or see the Diocesan website.

### **Stewardship Statement**

**Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Regular Givings:** \$ 912.00  
**Maint. Fund** 865.00  
**E-Giving**

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

**Dear Brother, Wm. Charles Squires**  
**April 4, 1950 – Sept. 11, 2014**  
**by Canon Shirley & Charlie**

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### **Schedule of Services**

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**10:30 am** – Holy Eucharist (BAS) **Eucharistic Assts:** Jennifer Tucker, Mose Tucker

**Counters:** Susan Powell, Tom Tulk

**Sidesperson:** Gerald Sharpe

#### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**10:30 am** – Holy Eucharist (BAS) **Eucharistic Assts:** Ches Barfitt,

**Counters:** John Parrell, Gloria Earle

**Sidesperson:** John Parrell

### **Notices**

**Vestry Meeting:** Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**ACM Meeting:** Wednesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**Sunday School:** Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am.

Our Sunday school program for 2015 – 2016 will resume on Sunday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin at 10:15 in the Parish Centre. If you are interested in being a teacher, please contact Lisa Lake or call the Church Office.

**Confirmation:** Will take place on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Bishop Peddle will be the celebrant and preacher.

Please note that those being confirmed on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> need to be in church on Sunday morning, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> in preparation for confirmation the following Sunday.

**Pot Luck Lunch:** Following the Confirmation Service there will be a pot luck lunch for the candidates and the congregation. All are welcome. We ask that you bring a pot luck dish for that day.

**2017 Confirmation: Notice to Parents of children who will be confirmed in 2017.** October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 we will begin 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.

**ACW Card Game:** Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 pm. Lunch will be served. Cost \$5.00.

**Prayers of the People:** We are asking members of the congregation to prayerfully consider becoming members of this group. We would like to have 3 or 4 more members join us. I will be approaching people to share in this ministry over the next few weeks.

**Pamphlets – “Daily Bread” and “Today”:**  
Please pick up the Sept/Oct editions of these pamphlets for your daily devotions.

**Memorial Windows:** There is now an opportunity for families who would like to donate a Memorial Window in the Church in Memory of Departed Loved Ones. The cost ranges from \$2,075.00 to \$2,395.00. We are hoping to put in at least three windows on each side of the church for the time being. The cost depends on the design, so if you are interested, please come to the church and look at the designs that are available. On the bulletin board in the foyer are samples of the designs with or without the emblem. Some will have the emblems added so that is why there is a cost range. Both the stained glass window in the back of the church, over the doors, as well as the one over the Altar are scheduled to be installed this month.

**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.

**New 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 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.**

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**Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture Readings for today, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 21: 4b - 9 Psalm 98: 1 - 6 (Page 836)  
(Wendy Decker)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1st Corinthians 1: 18 - 24 (Margaret Sheppard-Boone)

Gospel: John 3: 13 - 17 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our  
BAS Lectionary, Page 380:

**I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by  
which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**

**Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, you call your  
Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help  
us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it  
may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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): Holy God, accept all we  
offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table  
bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name  
of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God of peace, in this  
eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours.  
May we who have been nourished by holy things always have**

**the courage to forgive. 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: Dennis & Lori Mercer, Derek and Carol Mercer, Ernest & Barbara Mercer, Mildred Mercer, Myrtle Mercer and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Corner Brook); Rev. Canon Roberta Woodman RD, Rector, Ven. Edward King, Hon. Asst. and The Parish of Bell Island, (2 congregations); Rev. Ron Lee, Pro Tem.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for South Dakota , The Rt. Revd. John Tarrant.