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

October 19th, 2014 (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

From the Rector's Desk

One of the things we have highlighted in our Mission Statement is **"To be a House of Prayer"**, so we will focus on prayer in our reflections today. Of course we are a House of Prayer at St. Philip's; however we encourage deepened prayerfulness for a deepened spirituality and a deepened relationship with our Lord. At a Diocesan prayer workshop I attended it was said that "every congregation should be a prayer centre." With this thought in mind, I encourage people to consider visiting the church for a quiet place free from distractions for a deepening relationship with our Lord through prayer. At such times our hearts and minds are quieted, in God's loving presence we have nothing to hide, and we can enjoy the very presence of our loving Father.

I am deeply thankful for the work of our Prayer Team which writes and leads our Intercessions at worship. It is my desire and hope to initiate some additional aspects of prayer through the Anglican fellowship of Prayer program.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8). In prayer, we draw near to God who is always present to us; otherwise our prayers may seem to be like empty words spoken to someone who does not seem to be there. Perhaps that is why prayer has often been defined as **"the practicing of the presence of God."** Prayer, then, is both a gift and a discipline.

If God is present to us, then prayer becomes conversation and relationship. But if it is one-sided, then prayer becomes a monologue or, worse still, a process of telling God what he ought to do while hardly recognizing his presence and his desire to be in a close and personal relationship with us. True prayer involves listening as well as speaking; and of deepening a relationship based upon faith and trust in a faithful and loving God. Conversation is the natural way in which we grow near to someone, the way we grow in trust and come to care for and love another person. It is like this with God...and we call it Prayer. **I cannot emphasize enough the importance of deepened relationship with the Lord. Prayer is a gift that God has given us to help deepen that relationship.**

Our Lord promised to answer our prayers when he said "ask and it will be given you, seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you." He also promised that our heavenly Father is a gracious God and will not withhold any good gift from his children.

Faith plays an important part in our praying. We pray by faith...trusting God. We pray consistently...trusting God. We pray for healing...trusting God. We pray for others...trusting God. We pray for forgiveness...trusting God. It would seem terribly wrong to pray earnestly to God and not to have a genuine expectation that God hears and answers our prayers. To come to God in prayer with

a skeptical mind is really to be deaf to him. In order to experience the reality of prayer, we need to come to prayer in a spirit of expectancy; fully believing that God is there both wanting and able to respond.

How God answers prayer is not always clear to us and it is very difficult to describe anyway. God is a God of surprises and he does answer and often we are surprised. Sometimes we recognize that God has answered when we look back at things. Sometimes God's answer can be discerned from a scriptural passage. Sometimes we experience an unusual peace or compassion. Sometimes we are given an unusual awareness of how he answers and the more we listen for God's voice the more we will learn to sense his presence. Sometimes God does not answer in the way we expect. For instance Paul had, what he called, a thorn in the flesh. He writes this: **“Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”** What I take from this is that God's answer to prayer often comes in the form of grace sufficient for whatever we face in life.

God's answer to prayer often comes to us as God's gift of Himself, His “peace”. **“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God, and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 4:6-7)**

May we grow in prayer and learn to find quiet space and pray often. Pray with faith and with an awareness of God's presence and with a spirit of expectancy. Pray for a deepened and intimate relationship with our Lord. Amen.

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 there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Schedule of Services

19th Sunday after Pentecost Oct 19th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant: Christopher Earle

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

Eucharistic Assistants: George Sharpe, Debbie Collis

Counters: Ches Barfitt, Susan Powell

Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

20th Sunday after Pentecost Oct 26th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant: Mose Tucker

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

Eucharistic Assistants: Harve Hiscock, Ann Lambert

Counters: Linda Roberts, Todd Martin

Sidesperson: Todd Martin

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9 am - 1:30 pm

Friday: 9 am – 12 noon

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

The sacrifices & offerings of the Hebrew people fed the Levites, built a big tent and decorated the ark of the covenant. But they saw it as much more than that and gave with remarkable generosity and joy. They gave to the glory of God.

Our gifts also build buildings, buy materials and pay local and worldwide workers. It may seem rather common but the commonness is changed by the One toward whom all the giving is pointed.

We also give with joy to the glory of God.

Life's Clock

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed;
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.

The present only is our own.
Live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow, for
The clock may then be still.

We sometimes forget the Biblical saying, “It's better to give than to receive,” and it is easy to think of giving as being simply a duty and not a delight. Life's real happiness comes not so much from getting and having, as from giving and sharing.

Church Chuckle

Beware of Trash: One particular four year old prayed, “and forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.”

A rabbi said to a precocious six year old boy, “So your mother says your prayers for you each night?” Very commendable. What does she say? The little boy replied, “Thank God he's in bed!”

MILESTONES

If anyone knows of someone in the parish celebrating a milestone in their lives, please contact the Church Office.

THANK YOU

We wish to say “Thank you” to the members of the ACM who prepared and served our Jiggs Dinner as well as the members of the ACW who made the desserts and helped out with the supper. Thank-you also to everyone who donated the food and goods and supported this event in any way. It was a delicious meal and a great success. Thank-you all. We would like to give honourable mention to Ben Bonnell who worked tirelessly at the clean-up along side his Dad.

NOTICES

Pot Luck Luncheon – Sunday, Oct. 26th. Our speaker for the day will be Mrs. Kathy Peddle, wife of our diocesan bishop. Kathy will be sharing with us her involvement with “Godly Play”, which we hope to bring to this parish in the near future. All Sunday school teachers & students should be here if at all possible.

ACW Card Game, Monday, October 27th at 8:00 pm in the Parish Centre. Cost \$5.00. Lunch will be served.

The Cemetery Committee will be overseeing a cleanup of the cemetery before the winter. Please ensure that all flowers, trees, enclosures, etc. are removed **by October 31st**. After that date, anything remaining will be removed by the committee. Also, please remember that trees and enclosures which impede the mowing of the grass in the graveyard are prohibited. We are looking for a Sunday School teacher and some assistants to help with our Sunday School Program. Please call Lisa Lake at 895-2824 or email llake99@hotmail.com, if you would like to get involved in this ministry.

Cards & Darts Fellowship: The Cards & Darts Fellowship will now be held on the **4th Wednesday of each month**, at 8:00 pm, beginning in November.

Defibrillator Training

If anyone is interested in being trained to use our defibrillator, please contact your rector.

We have to ensure that a representative of any group using the Church is trained.

Your name will be added to a list and you will be notified when the training is to take place.

Noteworthy Events

St. Augustine’s Fall Fair Supper & Gospel Concert, Sat., Oct. 18th. Supper starts at 5:30 pm, Cost \$15.00. Concert starts at 7:00 pm, cost \$10.00. For tickets, call 753-1931.

Women’s Institute will be holding a Card Party on **Mon., Oct. 20th at 8:00 pm in the PCSP Recreation Centre**. Cost is \$5.00. Bring your own cards. Lunch will be provided.

Topsail United Church, Sat., Oct. 25th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm . Annual Giant Fall Sale and Flea Market.

St. Mary’s Church, Craigmillar Ave., St. John’s, Annual Fall Fair with morning coffee, Sat., Oct. 25th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

St. Mary’s Church, Craigmillar Ave., St. John’s, Salad Buffet Supper, Nov. 1st, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each before Oct. 26th, then the tickets will be \$18.00. To reserve tickets, call 576-0039.

Memorial United Church, Portugal Cove – Kevin Collins Concert, Friday, November 21st, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be obtained by calling 895-2226.

One Step Shoe Recycling: The Women’s Institute of St. Philip’s will be participating in Bethany Downer’s shoe-recycling program which provides footwear to those in need. **October 27th** has been set for a donation date. If you would like to donate footwear for that date, please drop them in the box provided in the foyer.

Diocesan Resource Centre, opened Saturdays from Nov. 1st – Dec. 20th for the Christmas Season.

Queen’s College Convocation, Thursday, Nov. 6th at 8:00 pm., at St. Michael’s and All Angels Anglican Church, 75 Kiwanis St., St. John’s.

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.

Maintenance Fund – It is time to speak once again about our Church Maintenance Fund. Now, that we are into the last quarter of our church’s financial year we want to encourage people to continue giving to this Fund. We know that some regular contributors have dropped off and we want to encourage them to give for the long term.

October 12th, 2014

Regular Giving \$1,037.00

Our Parish is in need of a **second volunteer organist**. God has given us many gifted musicians within our congregation and it would be wonderful to have them share these talents with us. We also invite anyone who would be able to lead some of our Sunday services with other musical instruments such as piano, guitar, accordion, etc. If this could be your way of saying thank-you for your give of music, please give Rev. Keeping a call.

For your devotional reading this Fall, please pick up the booklets “Today” and “Our Daily Bread”, available in the foyer.

“Life in the Eucharist” – If you feel your child is ready to receive “the Body & Blood of Christ” at our Sunday morning worship (at the age of 5 – 7 years), you can register them by calling the church office at 895-0715. The time and dates of preparation classes will be discussed with the parents.

Confirmation Classes: If your child has reached the age of 11 and would like to be confirmed in 2015, please contact the rector. Candidates are required to attend classes during the 2014 – 2015 school year.

The parish is looking for one or two more volunteers to help with typing the weekly church bulletin and other office duties. Normally, this would require one morning toward the end of the week. Please call Rev. Keeping if you are able to help.* **There are many ministries being carried out in this parish that need the support of our people. Therefore as we begin our fall, I would like to see people get involved more in these ministries. Just speak to the rector or call the church office to become involved.**

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 for birthday parties, weddings, Anniversary Parties, etc. Please consider renting the hall for your next important event. - Any person wishing to rent the parish hall may 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 of Old Broad Cove Road and Bennett's Road. This is a project of the ACM. If you can help with sorting the recyclables on Monday or Tuesday nights please call John Parrell. **Your help is needed.**

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

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.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the 19th Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Readings for today, Oct 19th

1st Reading: **Exodus 33: 12 - 23** **Psalm 99** (Page 837)
(Harvey Hiscock)

2nd Reading: **1st Thes. 1: 1 - 10** (Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel: **Matthew 22: 15 - 22** (Deacon Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our
BAS Lectionary, page 386:

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life

Collect for the Day. (In Unison). **Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: (In unison). **God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things, keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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: **Dave & Ann Lambert, William Lamswood, Bernadine Lawlor, Cynthia LeRoux, Winnie Lynch, and their families.**

In our **Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for the **Parish of Deer Lake (2 congregations)** (Rector awaiting appointment) **and the Parish of Pasadena/Cormack, (2 congregations), Rev. Bryan Pearson, Rector.**

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for: **The Church in the Province of West Indies:** The Most Rev. & the Hon. Dr. John Holder, Archbishop of West Indies & Bishop of Barbados.