



**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
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**Anglican Church of St. Philip**

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**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Year C)**

### Parish Mission Statement

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

- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> To be Fishers of people in response to the call of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> To be a House of Prayer  
<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> To be a Centre for Christian Teaching;  
<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> To be Disciples in learning;  
<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> To be a fellowship of Loving and Sacrificial Service;  
<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> 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**

The eyes do a good many things, a good many more than their biology would dictate.

Eyes pierce.

Eyes behold.

Eyes glitter, shine and smile.

Eyes have borne witness and absorbed pain and promise.

Eyes stand sentinel and form the boundary between soul and space. They perceive and absorb the pathos and power of lived stories, catching, collecting and storing up periscopes in the crevices of the soul.

They absorb so much that words fail to describe what the eyes have seen.

The immensity of all that our eyes have seen weighs heavy. The scenes leave us wordless, mute, often dumb. They bring joy as we entertain our loveliest memories. They devastate as they invade our nightmares.

It is said, "Do not judge a man until you have walked a mile in his shoes."

I say, "Do not judge a people until you have seen with their eyes, their world-wearied, heavy, too-tired eyes."

The eyes are the window into our souls; they are the prism that colors our world.

A sickness may lurk behind those eyes – not a sickness of body or even of mind, but a malady of the soul. A hole in the fabric of the psyche, a rupture in the self.

The scenes of life have generated a number of seeds that have been planted in the soil of our souls. What have our souls cultivated?

Seeds of loss, seeds of grief.

Seeds of devastation, seeds of trouble.

Seeds of sorrow and seeds of injustice.

What sickness may be growing behind those eyes?

And what small kindness, what small prayers, what small gestures of compassion and love – to a stranger on the street, to a neighbor struggling with loss, to a student at your local elementary school – can your soul share?

What scenes of grace and generosity, of patience and care can plant new seeds in the soil of another's soul?

In your words and deeds, even in the smallest of gestures, you can pepper the soul soil with antibodies of grace.

Your presence, your kindness, your love – these are the seeds that, once planted, can crowd out the cancerous growth hiding behind pained eyes.

*(Borrowed from Forward Movement – Meeting Jesus on the Margins – Author Allison Duwall)*

Rev. Ed.

### **Church Chuckles**

#### **"Cover All Exits!"**

During a bank robbery the police chief told the sergeant to cover all exits so the robbers could not get away. Later the sergeant reports to the chief, "Sorry sir, but they got away." The chief, very disappointed, says, "I

told you to cover all exits." "I did", replied the sergeant, "But they got away through the entrance."

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

#### **Benefits of Giving**

"Tithing makes me feel so rich", said one mother as she was writing checks to the church and to mission organizations. "We have all this money to give away."

That's right! Many of us have learned that kind of joy. But some can't understand. They don't know the feeling. Too bad!

### **Stewardship Statement**

**Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Regular Givings**                    \$ 1,612.00

**Maint. Fund**                        \$ 230.00

**Refugee Collection**                \$ 2,815.00

**E-Giving**

**"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.

### **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.**

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary:**

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

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

**Robert Mercer  
April 26, 1933 – March 22, 2012**

**"Forever in our hearts and always remembered"  
By: Wife Mildred, Stepdaughters, Rosalind Tucker,  
Barbara Lynch and families.**

### **Schedule of Services**

**Palm Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am** – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic

Assistant: Charlie Gosse

**10:30 am** – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

**Eucharistic Assts:** Joan Tucker, Harve Hiscock

**Counters:** Linda Roberts, Todd Martin **Sidesperson:** Don Morgan

**Wednesday: March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:00 pm** Lenten Service

**Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM** - Holy Communion & Washing of Feet

**Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 Noon** - Liturgy of Good Friday

**Easter Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM** – Holy Communion (BCP) (**Said Service**) followed by Breakfast  
**Eucharistic Assistant:** Dave Bartlett & Todd Martin

**10:30 AM** – Holy Eucharist (BAS)  
**Eucharistic Assnts:** Debbie Collis, Ches Barfitt  
**Counters:** Linda Roberts & Todd Martin  
**Sidesperson:** Karen Puglisevich

### Notices

Members of Select Vestry will meet following the 10:30 AM service today.

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday and the early service will be at 8:00 AM instead of 8:30 and will be followed by Breakfast.

**SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY** – As you are now aware, five parishes have come together to form a Committee and hope to raise enough funds in these five parishes to sponsor a Syrian Refugee family. We want to raise the funds among the five churches instead of asking the diocese for a grant. I hope every family in this parish will give to this appeal. **No amount is too small.**

We have an opportunity to help a family, who is now living in a refugee camp, to find a new home in a new country where peace and security reign.

I ask you as members of St. Philip's Parish to give and as you can see in the bulletin today, some have already given.

Twenty-two families have donated \$1,015.00. Please give with a willing heart.

**NOTE TO ACM MEMBERS** – We need to know by **today March 20<sup>th</sup>** if you are planning to attend the Annual Conference at Lavrock on April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Please let Ches know so that he can register the group from St. Philip's.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – Please note that the **deadline** for anyone wishing to give a donation toward flowers for the Easter Service in memory of departed loved ones **is Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**The new ACW Altar/Cleaning Schedule** is available in the foyer.

**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 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 and the chaplain will visit. Please note that due to confidentiality, the chaplains can only contact your parish priest with your permission.

**Pews from the old church building are on sale in the Foyer for \$250.00.**

### **Hosts needed for Synod Billets**

The Diocese is seeking Hosts for Billets for the upcoming Diocesan Synod being held from April 21 – 24, 2016, in the City of Mount Pearl. Our billets are most commonly individuals from Labrador and the Trinity/Placentia area. Hosts will be asked to provide transportation to and from the Church of the Ascension, Mount Pearl during the dates of Synod as well as pick up and return to the St. John's Airport, if necessary. Some meals will be required by the Hosts but the majority of meals will be at Synod. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Elizabeth Crisby at (709)576-6697 or email [adminassistant@anglicanenl.net](mailto:adminassistant@anglicanenl.net)

**Volunteer Drivers:** The H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre is looking for volunteers in this community to drive patients to their appointments. If you are able to help in this way, please call the Centre at 777-6480.

**Stained Glass Windows:** There are **three** windows remaining without stained glass and if you or your family would like to donate one of these as a memorial gift, please contact your Rector.

**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 wanting to rent the Parish Centre can call the church office at 895-0715.

**2017 Confirmation: Notice to Parents of children who will be confirmed in 2017.** We have begun the new **Two Year Confirmation Program** for candidates **who will be confirmed in 2017.** Please note candidates must attend this two-year program in order to be confirmed. Registration for the present class is now **closed.** Registration for the next two year program will be announced at a later date.

**Please check the clothes closets in the church foyer to see if any of these coats, sweaters, etc. belongs to you. Over the next few weeks, any unclaimed items will be removed and given to the needy.**

**Recyclable Donations:** -Recycling is a fundraising 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 & 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.**

**Maintenance Fund:** We want to thank 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.**

### Noteworthy Events

**Portugal Cove ACW** - Monthly Card Games are held the third Tuesday of each month (or the 2<sup>nd</sup> last Tuesday, if applicable) at St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 8:00 pm. Cost \$5.00 and lunch is served.

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### **Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)** **Scripture Readings for today, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a Psalm 31: 9 - 16 (Page 740) (Lori Gosse)**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Philippians 2: 5 - 11 (Regan Gosse)**  
Gospel: **Luke 23: 1 -49 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)**

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison): **Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May**

**we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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): **Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison): **God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this Eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he 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): **Mark & Glenda Winter, Ruby Woodward, Donna Abbott and their families.**

**In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for **The Parish of All Saints, C.B.S. Rev. Dianna Brett-Frye, Rector, Rev. Allan Frye, Associate; and The Parish of Trinity (4 congregations), Rev. Eric Squires, Pro-Tem.**

**In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for **Jerusalem – (Jerusalem & Middle East), The Rt Revd. Suheil Dawani.**