

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**

December 28th, 2014 (Year A)

**The Bulletin today is given to the glory of God and in Loving
Memory of:
Bonnie Butler
Feb. 6, 1961 – August 29, 2013
by Mom & Bill**

**Alice & Arthur Squires
by Dorothy & family**

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

The following is a statement from Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, in response to the massacre of 132 schoolchildren and nine staff by the Taliban in Peshawar, Pakistan.

“At Morning Prayer today in the crypt chapel at Lambeth Palace in London, England, Archdeacon Paul Fehleley and I joined Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and the religious community housed at Lambeth in remembering the 132 schoolchildren and nine staff massacred in yesterday's vicious attack by the Taliban in Peshawar, Pakistan. As the world watches the anguish of the grieving parents burying their children, we are left wondering how such evil intent to kill innocent children continues to stock the earth.

In light of this tragedy, it is hard not to remember that the birth of the Christ Child prompted Herod to order the slaughter of innocent children. It is a part of the Christmas story that is not widely told, but it reminds us that from his earliest days Our Lord would have been acquainted with grief and that ancient image of Rachel weeping for her children. (Matthew 2: 13-18).

Our Lord is known for taking children in his arms, blessing them and upholding their awe and wonder in the love and trust of those who care for them.

In his dear name let us pray for the Holy Innocents of Pakistan and the death they suffered. Let us pray for their parents and the pain they bear and for all who reach out to comfort them.

As we remember this horrific crime against humanity let us pray for all the children who have been the innocent victims of

the terrorist activities that have marred this entire year. Let us look and labour for that day when among all people it can be said, "Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets" (Zechariah 8: 4-5).

Rev. Ed

Joyce and I would like to thank our parishioners for the Christmas cards and gifts we received during the Christmas Season. Thank you for your kindness.

Schedule of Services

1st Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 28th

9:30 AM - Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Asst: Charlie Gosse

Counters: Lori Johnson and Linda Thomas

Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

7:30 PM - Carol & Lesson Service

(The list of names for which flowers were placed in the Sanctuary for Christmas will be read at this service)

2nd Sunday after Christmas, January 4th

8:30 am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Church Chuckle

Try before you buy:

Myra was going to the Christmas office party but needed a new party dress. In the clothing store she asked, "May I try on that dress in the window, please?" "Certainly not, madam", responded the salesgirl. "You will have to use the fitting room like everyone else".

MILESTONES

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

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

I think that these are days when giving is easy! Yes, some of us have just made a quarterly tax payment, and vacations are coming up.

But God's blessings are evident. Haven't there been times recently when you walked outside in the pleasant evening air and thought to yourselves, "Boy, it's great to be alive!" All we have comes from God, and there is more (and better) still to come - His presence forever.

The church rejoices in these good days. We gratefully use God's good gifts and hear the call to service in His present kingdom, and we are anxious to announce His eternal kingdom. We gladly bring our part for sharing and spreading life and witness, the growth, and the fellowship of Christ's church.

December 24th, 2014

Regular Giving \$4,953.00

Christmas Offerings 4,342.00

Dec. 24th, 2014

Maintenance Fund \$ 305.00

Maintenance

Fund To date \$15,256.00

Thank you for your most generous offerings.

The Church's financial books will close on Wednesday, December 31st at noon. **The church office will be open from 9:30 am – 12:00 noon for receive your offerings.** At this time, I want to encourage our congregation to consider giving a little extra in the white envelope to meet our budget for 2014. I would like to mention as well, those who haven't supported the ministry of the church in 2014, this is the time to give with a generous heart.

You can pick up your 2015 church envelopes as you leave the church this morning. They are in the foyer.

Notices

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.

Church Calendars: The ACW still has church calendars for sale. They are \$5.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, please see Rebecca after church or call her at 895-2343.

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.

St. Philip's Anglican Church New Year's Eve Party – Wednesday, December 31st at 9:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and are available by contacting Margaret Tucker or Rebecca Tucker.

Cards & Darts Fellowship: The Cards & Darts Fellowship will be held on the **4th Wednesday of each month**, at 8:00pm, **but not in December.** The next scheduled date is January 28th.

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: - 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. This is a project of the ACM. If you can help with sorting the recyclables on Monday or Tuesday nights please call John Parrell. Your help is needed.

