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Anglican Church of St. Philip
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Nov. 27th, 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

Today, as we gather here at the church for our weekly service, you will notice

that the church is dressed in blue and the Advent candles are out for another season. What does that tell you?

It is Advent Sunday! In the church today, we begin another new year. More important is that the next four Sundays will allow us to prepare our hearts and minds to receive once again the child that was born for us in a stable in a little town known as "Bethlehem" over 2,000 years ago.

The word Advent means "coming" and we will celebrate the coming of the baby as we move forward.

It is also the beginning of a new year for us because Advent is the first season in the church calendar. Like any New Year's, people make resolutions before or on January 1st to be carried out in that year. Many of these resolutions fall apart after a few days in that New Year.

I want to encourage you to set some resolutions as we begin the Advent Season here in St. Philip's Church; that we would be committed to the worship that is held here weekly; that we commit ourselves to giving of our time (approximately one hour) to attend worship. That is not too much to ask of our people in this community. Then, I would ask you to reach out to your families, friends and neighbors and invite them to come with you to worship. If you commit yourselves to this, please do not let this resolution fall by the wayside. We need people who are truly committed to worship at this time in the life of the church.

Last Saturday I invited the Rev. Canon Tom Moulton, a former rector of this parish, to lead us in a workshop where we looked back at the past, into the future and did some visioning for the future. We looked at the involvement of people who are committed to the ministry of this church but we need more....Hopefully, in the New Year or before, we will be able to reach out to others.

One of the things you can do is to take your bulletins home each week and pass it

along to someone else as an outreach project. We have one person who mails out a bulletin each week to some people who are in a nursing home or living alone in an apartment building and cannot get out to worship with us. These are little things we can do to encourage our people to worship with us.

Advent is the starting point where we can begin – refresh - prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Christ Child. We have four weeks to do this preparation and without it what will be the meaning for you that a child was born!

Have a blessed Advent Season. Come and be prepared to worship Christ the Newborn King.

Rev. Ed

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary. Page 268:

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

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

**Father and Husband
George Spurrell
Nov. 27, 1928 – Oct. 10, 1998
Forever remembered, forever loved
by Ruby, Janice & Donna**

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

Scripture Readings for today, Nov. 27th
1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1 - 5
Psalm 122: (Page 882)
(Joyce Keeping)

2nd Reading: Romans 13: 11 - 14
(Gary King)

Gospel: Matthew 24: 36 - 44
(Rev. Ed. Bonnell)

Schedule of Services

First Sunday of Advent – Nov. 27th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Ches Barfitt
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Sunday school
Eucharistic Assts: Joan Tucker/Dave Bartlett
Counters: Todd Martin & Linda Roberts
Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

Second Sunday of Advent Dec. 4th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant: Todd Martin
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Sunday school
Eucharistic Assts: George Sharpe/Debbie Collis
Counters: Todd Martin/Linda Roberts
Sidesperson: Todd Martin

Notices

Congratulations to Rev. Ed Keeping on the 31st anniversary today of his ordination to the priesthood.

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

ACW Card Game: Monday, Nov. 28th at 8:00 pm. Good prizes – Turkey, Ham, etc. Cost: \$5.00. Lunch served.

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.

Confirmation - Date: May 7th, 2017
10:30 am Service.

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.

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.

Junior Choir: Any young boys or girls interested in joining a Junior Choir for our church, please contact the church office for further information.

Volunteers Needed: We would like to have a few more volunteers to help with the counting of collection after our 10:30 am services. If you can help, please let your rector know.

We are looking for someone to type the bulletins every third month. If you can help the other two ladies, it would be most appreciated. Please contact the rector.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

One little first grader that I heard about gives personality to the kind of spirit with

which we should give to God. His church had a growth need, and the minister talked about it one Sunday, earnestly supporting the project. That afternoon our young friend, excited by the fact that “my church needs it”, hurried upstairs to get the five dollar bill his grandfather had given him for his birthday, and lovingly laid it aside for the offering next Sunday.

His parents report that there was never a moment's regret after he placed it enthusiastically in the offering plate. Can't you just see his eyes when he did? A worthy undertaking had been supported with the best he had.

Stewardship Statement

Nov. 20th 2016	
Regular Giving	\$1,122.00
Maint. Fund	\$ 80.00

“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.

Church Chuckles

Lost Pigs – Howard County Police officers still write their reports by hand, and the

data is entered later by a computer tech into their database. One theft report stated that a farmer had lost 2,025 pigs. Thinking that to be an error, the tech called the farmer directly. “Is it true Mr. (Smith) that you lost 2,025 pigs?” she asked. “Yeth,” lisped the farmer. Being a Howard County girl herself, the tech entered: “Subject lost 2 sows and 25 pigs.”

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.

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; 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.**

A note from the Anglican Chaplaincy:

If you are admitted to hospital you should be asked by admitting if you would like the services of Pastoral Care. If you say “Yes”, you will sign a consent form and the chaplain will see you within 24 hours. If you decline, pastoral care and later change your mind, have a nurse call the chaplain. You will be asked to sign a consent form and the chaplain will visit. Please note that due to confidentiality, the chaplains can only contact your parish priest with your permission.

MAINTENANCE FUND: We want to ask 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.** Please give to this fund on a monthly basis.

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.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through 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): God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of 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): **Gilbert & Greta Tucker, Gordon**

Tucker, Gordon and Margaret Tucker, Grace Tucker, Joan Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Kansas – (V111, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dean Wolfe.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Hospital Chaplains in St. John's, Clarenville and Corner Brook; The University Chaplains in St. John's and Corner Brook and The Canadian Forces Chaplaincies – Regular and Reserve.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for The Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon; Archbishop John Privett and the Provincial Council.

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Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey
Peddle**