

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and
Labrador

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Parish Mission
Statement

God's people in the Parish of St. Philip, in a covenant relationship with God through Baptism, are called....

- ñ To be Fishers of people in response to the call of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit;
- ñ To be a House of Prayer
- ñ To be a Centre for Christian Teaching;
- ñ To be Disciples in learning;
- ñ To be a fellowship of Loving and Sacrificial Service;

ñ 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



Website: www.anglicanparishofstphilip.com

Rector's Warden – Harvey Hiscock – 895-2011
People's Warden – Gary King - 895-6239
Dec. 18th, 2016 (Year A)

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

We have arrived at the last Sunday in the Season of Advent. The next time we meet together

we will be celebrating the birth of our Saviour. What does that mean to us?

The theme of today's readings is telling us that what we are preparing to get ready and celebrate is God's presence among his people through the person of Jesus. That's what we

celebrate at this time of the year. For many, the main things for them is shopping and Santa Claus. We have lost the most important thing of this season. The church and community needs to bring back, as we heard often, "Keep Christ in Christmas." We have lost it. Not only have we lost it in the Christmas Season, but throughout the year, especially in Easter as well. Our world and the church has become so secularized that we have lost the true meaning of Christmas. How do we get it back? Gifts are more important than the baby, parties are more

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

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings for today, Dec. 18th.

1st Reading:

**Isaiah 7: 10-16
Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18 (Page 732)
(Lori Gosse)**

2nd Reading:

**Romans 1: 1-7
(Reegan Gosse)**

**Gospel: Matthew
1: 18-25**

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.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Have you been trampled yet this Christmas shopping season? You will be! People really seem anxious to spend their money.

Our financial secretary wasn't trampled last week, but at least he heard footsteps. Our special gifts reflected great love and joy. And more of you are learning the blessings of giving all the time. The gifts will be used to the glory of Christ.

Church Chuckle

Memory - the First to Go

Two elderly women in my

church were discussing the problems of growing older. One commented, "The worst thing is when your memory starts to go. I've known you all my life and I can't think of your name. What is it?" The second lady thought for a moment and said, "do you need an answer right now?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACM will be hosting a Supper and Dance for Valentine Day on Saturday, Feb. 11th @7 PM. Cost: \$20.00 per person.

ACM will be hosting the Pancake supper on Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 6 PM. Cost: \$ 8.00.

Harvest Festival Supper – Oct. 2016

Income: \$1,753.70
Expenses: \$366.98

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.

important than the baby. Really, the baby takes second or even last place in our lives during this time of the year. We have become so commercialized that we have lost the meaning of the season. This is truly reflected in the life of our church, not only here but everywhere, churches are finding their numbers down, offerings down and many parishes are only surviving. If we do not know Jesus then his love is not shown by us in the world.

Somehow or someway the church has to get the true message of Christmas out to her people.

It was a tradition, and still is in my mind, that Anglicans were supposed to receive the Eucharist during Christmas and Easter of each year. Now, for many, that rule has fallen on hard ground. Soon we will be doing less church services because the need won't be there. That is a sorry fact of what is happening in the life of our beloved church.

I want you to encourage your family and friends to share with us in one of the services of

Christmas Eve.
Let's, together,
help to "Keep
Christ in
Christmas". Let's
put Christ first
and foremost in
our Christmas
planning. We
can change the
world if we
renew ourselves
with the stories
of the gospel,
the Good News
of our savior and
Lord.

Rev. Ed

***We have hired a
company to come by
every two weeks to
clean the
boardroom, offices,
foyer, bathrooms
and the Parish
Centre. The ladies of
the parish are unable
to do this work due
to the large amount
of usage for the
building. Some said
that they would give
more to the weekly
envelope to cover
this cost because
they were unable to
come and clean. Your

vestry is asking you
to fulfil this promise
and encourage
others to come on
aboard for this
service. The cost per
month will be
\$350.00. ***

The Scriptural
Sentence for our
worship today as
appointed in our BAS
Lectionary. Page 271:

**A virgin shall
conceive and
bear a son, and
his name shall
be called
Emmanuel: God
with us**

**We welcome
into the church
today through
the Water of
Holy Baptism
Maisie Jane
daughter of
Roger and
Stacey Whalen**

Schedule of
Services
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

Assistants: Mose
Tucker/Charlie
Gosse

Counters: Jeanette
Osmond/ Karen
Puglisevich

Sidesperson: John
Parrell

Christmas Eve –
Dec. 24th

4:00 pm –
**Children's program
with shortened
form of Eucharist
Eucharistic
Assistant** – Ches
Barfitt

Sidesperson:
Gerald Sharpe/Todd
Martin

**7:00 pm - Holy
Eucharist (BAS)
Eucharistic**

Assistants - Joan
Tucker/Dave
Bartlett

Sidesperson:
Donald Morgan

10:00 pm – Holy
Eucharist (BCP)
Eucharistic

Assistants – Debbie
Collis/Harvey
Hiscock

Sidesperson: John
Parrell

Notices

2017 Church

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

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.

**There will be 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.
Refugee Committee Update
The five churches' committee continues to meet and plan in an effort to bring a refugee family to Newfoundland. We have been successful in raising the initial amount of money required to complete our application. Anyone wishing to donate can still do so by placing an envelope marked "Refugee Project" in the collection plate. This money will be used to help support the family once they arrive. A family has been identified, consisting of a mom, dad and young child. The family has suffered significant trauma and has been given some hope by our initiative. As with all such projects, there are road blocks and long waits. We ask for your prayers for

this family and for God's direction and guidance upon all who are involved in processing this application. An update will be provided to the congregations as the process unfolds. Greg Brown Chair Refugee Committee

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.

Stewardship Statement

Dec. 18 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.

Collect for the Day:

(In Unison): Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the 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):
Gracious God, by
the power of the
Spirit who**

**sanctified the
mother of your
Son, make holy all
we offer you this
day. We ask this in
the name of Jesus
Christ the Lord.
Amen**

**Prayer after
Communion: (In
Unison): Faithful
God, in this
sacrament we
receive the
promise of
salvation. May we,
like the Virgin
Mary, be obedient
to your will. We
ask this in the
name of Jesus**

**Christ the Lord.
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): **Wade &
Judy Tucker, Walter
& Susanna Tucker,
Warren & Moya
Tucker, William &
Rebecca Tucker
and their families.****

**Anglican Cycle of
Prayer: We pray
for Kilmore, Elphin**

**& Ardagh –
(Armagh, Ireland)
The Rt Revd Ferran
Glenfield.**

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

**Provincial Prayer
Care: We pray for
The Diocese of
Western
Newfoundland –
Archbishop Percy
Coffin**