

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**

MARCH 29, 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**



From the Rector's Desk

PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem... the week before his death and glorious resurrection.

For many Christian churches, Palm Sunday is now often referred to as the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday. It marks the beginning of Holy Week which concludes on Easter Sunday.

The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, the crowds greeted him by cutting down palm branches and waving them and covering the path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey toward the cross.

The Biblical account of Palm Sunday can be found in Matthew 21: 1-11, Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 19: 28-44 and John 12: 12-19.

Palm branches are a part of our worship for today. This marks Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem as foretold by the prophet, Zechariah, years before the time of Jesus.

They greeted Jesus not as the Spiritual Messiah who would take away the sins of the world but as a potential political leader who would overthrow the Romans. Their shout of "Hosanna" that day simply meant "save now".

In ancient times, palm branches symbolized "goodness and victory". The palms were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Solomon had palm branches carved into the wall and doors of the temple (1 Kings 6:29). Again at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9).

As we gather here today, we raise our palm branches and crosses to remember our Lord's sacrificial death on the cross, praise him for the gift of salvation and look expectantly to his second coming.

So, as we begin Holy Week, let us prepare ourselves to follow Jesus to the Cross and partake in his glorious resurrection.

Rev. Ed

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

How can an imperfect institution like the Church – with its glory days, and its normal plodding times, and its fractured moments – represent the eternal God? So human, so divine? Should we commit ourselves and our resources to this?

Yes! It's in God's plan. We can participate in something much bigger than ourselves!

Church Chuckle

Whilst sitting at a table in a busy Barnstaple restaurant, a lady was joined at the table by two nuns. She was curious about their religious affiliation and asked "What is your order?"

The nuns replied "Sausage & Chips."

Someone once said: "*Bibles which are falling apart are read by people who aren't*".

MILESTONES

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

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.

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.

March 22nd & 25th 2015

Regular Givings	\$ 1,504.00
Lenten Offering	\$ 280.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 135.00
E-Giving –	

Lenten Giving: We have set a budget of \$3,500 for our Lenten Giving. Please give this your prayerful consideration during Lent.

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.

Update - We have begun receiving donations toward the stained glass window. If you are interested in making a donation, now is the time.

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.

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

BEATRICE TUCKER

March 29, 1932 – February 3, 2010

By: The Family

Schedule of Services

Palm Sunday March 29th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Jennifer Tucker

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (BAS), Sunday School. **Pot Luck Lunch following the service**

Eucharistic Assts: Mose Tucker & Charlie Gosse.
Counters: Susan Powell & Sherry Lynn Connolly
Sidesperson: Don Morgan

Wednesday, April 1st

7:00 PM - Lenten Service (no Eucharist)
Lenten Theme: Parables of the Gospel

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

7:00 PM - Holy Communion & Washing of Feet

Good Friday, April 3rd

12:00 Noon - Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Sunday April 5th

8:00 AM – Holy Communion (BCP) (**Said Service**) followed by Breakfast
Eucharistic Assistant: Joan Tucker & Dave Bartlett

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assts: Debbie Collis & Harve Hiscock
Counters: Linda Roberts & Todd Martin
Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

Notices

EASTER FLOWERS – Please note that the **deadline** for anyone wishing to give a donation toward flowers for the Easter Service in memory of departed loved ones

is Wednesday, April 1st.

ACW MEETNG – Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30 PM.

ACW SUB SALE – April 15th is the date for the annual Sub Sale. A sub sandwich, two cookies and a soft drink for \$8.00. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Orders must be in by April 7th. If you require further information, please contact Rebecca at 895-2343.

FOR SALE – Here at the Church, we have four (4) chairs to sell for a small price. One of the chairs is on display in the foyer this morning.

SOUND SYSTEM – We are in need of people to operate our sound system on Sunday mornings. If you are interested and are willing to be trained, please see your rector.

EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS NEEDED

The hospital chaplains are looking for Eucharistic Assistants to assist with Holy Communion at St. Clare's Hospital and the Leonard Miller Centre.

Eucharistic Assistants are needed at St. Clare's from 8:30 am – 9:30 am and at the Leonard Miller Centre from 1:00 pm.

If any Eucharistic Assistants are willing to volunteer, please see your Rector.

DAMA Weekend at Lavrock – Apr. 10th & 11th, 2015

Registration: 3:30 – 5:00 pm on the 10th.

Deadline for registration – March 22nd, 2015. Let your local president know if you are attending.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Teaching Mission

I have invited the Rev. Dr. Rudolph Anthony from St. Mark's Church, Hattieville for a teaching mission. He will be in the Parish from June 1st to June 15th. I can tell you there will be special services each evening from June 9th to June 12th with more information to come as that date approaches.

I hope this will become a yearly project in the life of our Parish. It is a way to deepen our faith in the One who gave his all for us.

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.

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 want to rent the parish hall can call the church office at 895-0715.

Recyclable Donations: -Recycling is a fundraising project of the ACM and your assistance is needed. *"We thank you for your co-operation in removing screw top covers from all bottles – plastic & glass - and further ask that you remove corks and screw tops from alcoholic beverage containers."* 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. If you can help with sorting the recyclables on Monday or Tuesday nights please call John Parrell. **The ACM could really use your help.**

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 Information Support Group:

8 weeks of support for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

- Facilitated by Jean White-Coady & Erik Seaward every Thursday from April 9th, 2015 to May 28th, 2015
- Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Location: Canon Wood Hall (St. Thomas's Church, 8 Military Road
- Registration is required:
- Call 368-7050 or email jean.jay@nf.sympatico.ca

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

Scripture Readings for today, March 29th

1st Reading: **Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a Psalm 31: 9 - 16, (pages 740 & 741)** (Ruth Hiscock)

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2: 5 – 11** (Harvey Hiscock)

Gospel: **Mark 15: 1 - 39** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 300:

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; 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) Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this Eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. 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: **Douglas & Judy Tucker, Edith Tucker, Edmund & Joan Tucker, Edna Tucker, Eliza Tucker, and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Parish of St. Lawrence, The Rev. Garry Parsons, Rector and The Parish of Bay d'Espoir, (2 congregations), The Rev. Roy Simms, Rector.**

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Middle East. The Rt. Revd Suheil Dawani.