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**A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS  
WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY  
The Baptism of the Lord Sunday (Year B)**

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The Baptism of the Lord

Scripture Readings for today, Jan. 11th,

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Genesis 1: 1-5 Psalm 29: (page 738)** (Glenda Winter)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Acts 19: 1-7** (Allie Wheeler)

Gospel: **Mark 1: 4-11** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 348:  
**A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."**

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; 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) God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. 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: **Shirley P. Sharpe; Steve & Majella Sharpe; Tony & Sharon Sharpe; Tracy & Blair Sharpe; Victor & Olive Sharpe and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Corner Brook:** The Very Rev. Baxter Park, Dean & Rector; The Most Rev. S. Stewart Payne and The Ven. John Meade, Hon. Assistants and **The Parish of Gander Bay** (3 Congregations), The Rev. Gerald Giles, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for, **Langtang, Nigeria,** The Rt. Revd Stanley Fube.

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador  
Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle  
Anglican Parish of St. Philip

**The Bulletin today is given to the glory of God and in Loving Memory of:**

**VICTORIA FAYE SHARPE**  
**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1957 – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1985**  
By the Family

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**

We are now in the Season of Epiphany....which means revealing, disclosure, manifestation. Epiphany is not restricted to any one particular manifestation or event in our Lord's life upon earth. It is related to various significant "moments" of his appearance as the Word made flesh....His birth, His baptism, His first miracle in Cana, the Transfiguration, are

some of these moments. St. Matthew's account of the visit of the Magi reveals in a dramatic way, perhaps above all others, the full implication of our Lord's coming into the world in human mortal flesh to be the Saviour and Redeemer of every human being everywhere....to all who are far off and to all who are near.

Epiphany has also been called a Season of Light....The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not put it out. For that reason I share the quotation below....not just for reading but for careful, prayerful, meditation and reflection on what the Light that has come into the world might mean to us.

**As I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way." Author: M. Louis Haskins.**

This Sunday the Church celebrates one of the Epiphanies, manifestations, revelations, or significant "moments" in the life of Jesus....His Baptism by John in the Jordan. I wish to share a few comments about our Lord's Baptism in this article.

What is made clear in Mark's brief account of our Lord's Baptism and the descent of the Spirit upon Jesus is that the Lord was now fully equipped by God for his ministry. All of the Gospel writers imply that, from the duration of Jesus' ministry, from the baptism that commissioned his ministry to the cross that fulfilled his ministry, the total activity of the Holy Spirit was in and through Jesus.

The heavens being torn apart refers to a belief that what is happening is direct communication from heaven....a rending of the barrier between heaven and earth, symbolizing the start of a new mode of communication between God and humankind through God's Chosen One.

The voice from heaven confirms the already existing relationship between God and Jesus. The voice said "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The Greek word translated as "beloved" can also be translated as "chosen" and indicates God's choice more than his feelings. The Chosen One is the Messiah, the Anointed One, God's suffering Servant, promised of old in the prophecy of Isaiah. This is what God is making known to us at Jesus' baptism.

We need to pause at the Celebration of our Lord's Baptism to recall our own baptism; for we are baptized with the same Spirit that descended upon Jesus. Our Baptism is our commissioning and equipping for ministry, too, as we share in the ministry and vocation of our Lord for the redeeming of the world. Here is a quotation that I leave with you for your prayerful reflection:

**We cannot be baptized without being baptized into his baptism: and the unity we have with him both in receiving baptism and afterwards in standing by it, brings down on us the very blessing and the very same Spirit he received. In so far as we are in Christ, we are filled within the Holy Spirit, and the Father's good pleasure rests upon us; infinite Love delights in us.**

....Austin Farrer, The Triple Victory (1935) p. 32

Rev. Ed

### **Noteworthy Events**

#### **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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First World War.

For further information, see the Brochure in the foyer or see the Diocesan website.

#### **A Stewardship Thought for the Week**

In 1 Kings there is a curious story about Elijah the prophet. He came to a widow's house and asked for a bit of refreshment. All she had was a tiny handful of meal with which she was going to make a little cake to split with her starving son.

"But I'll make it for you," she said. And he let her.

How selfish! Can that really be God's prophet?

But then we see why. When the widow exercised that splendid grace of total giving, the bowl of flour and the jar of oil were filled. Even as the widow and her son used the flour and oil, the bowl and jar remained full as long as the famine lasted.

Let us exercise in 2015 that splendid grace of total giving, so that our bowls will be filled. Trust in God to meet your daily needs.

#### **Church Chuckle**

The local Income Tax Inspector phoned the Vicar (Priest). "Would you confirm please, Vicar, that one of your parishioners, Ted Jones, has made a charitable donation of 10,000 pounds to your church?"

The Vicar thought for a moment and quickly replied, "I can assure that he will have done by 5:00pm."

### **Schedule of Services**

#### **Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 AM** – Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eucharistic Assistant: Charlie Gosse

**10:30 AM** - Holy Communion (BAS) & Sunday School  
Eucharistic Assts: Larry Bradley & Joan Tucker  
Counters: Linda Roberts & Todd Martin  
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 AM** – Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eucharistic Assistant: Dave Bartlett

**10:30 AM** - Holy Communion (BAS) & Sunday School  
Eucharistic Assts: Todd Martin & George Sharpe  
Counters: Linda Roberts & Todd Martin  
Sidesperson: John Parrell

#### **MILESTONES**

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

#### **Notices**

**ACW – Meeting & Election of Officers, Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 pm.**

**VESTRY MEETING – Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 pm.**

**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.**

**Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Regular Giving        \$757.00**  
**Maintenance Fund    \$470.00**

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**Church Calendars:** The ACW still has church calendars for sale. They are \$5.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, please see Rebecca after church or call her at 895-2343.

**Daily Morning Prayer (Mon thru Friday) is being held at 10:00 AM at the church.** Anyone who would like to share in this service is welcome to come along.

**Cards & Darts Fellowship:** The Cards & Darts Fellowship will be held on the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month**, at 8:00pm. The next scheduled date is January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** - 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.**

**You can pick up your 2015 church envelopes as you leave the church this morning. They are in the foyer.**

**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 love.**