

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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): God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Merciful God, may this Eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our savior. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and forever. Amen

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): **Mark and Sharon Tucker, Moses G. & Linda Tucker, Raymond and Sharon Tucker, Victor & Joan Tucker, Victor Tucker and their families.**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Kericho (Kenya). The Rt. Revd Jackson Ole Sapit.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Synod office staff, Retired clergy, Deacons and other licensed clergy.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for The Diocese of Central Newfoundland – Bishop John Watton

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Dec. 11th, 2016 (Year A)

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**

If you look at the readings for the past two Sundays in Advent and again today, the theme has been and continues to be "We are to complete the work that He has left for us."

What does that mean for us? Do we believe that that

we are truly called to complete this work? Is it a job for us or just for those ordained?

As Christians, we work together – both lay and ordained – to complete his work in the world. His work that needs to be done in the world, I believe, is to bring people from all walks of life into a new and deeper understanding of the person of Jesus Christ. To bring them into a relationship with Him who was born in Bethlehem for them.

Is our world today any different from the world of the

first century? As it was then, it is now

MAINTENANCE FUND: We are now asking our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us low our debt on the new furnace. We have borrowed in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan is out for seven years. We will be paying **\$653.93** per month starting on Dec.31st, 2016

Milestones

Congratulation to Canon Don Morgan on the 55th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on Dec.10th

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.**

The Collect, Epistle
and Gospel for the
Second Sunday of
Advent

Scripture Readings
for today, Dec. 11th.

1st Reading: Isaiah
35: 1-10
Psalm 146: 4-9,
(Page 905)
(Joan Osmond)

2nd Reading: James
5: 7-10
(Rev. Russell
Osmond)

Gospel: Matthew
11: 2-11

Dismissal Song:

**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 Scriptural
Sentence for our
worship today as
appointed in our BAS
Lectionary. Page 270:

**The Spirit of the
Lord God is
upon me,
because the
Lord has
anointed me to
bring good**

**tidings to the
afflicted.**

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

**Tyler Spurrell
Dec. 10, 1997 –
Nov. 20, 2011
Always
remembered,
forever loved.
Mom, Dad and
Best Buddy &
Brother, Sheldon**

**And
Our dear Loretta
Tucker
March 16th 1944 –
June 27, 2014
“Forever in our
hearts”
By Victor and
family**

Schedule of
Services

Third Sunday of
Advent – Dec.11th
8:30 AM - Holy
Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic
Assistant –
Marianne Baker
10:30 AM - Holy
Eucharist (BAS)/
Sunday school

**Eucharistic Assists:
Harvey
Hiscock/Charlie
Gosse
Counters: Jeanette
Osmond/ Karen
Puglisevich
Sidesperson:
Gerald Sharpe**

Fourth Sunday of
Advent - Dec. 18th

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

**10:30 am – Holy
Eucharist (BAS) &
Sunday school**

**Eucharistic Assists:
Mose
Tucker/Charlie
Gosse**

**Counters: Jeanette
Osmond/ Karen
Puglisevich
Sidesperson: John
Parrell**

Christmas Eve
Services:

**4 PM – Children
Service with
shortened form of
the Eucharist.
7 PM – Family
Eucharist (BAS)
10 PM – Holy
Eucharist (BCP)**

Notices

2017 Church Calendars – Now available.
Cost \$5.00. Please see Rebecca.

Vestry Meeting: Monday, Dec. 12th at 7:30 pm.

Flowers For The Altar – Anyone wishing to place flowers on the Altar for the **Christmas Season** in memory of departed loved ones can now pick up a Sanctuary envelope in the foyer.

No 8:30 Am service on Sunday, January 1st, 2017

The church books will close on Sun. Jan.1st for 2016.

Bishop's New Years' Day Levee: Sunday, Jan. 1st Cathedral Crypt 1 PM – 3PM

The Diocesan Resources Centre is now open from Mondays to Saturdays from 9 AM – 4:30 PM. Drop by to see the

Christmas selections.

There is an after school program taking place in our Parish Centre from Monday to Friday afternoons. To register your child, please contact the group using this email: There is space available to register your child at ballicatterasp@gmail.com

Tickets – are now, on sale for the **New Year's Eve Party** here at the Parish Centre on Saturday, Dec. 31st beginning at 9:00 pm. Help us to get the message out and reserve your ticket now. Cost: \$15.00. Tickets can be purchased from a member of Vestry or at the Church Office. There will be taped music and we will be serving soup, sandwiches and cookies after the New Year is brought in. Come and bring a friend

to welcome in 2017.

The Church is looking for a piano. Do you have one that is not being used at home but can be used here at the church? We are in need of a piano for our Junior Choir and Sunday school.

Stewardship Statement

Dec. 4 th 2016
Regular Giving
Maint. Fund

“Prayerfully consider your parish in your estate planning”.

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 PCSP Hiking/Walking Group will be caroling in St. Philip's on Sat. Dec. 18th, starting around 6 pm., bringing joy and good cheer to our friends and neighbors. If you hear us sing at your door, be sure to wave hello and Merry Christmas. I have given them some names of our parishioners who would enjoy this and hopefully appreciate their coming to their door.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Have you ever asked yourself as you put the envelope in the plate, “What does this mean?”

For many it means, "I love Christ, His church, the people that will touch, and the growth that it can promote. Boy, what a privilege and joy to be able to do this."

Or does it mean, "not much. It's a token of my membership." As long as that is what I think, the church is never going to do me much good.

Several of our gifts say, "A lot of other things are more important and they come first. The church is an afterthought, a minor thing.

The most important things in our lives should have the most prominent attention in our checkbooks. "where your money is, there your hearts is." And where should our hearts be?

Church Chuckle

Out of the Mouths of Babes:

When I stopped the bus to pick up Chris for preschool, I noticed an elderly woman hugging him as he left the house. "Is that your grandmother?" I asked. "Yes". Chris said. "She's come to visit us for Christmas". "How nice", I said. "Where does she live?" "At the Airport," Chris replied. "Whenever we want her, we just go out there and get her."

Recyclable Donations:-
Recycling is a fund-raising 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 and 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. If you can help with sorting the recyclables on Monday or Tuesday nights, please call John Parrell.

The ACM could really use your help.

And perhaps more that people need to come to a deeper understanding of the Messiah – the Christ.

John the Baptist came to prepare the way of the Messiah by calling people to repent, turn away from sin and he pointed

them to the one who was to come into the world. The message has not changed, for we are called to call people to repentance and to follow Jesus Christ.

Perhaps that is why the church today is a church of older adults and with low attendance. We have not done a good job. We haven't called people to repentance. We have not truly pointed them toward Jesus the Saviour of the world. We are not doing what He wants us to do, we haven't really started to do the work of completing what He started over 2,000 years ago.

The Gospel today tells us that John

is the Messenger, Jesus is the Messiah and we are to complete their work in the world. It is time to start! So, my message to you is to reaffirm that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus calls us into a relationship with Him. He is

waiting for us to allow Him to knock on the door of our hearts to allow Him to come in. He wants us to commit our lives to Him 100%, to trust and believe in Him.

If we do not help to complete His work in the world, He warns

us in scripture of the consequences. One day, we will stand before Him and will have to give Him an account of our lives. Then may we hear His words, "Well done thou faithful servant, enter into your eternal rest."

The world in which we live is desirous of hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Will you go and share that news with others during these Advent and Christmas seasons?

Rev. Ed