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January 3rd, 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....

- ‡ 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**

We are into the third day of a New Year. Happy New Year to you and yours. Today gives us a chance to look back and reflect upon the past year. For some it is a year they won't want to remember and for others this past year was what we call a highlighter year. Many have gone through tragedies in various ways. Through this they have found the church to be a place of help and comfort. Others have found the church to be a place of joy and excitement as they were married here or had their children baptized.

As a church, we too will have to look back and reflect upon the past years. Today, we give thanks to God for his many blessings upon us as a congregation. I want you to reflect today, as you sit in your pew, how God has blessed us as a congregation.

Now it is time for us to move forward as a congregation in 2016. These plans will be made at our annual congregational meeting. The annual congregational meeting has to take place before the end of March. We here in this congregation try to hold it before the end of February. As a congregation, we must continue on the road that we are walking at the present moment where the monthly bills are paid. I thank God for the gifts we receive each week to help us to carry on the ministries in this parish. St. Philip's Parish has been one of the parishes in the diocese where they know the assessment will be made on a monthly basis to the diocese. Let us keep up this good work in 2016.

Over the past few months, I have been making some new home visitations and I will continue to do so in this new year. There is a mission field of newcomers in the community to which the church needs to reach out.

The priest can do some of this work but it also requires the work of lay people to visit and encourage people to come out and worship with us. I believe we have turned the corner now and people will want to become involved in the parish once again.

So, as we move together in the new year, let us work together to bring God's kingdom to this part of his vineyard. Let us fulfill in 2016 our mission statement and endeavor to ensure that people will see this church as a place to worship. In order for this to take place, we must be in union with one another, speak positively and smile. Let us reach out to people as they come to visit with us.

I hope this New Year will be a year for you to remember for a long time. Good health and happiness to you all. Remember God loves you. He loved you so much that He gave His Son. Remember God speaks the language of love and following His example, let us also speak the language of love. Peace and happiness throughout 2016.

Rev. Ed

"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning."

"May Light always surround you; Hope kindle and rebound you. May your Hurts turn to Healing; Your Heart embrace Feeling. May Wounds become Wisdom;

Every Kindness a Prism. May Laughter infect you; Your Passion resurrect you. May Goodness inspire."

T.S. Eliot

Church Chuckle

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes.

Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.

So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes, Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is; art, or love, or work or family or life."

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

It's a new year. Soon we'll think about income tax—ouch!

It's January—can you imagine what the heating bill will be this month?

Social security taxes are up, and medical insurance.

Maybe you have a crippled car that must be fixed.

It seems that everyone has a piece of us. We have to pay! Isn't it great to give for God's kingdom, which we know is terribly important? Not grudging or of necessity, but deliberately and gladly, for that which is really right.

Stewardship Statement

Dec. 24th (7:00 & 11:00pm) and 27th Regular Givings:	\$ 2,267.00
Maint. Fund	230.00
Christmas Offering	2,805.00
E-Giving	

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.

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.

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.

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 279:

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

Schedule of Services

Second Sunday after Christmas January 3rd, The Epiphany of our Lord

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

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) **Eucharistic Assts:** Debbie Collis, Harve Hiscock

Counters: Linda Thomas, Lori Mercer **Sidesperson:** John Parrell

The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 10th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP) **Eucharistic Assistant:** Mary Ann Baker

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assts: Carol Bartlett & Jennifer Tucker
Counters: Linda Roberts, Todd Martin
Sidesperson: Don Morgan

Joyce and I would like to thank the members of the congregation for your kindness and generosity during this Christmas season. Thank you for your gifts and cards.

Notices

ACW Annual Meeting and Election of Officers:

Wednesday, **January 13th, 2016**, at 7:30 pm.

End of Year Financial Contributions: The church's financial books will close for the year on December 31st, at 12:00 noon.

“Belize Project” I want to thank you for the support you gave when a team from this Diocese went to Belize to help build a new worship centre for the congregation of St. Mark's in Hattieville.

Now we are calling upon Anglicans throughout our Diocese to help raise funds for a rectory for the priest who serves at St. Mark's. I ask each family in this Parish to give through prayer a gift towards this project. We are extending this project until January 31st, 2016. You have until this time to give your gift to help the people of Hattieville.
Thank you.

Offering Envelopes: You will see that the 2016 envelopes are in the foyer for parishioners to pick up. There are a number of families who may be looking for envelopes and can't find them. We are asking these people to ask for them at the office. Over the past few years we have sent out a large number of envelopes with no response and as a cost saving measure, we did not include them this year. If you want a box of envelopes and did not receive them, please check at the office.

“Today” and “Daily Bread” pamphlets: Please pick up your copy of the “Today” and “Daily Bread” on the bookcases as you leave the church.

“Anglican Life”: If you would like to receive copies of this publication, please forward your name and address to the church office or email this information to stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com.

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. Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you want your child to attend.

“Prayerfully consider your parish in your estate planning.”

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.)

Noteworthy Events

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

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 100th Anniversary of the First World War. For further information, please see the brochure in the foyer or see the Diocesan website.

Due to late arrival, the following donation to the sanctuary Flower Fund did not appear in The Christmas Memorial List:

In Loving Memory of:

Jenny & Walter Tucker
Katy & Harold Tucker
Dolly & Andrew Tucker

By Goldie Butler

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 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.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The Epiphany of our Lord Sunday

Scripture Readings for today, January 3rd

1st Reading: **Isaiah 60: 1 - 6 Psalm 72: 1 - 7, 10 - 14 (pages 797 & 798) (Allie Wheeler)**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 3: 1 - 12 (Glenda Winter)**
Gospel: **Matthew 2: 1 - 12 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)**

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. **Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; 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): Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, 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): **Tony & Millicent Squires, Viola Squires, Winston R. and Ena Squires, Thelma (Hicks) Squires, Don & Sandy Stevens and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of Buchans (4 congregations), Rector awaiting appointment; and The Parish of Holy Trinity (8 congregations), Rev. Nancy March, Rector.