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Rector's Warden – Harvey Hiscock – 895-2011  
 People's Warden – Gary King - 895-6239

Dec. 4th, 2016 (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**



**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**

Here we are, into the second Sunday in the Season of Advent. How fast is time moving? Advent gives us a time to do some reflection in our own personal lives. It is a time of re-examining our relationship with the One who is coming into the world. It is a time to ask ourselves some questions as we

move forward into this season.

The readings for this Sunday ask us to reflect and respond to John's call and open our hearts to Jesus. Jesus wants to enter into our lives.

There is a call today for us, as we read the words of the Gospel, to turn away from sin and follow our Lord into all walks of life. That voice is still calling out in the wilderness for us. Will we

respond to it or will we let it go unnoticed? Will we respond to it or will we let the voice go unnoticed?

**MAINTENANCE FUND:** We are now asking our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us low our debt on the new furnace. We have borrowed in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan is out for seven years

**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.

**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.**

**The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent**

**Scripture Readings for today, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10**

**Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19 (Page 797)  
(Harvey Hiscock)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15: 4-13  
(Ruth Hiscock)**

**Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12**

**Dismissal Song:**

**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. Page 269:**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God”.**

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

**Our friend, Malcolm Tucker. Given by Walter & Susie Tucker**

**Leslie Mc Donald  
Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1936 – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011  
Given by Cindy Leroux and Mary Lou Quilty**

**Schedule of Services  
Second Sunday of Advent - Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic Assistant: Todd Martin  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Sunday school Eucharistic Assists: George Sharpe/Debbie Collis  
Counters: Todd Martin/Linda Roberts  
Sidesperson: Todd Martin**

**Third Sunday of Advent – Dec.11<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 AM - Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic Assistant – Marianne Baker**  
**10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist (BAS)/ Sunday school**  
**Eucharistic Assists: Harvey Hiscock/Charlie Gosse**  
**Counters: Jeanette Osmond/ Karen Puglisevich**  
**Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe**

**Notices**

**2017 Church Calendars** – Now available.  
Cost \$5.00. Please see Rebecca.

**Vestry Meeting: Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.**

**Flowers For The Altar** – Anyone wishing to place flowers on the Altar for the **Christmas Season** in memory of departed loved ones can now pick up a Sanctuary

envelope in the foyer.

**Confirmation - Date: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 10:30 am Service.**

**There is an after school program taking place in our Parish Centre from Monday to Friday afternoons. To register your child, please contact the group using this email: There is space available to register your child at [ballicatterasp@gmail.com](mailto:ballicatterasp@gmail.com)**

**Tickets** – are now, on sale for the **New Year's Eve Party** here at the Parish Centre on Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:00 pm. Help us to get the message out and reserve your ticket now. Cost: \$15.00. Tickets can be purchased from a member of Vestry

or at the Church Office. There will be taped music and we will be serving soup, sandwiches and cookies after the New Year is brought in. Come and bring a friend to welcome in 2017.

**Junior Choir:** Any young boys or girls interested in joining a Junior Choir for our church, please contact the church office for further information.

The Church is looking for a piano. Do you have one that is not being used at home but can be used here at the church? We are in need of a piano for our Junior Choir and Sunday school.

**Stewardship Statement**

<b>Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 2016</b>
<b>Regular Giving</b>
<b>Maint. Fund</b>

**“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.

**The PCSP Hiking/Walking Group** will be caroling in St. Philip's on Sat. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, starting around 6 pm., bringing joy and good cheer to our friends and

neighbors. If you hear us sing at your door, be sure to wave hello and Merry Christmas. I have given them some names of our parishioners who would enjoy this and hopefully appreciate their coming to their door.

**Stewardship Thought for the Week**

“You are the salt of the earth.” Salt is known for its usefulness. In the days when one started work with as little as two shillings a week, a boy got his first pay and gave it to his mother. The next day he and his family sat at the evening meal. On the table there was a loaf still uncut, and his mother took the loaf and began to slice it. “Johnny,” she said, looking up, “it was you who bought this loaf for us.” That was her way of telling him he had become a real contributor to the

family. And even though he later became wealthy and famous, he never again had a moment that made him feel as proud. We are proud, too, to be useful!

—  
**Church Chuckle**

**“Singing Practice”**

Joe’s wife likes to sing. She decided to join the church choir. From time to time she would practice while she was in the kitchen preparing dinner. Whenever she would start in on a sing, Joe would head outside to the porch.

His wife, with hurt feelings, said “What’s the matter, Joe? Don’t you like my singing?” Joe replied, “Honey, I love your singing, but I just want to make sure the neighbors know I’m not beating you.”

**Recyclable Donations:- Recycling is a fund-raising 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 and 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. If you can help with sorting the recyclables on Monday or Tuesday nights, please call John Parrell.  
**The ACM could really use your help.**

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

We cannot change the heart of another person until our own heart has been changed by Christ. So our prayer for this Advent season is to cry out to Jesus and ask Him to enter into our lives and change our hearts and attitudes. It has to start with us. The church is called to cleanse itself, to begin anew that which Advent is all

about. Repent and return to the Lord. When we have done this then He can use us to be workbenches for him.

We may think that this is all foolishness, but this Baby born in Bethlehem is anything but foolishness. He demands your life, your soul and your all. We need to reflect upon this as we move forward. What does Jesus really mean to you? Is He first in your lives? If He is not, then He needs to be. Advent allows us time to make Him first in our lives. Will you respond to John's call today and open your heart to allow Jesus to enter into your lives.

He wants to come in. He is knocking and waiting permission to enter. He will not force Himself upon any of us.

Advent is an invitation to set things right with God as we prepare to celebrate His sending of Jesus into the world. Also, we are reminded that He will come again in glory. Knowing these facts about Him, it is high time to make changes in our personal and corporate lives; to say, as the great hymn writer wrote, "I have decided to follow Jesus". Now, I am prepared to give my life, my soul and my all to Him. Now, we are prepared to

truly celebrate the Christmas season in a new way.

Rev. Ed

**Collect for the Day:**

**(In Unison):**

**Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.  
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 our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer after**

**Communion: (In**

**Unison): Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us**

always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**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): Lillian Tucker, Louise Tucker, Mac & Sandi Tucker, Margaret Tucker, Margie Tucker,

Margaret Rose Tucker and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of**

**Prayer:** We pray for Karnataka South – (South India) The Rt. Revd. Ravikumar J. Niranjan

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle**

**of Prayer:** We pray for The Parish of Bay of Islands (2 congregations) The Rev. David Taylor, Priest-in-Charge and the Parish of St Mary's, Clarenville

–The Rev. Robin Trevors, Rector & The Rev. Sheila Scevior, Deacon  
**Provincial Prayer**  
**Care:** We pray for The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador – Bishop Geoffrey Peddle

**ANGLICAN  
CHURCH OF  
CANADA**

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador  
Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle

**Anglican Church  
of St. Philip**

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**Honorary  
Assistants**

The Rev. Canon Shirley Gosse  
The Rev. Canon Don Morgan The Rev. Russell Osmond