

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

**Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador
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**A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR
PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS
WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY**

December 15, 2013 (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

**The Bulletin is given to the glory of God and in loving
memory of Leslie McDonald**

Dec. 12, 1936 – Dec. 2, 2011

Remembered by daughters Cindy & Mary Lou

Schedule of Worship

3rd Sunday of Advent – Dec. 15th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharist Assistant: Christopher Earle

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

Eucharist Asst: George Sharpe, Todd Martin

Counters: John Parrell & Gloria Earle

Sidesperson: Todd Martin

4th Sunday of Advent – Dec. 22nd.

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant: Ches Barfitt

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Sunday School

Eucharistic Asst: Jennifer Tucker, Charlie Gosse

Counters: John Parrell & Gloria Earle

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the late Philip Keeping.

Notices:

Advent Bible Study The last session of the Advent Bible study will take place on Wed. morning, Dec. 18th at 10 am.

The ACM will meet on Wed. Dec. 18 at 7:30 pm in the boardroom.

A Memorial Christmas Tree will be placed outside the church . You may purchase a bulb to light the tree in memory of a departed loved one. All donations can be placed in the collection plate marked "Christmas Tree Bulb" or brought to the church office until Dec. 18th. During the 10:30 service on Dec. 22 we will have prayers, reading of the names and the lighting of the tree.

Services for December 24, - Christmas Eve:

4pm – Children's Program & Eucharist

7pm – Family Eucharist

11 pm – Midnight Service

Services for December 29

9:15am – Holy Communion

10:30am – Carols & Lessons

Christmas Food Hamper anyone who would like to give a donation towards a food hamper for a needy family this Christmas please contact the church office 895-0715.

Christmas Flowers – If you wish to make a donation in memory of departed loved ones for flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary during the

Christmas season, please do so before Dec. 18. Envelopes for the Sanctuary Fund are available in the foyer.

Advance Notice New Year’s Eve Dance, St Philip’s Parish Centre, Cost \$10. Single. Music by Nuttin Fancy (Dean Sharpe). Soup & Rolls will be served. BYOB, Door Prize and Dance Prizes. Deadline for tickets is Dec. 20, 2013. (Only 18 tickets left) Tickets may be purchased at the church office, Wardens, Margaret Tucker & Margaret Boone; or Committee members Cecile Bradbury, Gary King and Barbara Skinner.

Boxes of Offertory Envelopes for 2014 may be pick-up in the foyer today.

A reminder for persons entering the St. John’s Hospitals and who would like to see a chaplain during your stay, make sure you or a family member tells the admitting clerk ‘I would like to see the chaplain during my time in hospital’. You will then be asked your religious affiliation and will receive a visit from the chaplain within a day or two.

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.

Survey regarding Sunday morning Worship Servicesplease complete and return before the end of December. Please check with a Sidesperson if you do not have a copy of the survey.

Financial Report to December 8, 2013

Weekly Envelope	3135.00	Maint. Fund	10978.00
Loose Offering	375.50	Sunday School	37.00
PWRDF	290.00	Advent	135.00
Sanctuary	565.00	Christmas	25.00
Belize/Chairs	20.00	Bulletin	100.00
Harvest Fest.	25.00	Hall Rental	345.00
Window Rep.	30.00	Christmas Hamper	100.00
ACW	3500.00		
		Total	19,660.50

Maintenance Fund Offering – Please your pink envelope to contribute now to our new maintenance fund. If you are not already contributing to this fund, please consider it to help us with the ongoing upkeep of our complex.

Parish Hall Rental - any person wishing to rent the parish is asked to 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 Old Broad Cove Road and Bennett’s Road. This is a project of the ACM.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-1:30pm. Friday 9am-12 noon.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The 3rd Sunday of Advent
Scripture Readings for Today, December 15th.

Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146, 4-9 Page 905

James 5: 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 270: **Let us say it together:**

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted”. Isaiah 61.1

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 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 hope renew is 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 Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who is Lord now and for ever. 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: Jean Johnson, the Rev. Edward & Joyce Keeping, Arthur & Bernice King, Selina King, Georgina King, Gerald & Jackie King, Lawrence & Kimberly King and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Wusasa, Nigeria
The Rt. Revd. Ali Buba Lamido

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:
The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador
Synod Office Staff, Retired Clergy & Deacons