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**A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR
PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS
WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY**

MARCH 22, 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

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME?

“Jesus never asked us to worship him. He only asked us to follow him. That is clearly very hard for us to do, so we worship him instead.” (Cal Krueger)

Cal Krueger is in no way diminishing the value and importance of worship. I think he is saying that too often our discipleship ends with worship and we are content to substitute worship for what it takes to follow Jesus.

Surely **“Following Jesus”** is a spiritual discipline and a way of life that all Christians are called to practice, at all times but maybe in Lent especially. I find it to be a curious thing that “following Jesus” is not specifically mentioned as a Lenten theme nor specifically mentioned as a spiritual discipline in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. There are some veiled references there to following Jesus; for instance in the Litany of Penitence we pray: “We have been **deaf to your call** to serve as Christ served us.” Deaf to our Lord's call might be a good way to sum up the neglect among Christians of following Jesus.

All of the disciplines mentioned in the Ash Wednesday invitation and which we have been asked to observe are, without doubt, excellent practices to follow. However, the simple truth is that, as with worship, we can do all these things and do them without any resolve to follow Jesus. Following Jesus would involve living the very life he lived and taught, of practicing mercy and truth, of advocating for and providing for the underprivileged and the marginalized, of forgiveness and healing, of practicing inclusion and rejecting exclusion, of self-giving and self-sacrifice, of allowing his life to transform our lives and through our lives in faith and discipleship to help with the transformation of the world. And that's really where the “rubber hits the road”, so to speak. Therefore, I think the above quotation from Cal Krueger carries with it a truth that is worthy of Lenten contemplation.

I think it is fair to suggest that there is resistance to following Jesus and maybe we are oftentimes unaware of that resistance or where it is coming from. Maybe we like the comfort the pews provide rather than the cross we will encounter when we follow Jesus. However, whatever the cause, it is important for us to discover what it is that gets in the way and then, with God's help, to

be more intentional and resolved in our desire and willingness to follow him.

In reading Luke 9:51-62, as Jesus sets his face to Jerusalem, we read about three invitations to follow Jesus and we read about the various attachments that prevent people from accepting the invitation. These attachments mentioned in the Gospel may not necessarily be ours, but make no mistake about it we have our own attachments that get in the way of being a follower of the Lord. Jesus knows our idols and the attachments to which we give more allegiance than to following Him.

Lenten observance should help us to know that there is a real danger in fickle or indecisive discipleship Jesus said it very definitively: "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God." (Lk. 9:62) I think this begs a question for our Lenten observance. Are we sure that Jesus is worth following, especially with him to Jerusalem when we know what awaits him there.

It seems to me that failure to follow Jesus or to give way to fickle discipleship, or to substitute something else is "**yielding to the temptation**" to take the easy road and to choose a path where there is no cross to bear. And that means something else; it means being content to be less than we are called and meant to be as Christians, and even to be less than we have promised to be in our Baptism. In that sense, it may very well equate with the temptations of Jesus, to deny our true identity and calling and to deny our God-given vocation and opt for other paths to follow....think about it!

Jesus said: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it." (Lk. 9:24)

Rev. Ed

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

A significant change in **Christian Maturity** happens when we move from saying, "Why doesn't somebody do that?" or "Why don't you do that?" to "Why don't **I** do that?" Our giving pattern, as we grow, takes just the same course.

Church Chuckle

A rector was talking to people after a service, when he said "I spend a lot of time these days thinking about "The Hereafter". I go into a room, or upstairs, and wonder - what am I here after.

Announcement

Anyone who would like to give a donation toward flowers for the Easter Service in memory of departed loved ones, may do so over the next few weeks.

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 15th & 18th 2015

Regular Givings	\$1,312.00
Lenten Offering	\$ 410.00(incl. 03-11)
Maintenance Fund	\$ 65.00
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:

ROBERT MERCER

April 26, 1933 – March 22, 2012

"Forever In Our Hearts and Deeply Missed"

By: Wife Mildred, Step-daughters Rosalind Tucker & Barbara Lynch & Their Families

My Husband, HARVEY PENNEY

July 27, 1927 – March 25, 1993

"Always In Our Hearts"

By: Wife Ethel Penney & Family

EILEEN INA SHARPE

Nov. 9, 1914 – March 20, 2005

Mother and Grandmother

Organist for over 50 years in

St. Philip's 1894 church

By: Steve and Majella, Chad and Donica

Schedule of Services

The Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22nd

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant: Christopher Earle

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (BAS), Sunday School.

Eucharistic Assts: Harve Hiscock & Ann Lambert

Counters: Susan Powell & Sherry Lynn Connolly

Sidesperson: John Parrell

Wednesday, March 25th

7:00 PM Lenten Service (no Eucharist)

Lenten Theme: Parables of the Gospel

Palm Sunday March 29th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant: Jennifer Tucker

10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (BAS), Sunday School.

Eucharistic Assts: Mose Tucker & Charlie Gosse

Counters: Susan Powell & Sherry Lynn Connolly

Sidesperson: Don Morgan

ADVANCE NOTICES

Easter Sunday Services

8:00 AM – Holy Communion (BCP) (**Said Service**) followed by Breakfast

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

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.

Confirmation

Will take place on Sunday, Sept. 27th, 2015 at the 10:30 AM Service

Notices

ACM MEETING – Regular meeting

Re-scheduled for Wednesday, **March 25th** at 8:00 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.

MOOSE SAUSAGES – A total of 195 lbs. of Moose Sausages were sold, for which we thank you. Unfortunately, when the meat was cut we discovered we are unable to meet that number which means some adjustments may have to be made to some of the larger orders. The sausages will be available for pick-up on **Wednesday, March 25th from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM as well as prior to and following the church service that night.**

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.

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

Open House

Queen’s College – Mar. 24th 2015 from 7:00-9:00 PM
&/or St. James United Church – Mar 26th – 7:00 - 9:00 PM – to meet students and explore spiritual stations.

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings for today, March 22nd

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34** Psalm 51: 1 - 13, (pages 770 & 771) (Ethel Barfitt)

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 5: 5 – 10** (Wendy Decker)

Gospel: **John 3: 14 - 21** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 294:

Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there shall my servant be also.

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him 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) Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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: **Abner & Fanny Tucker, Carol Ann Tucker, Darcy & Winnie Tucker, Darlene J. Tucker and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of All Saints, CBS, The Rev. Sheila White, Rector and The Parish of Trinity, (4 congregations), Rector awaiting appointment.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Morogoro – (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Godfrey Sehaba