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February 28th, 2016 (Year C)

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**

Several years ago a young man participating in a wilderness survival adventure died of thirst. He was just 100 yards from a pool of fresh water when he dropped dead. Instructors and other participants watched, never offering him a drink of the emergency water they were carrying. When asked why they did not help him, instructors said they wanted him to succeed in reaching the goal he had set for himself.

Our Lenten journey begins with Jesus in the wilderness, where, Mark tells us, he was attended by angels. How thirsty he must have been! How thankful for the water provided by angels during those forty days.

Thirst is one of the body's early warning systems. It signals that one's internal fluids are out of balance, a balance that is essential for the body to function properly. Too little water leads to light-headedness, muscle cramps and confusion. Too much water can have the same symptoms and lead to liver and kidney problems and congestive heart failure. A severe fluid imbalance in the body can result in death.

As humans we thirst for many things, not just water. During Lent we venture with Jesus into the dryness of the desert. Our hearts thirst for closeness to God. We are aware of an imbalance in our relationship with the divine. We search for springs of living water.

Matthew 25 is a call to give care, but it can also be a call to accept the care offered to us. In our social and economic privilege, we often wince at the prospect of asking for help. Like the young man on the survival course, we focus on reaching some arbitrary goal of our own imagining and ignore our need for help. Spiritual journeys are every bit as fraught with danger as hikes in the wilderness. We had best go with companions, spiritual friends who will answer our pleas for water when we thirst, hope when we despair, a healing touch when we experience pain. We must learn to ask for help when we need it and accept help when it is offered. Our salvation depends on it. (Taken from a meditation by Lee Anne Reat in a book entitled Meeting Jesus on the Margins)

Rev. Ed.

Church Chuckles

A small boy stunned his parents when he began to empty his pockets of nickels, dimes and quarters.

Finally, his mother said, "Where did you get all that money?"

"At Sunday School", he replied nonchalantly. "They have bowls of it."

Two people are seated in a restaurant and are approached by the waiter. "Welcome to Paula's Pie Pavillion, my name is Brent and I will be your "server" today, BUT this does not imply that I am in any way inferior to either of you."

Jesus' teaching regarding having a "servant's heart" gave Brent an unexpected chip on his shoulder.

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

The neighbours in our community think this is really a rich church – our building, our missions

program, our staff members, our strong regular offerings. We *are* rich, but not the way they think. We're just working folks who love the Lord and delight in his church. We want it to be a great one, and to do as much for the Christ as we possibly can.

It's time for us rich folks to bring our prepared offering.

Stewardship Statement

Feb. 17th & 21st

Regular Givings: \$ 1,575.00

Maint. Fund \$ 343.69

E-Giving

"Prayerfully consider your parish in your estate planning."

Notices

DAMA Winter Meeting, Today, February 28th at 5:30 pm – St. Augustine's Church.

Lenten Quiet Time – Saturday, March 5th

Theme: Four Hours of Grace

Leader: Bishop Geoff

Place: Church of the Good Shepherd

To Register, Call 747-1022.

Hosts needed for Synod Billets

The Diocese is seeking Hosts for Billets for the upcoming Diocesan Synod being held from April 21 – 24, 2016, in the City of Mount Pearl. Our billets are most commonly individuals from Labrador and the Trinity/Placentia area. Hosts will be asked to provide transportation to and from the Church of the Ascension, Mount Pearl during the dates of Synod as well as pick up and return to the St. John's Airport, if necessary. Some meals will be required by the Hosts but the majority of meals will be at Synod. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Elizabeth Crisby at (709)576-6697 or email adminassistant@anglicanenl.net

The new ACW Altar/Cleaning Schedule is available in the foyer.

Pews from the old church building are now on sale in the Foyer for \$250.00.

Volunteer Drivers: The H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre is looking for volunteers in this community to drive patients to their appointments. If you are able to help in this way, please call the Centre at 777-6480.

Employment Opportunity: Lavrock Camp and Conference Centre, Salmonier Line, NL. The Lavrock Board of Management is seeking a **Manager** for April 1st to Nov. 30th, 2016. Anyone interested in this position is asked to contact Rev. Keeping or Synod Office at 576-6697.

Stained Glass Windows: There are **three** windows remaining without stained glass and if you or your family would like to donate one of these as a memorial gift, please contact your Rector.

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.

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life

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

Our dear, **Loretta Tucker**
by Victor & family
"Forever in our Hearts"

Our precious mother, mother-in-law, grandmother & great-grandmother

Eliza Tucker

Feb. 29, 1920 – July 6, 2015

by her family
Mom would have celebrated her 24th Leap Year birthday on Feb. 29, 2016

Frank Pack
Aug. 15, 1924 – Feb. 28, 1998
by daughters Christine, Ruth & Carol

My husband, **John Lewis Picco**
Born in 1937, died on Feb. 28, 2013
by Louise Picco
“Always in my heart”

Our father, **John Lewis Picco**
By Carl and Richard Picco and Carmella Evans
“Never to be forgotten”

Schedule of Services

Third Sunday in Lent February 28th

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

Assistant: Dave Bartlett

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assts: Todd Martin, George Sharpe

Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas **Sidesperson:**
Todd Martin

Wednesday: March 2nd

7:00 pm Lenten Service

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 6th

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

Assistant: Debbie Collis

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assts: Harve Hiscock, Marianne Baker

Counters: Susan Powell, Tom Tulk **Sidesperson:**
Gerald Sharpe

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.

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. Registration for the present class is now

closed. Registration for the next two year program will be announced at a later date.

Please check the clothes closets in the church foyer to see if any of these coats, sweaters, etc. belongs to you. Over the next few weeks, any unclaimed items will be removed and given to the needy.

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.**

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. **As per the motion passed at the Annual General Meeting on Feb. 21/16, any money received for this fund will go into a separate account and will not be used for general operating expenses.**

Milestones

If you know of anyone in the Parish celebrating a milestone in their lives, please contact the Church Office so that we can share the good news in our church bulletin.

Noteworthy Events

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.

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.

TOUR MAGNIFICENT SPAIN AND PORTUGAL -

Join us for an exciting 18 days (September 23 – October 10, 2016) touring Spain and Portugal. Come and feel the breath of history as we wander the narrow streets of ancient town and explore palaces, castles and monasteries of former great powers and relax on beaches of the Mediterranean. This will be a journey of a lifetime featuring fascinating history, distinctive cultures and extraordinary scenery. The price is all-inclusive. Brochures available and questions answered by calling 709-754-8720 or emailing: wdkn10@gmail.com.

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 Song - 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 Third Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings for today, February 28th

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55: 1 – 9 Psalm 63: 1 – 8**
(Page 783) (Todd Martin)

2nd Reading: **1st Corinthians 10: 1 – 13 (Ches Barfitt)**

Gospel: **Luke 13: 1 – 9 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)**

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our

weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; 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): Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, 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): Victor & Joan Tucker, Victor Tucker, Wade & Judy Tucker, Walter & Susanna Tucker, and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of the Epiphany, Heart’s Delight/Islington, Rev. Eli Evans, Rector, and The Parish of Catalina (4 congregations), Rev. Valerie Gillam, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, The Most Rev. Kahwa Henri Isingoma, Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kinshasa