

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 6th, 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**



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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

*I want to share with you this morning an excerpt from
Anita Corrine Donihue's book, "Here I am, Lord."*

Do Things Happen for a Reason?

Remember that night, Lord, when I was working my second job? It was three thirty in the morning, the end of my shift. When Tammy and I walked to our cars, mine wouldn't start. I was so tired, Lord. Thank You for Tammy staying and helping me get it started. It took about ten minutes, but it seemed like forever. We drove toward home in the same direction. As we approached an intersection, police cars were everywhere. We had to take a detour to get home. We learned later that ten minutes before we arrived, a double murder had occurred, and the fugitive escaped on foot. Because my car stalled, we were kept safe.

Many experiences cause me to feel countless things happen for a reason. Do You allow some events to occur in order to accomplish something else? Do You use difficult experiences to help me be tried and refined so I might grow stronger and shine like gold? Do some mishaps occur so others can be blessed?

You promise that You will never leave me or forsake me. In Philippians 1, the Bible says when trouble comes, You give help through the prayers of others and Your Holy Spirit. Somehow You cause things to work together for good.

Thank You for watching over me, Lord, for being my refuge and strength.

"I am going to keep on being glad, for I know that as you pray for me, and as the Holy Spirit helps me, this is all going to turn out for my good."

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

Whole-Life Stewardship

Offering time! Stewardship! Money! How we get, keep, spend, and give are all important parts of our stewardship. But there are other parts too.

We are stewards of the gospel. We anxiously tell people about salvation in Jesus Christ, and welcome them into a fellowship of His servants. Only if we keep quiet will we fail to grow.

We are stewards of our potential. Thousands at our doorstep in this community; people in need of healthy homes and healthy personal lives, people in need of warm Christian fellowship, and people with talent, who, if challenged and channeled for Christ, could give Him great service.

We are stewards of our influence. A strong church, with a strong faith and a firm Bible morality changes and freshens and strengthens a community.

In all these ways we are stewards of God's gifts.

Church Chuckle

Three ministers were sitting in a retirement home discussing religion; a Baptist, a Methodist and a Presbyterian.

They started talking about religious groups other than their own that they admired the most.

The Presbyterian Minister said, "I've always admired the Catholics, with their formality, the architecture, the Latin and the grandeur of Mass. I think if I had not been a Presbyterian, I might have been a Catholic."

The Methodist Minister chimed in and said, "I've always admired the Amish, with their simple approach to life, their closeness to God and the land. If I hadn't been a Methodist, I think I would have liked to have been Amish."

The two then turned to their Baptist Brother who had suddenly become very quiet. One of them asked, "Well Brother, if you hadn't been a Baptist, what would you have been?"

His one word reply, "Ashamed."

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 100th Anniversary of the First World War. For further information, please see the brochure in the foyer or see the Diocesan website.

Please pick up your Mid-Year Financial Statement in the foyer. If you are able to deliver any of the remaining statements in your area, it would be greatly appreciated.

Stewardship Statement

August 30th, 2015

Regular Givings: \$ 2,387.00

Maint. Fund 55.00

E-Giving

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

William Tucker

**Dear Father, Father-in-law and Grandfather
by Catherine, Baxter, Michael & Family.**

Harold W. Sheppard

Sept. 6, 1911 – Dec. 14, 2003

by Nina and Family

Edgar Belbin

And in honor of the marriage of his Granddaughter, Jessica Montes, which takes place this afternoon in St. Philip's Church by Shirley Belbin & Family

Schedule of Services

15th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 6th

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

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) **Eucharistic Assts:** Debbie Collis, Harve Hiscock

Counters: Susan Powell, Tom Tulk

Sidesperson: Todd Martin

16th Sunday after Pentecost, 13th

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

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

Counters: Susan Powell, Tom Tulk

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

Notices

Cards & Darts: There will be a Cards & Darts game night on **Wednesday, September 9th, at 8:00 pm.** The purpose of this game is to allow a number of people to catch up on their games. Our end-of-year night will be on Wednesday, September 30th, 2015. All are welcome to the Cards & Darts game nights.

Vestry Meeting: Monday, September 14th at 7:30 pm.

ACM Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 16th at 7:30 pm.

Sunday School: Sunday, Sept. 20th at 10:15 am.

Our Sunday school program for 2015 – 2016 will resume on Sunday, Sept 20th. 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 27th at 10:30 am. Bishop Peddle will be the celebrant and preacher.

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.

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

Survey – Annual Flower Service:

The results are as follows:

There were 66 responses.

1. 26 – Last Sunday in July at 10:30 am.
2. 18 – Last Sunday in July at 2:00 pm
3. 17 – Week night during last week of July.
4. 3 – Another Sunday and a new time
5. 2 - Last Sunday in July at 7:00 pm.

A decision will be made at or before our annual meeting.

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.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost **Scripture Readings for today, September 6th**

1st Reading: **Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23** Psalm 125: (Pages 884 & 885) (Debbie Collis)

2nd Reading: **James 2: 1-10, 14-17** (Dawn Sharpe)

Gospel: **Mark 7: 24 - 37** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 378:

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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): Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, 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: Winnie Lynch, Todd Martin, Nina Martin-Sheppard, William & Bernice Martin/Butler, Denise Mercer and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Parish of Gander (2 congregations); Rev. John Watton, Rector, Rev. Brian Candow, Associate and Rev. Harvey Bullen, Part-time Asst. and The Parish of Carbonear; Rev. Ken Penney, Rector, Pro Tem.**

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **Sialkot (Pakistan) The Rt. Rev. Samuel Pervaiz.**