

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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

The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (Year B)

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

ROBERT JAMES DURDLE
AUG. 14TH, 1947 – JAN. 22ND, 2010
BY CAVELL, CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

PHYLLIS NAOMI SQUIRES,
OUR PRECIOUS MOTHER
JULY 23RD, 1923 – JAN. 17TH, 2009
BY CANON SHIRLEY & CHARLIE GOSSE

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

A Funeral Pall is a Symbol of Faith.

I want to share some thoughts with you concerning the use of a Funeral Pall draped over the casket at Funerals. I want to share this because our Parish has a lovely Funeral Pall and I don't think there are many parishioners, if any, who are aware we have it because it has not been used. Also, I think there may be some misunderstanding about what a Funeral Pall represents; and since this was given to our Parish as a Memorial Gift, it seems to me that we should at least make its use available to people who might wish to use it. Some information concerning what a Funeral Pall represents may be helpful.

While some Anglican Church communities do not use a Funeral Pall and while others do even within our local area, the use of a Funeral Pall is an ancient tradition in the Anglican Church; and the Book of Alternative Services recognizes its use when it says "The coffin may be draped by a pall during the service. In ritual matters, liturgical practice should be considerate of the cultural traditions of the mourners."

Therefore, any use we may make of the Funeral Pall would be considerate of the wishes of the mourners. But I think the people should know about the Funeral Pall, what it represents and signifies, and have the freedom to choose whether or not they want it used at the funeral of a loved one.

The Church speaks in ritual, through word and symbol. What, then, is the symbolic nature of a Funeral Pall? To answer

that question, I direct the people to age 146 (BAS). There you will see, in the middle of the page, a list of scriptural passages which unfold for us the meaning of Baptism. I will just quote three of these passages all of which have relevance to what the Funeral Pall represents: **“Baptism is participation in Christ’s death and resurrection.” (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12.)** Baptism is a **Reclothing in Christ. (Gal. 3:27).** Baptism is a **“liberation into a new humanity in which barriers of division, whether of sex or race or social status, are transcended.” (Gal. 3:27-28)**

Referring to Gal 3:27-28, the Funeral Pall reminds worshippers that, whether rich or poor, or whatever our social status might be, we are all equal in Christ.

Whether we are buried in a very expensive coffin or an inexpensive one, or whether a person is a dignitary or common folk, the Funeral Pall serves to signify and preserve the worth, value and dignity of every human being and their equal status in the sight of God.

Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. In Baptism we are signed with the cross and we are proclaimed to be Christ’s own forever. This is the identity of all who are baptized, and the Funeral Pall, when it is draped over the coffin, reminds us that as we were clothed in Christ in Baptism and were buried with him in his death and resurrection in baptism, we will be raised with him in newness of life.

Indeed the placing of the Pall can be a very tender and meaningful moment in the Funeral Liturgy for people of faith in the Christian hope. As the body of a deceased Christian enters the church, and while a Funeral Pall is draped over the casket, usually by members of the deceased’s family, the minister, recalling words from Galatians 3:27, says: **“As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”, in his/her baptism (name) put on Christ, and it is our faith and hope that in the day of Christ’s coming (name) shall be clothed in glory.”** The people respond saying, **Amen.**

The colour of a Funeral Pall at one time in church history was black, emphasizing death and grief. Today the colour is usually white, the colour for resurrection, and it symbolizes for us our joyful hope and faith in the resurrection while also symbolizing for us our having put on a white baptismal garment and being clothed in Christ’s righteousness in baptism. The remembrance of our baptism reminds us of the beginning of a Christian life and it’s appropriate to recall the meaning of our baptism as a Christian body enters the Church, the Body of Christ for the final time. In fact, a Funeral Pall suggests the greatest thing that can be said about a deceased person; that he/she is a sister or brother of Christ, a member of the Body of Christ, a child of the church and of God, and an inheritor of God’s glorious kingdom.

The colour of our Funeral Pall is “red”. I don’t know exactly why red was chosen instead of “white”. Red, of course clashes with the liturgical colour of white which is used at funerals. However, I don’t think that should be an issue concerning its use. Red is a colour the church uses in Holy Week to remind us of our redemption and our salvation through the blood of Christ. There is also a passage in Revelation which refers to those who “have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.” (Rev. 7:14). The Blood of the Lamb cleanses us from sin and the washing away of sin is also a baptismal symbol.

I recommend the use of the Funeral Pall, and I hope this information may be helpful; especially for anyone who might wish to use it. The Funeral Pall opens up to us, through symbol, what our baptism means to us, in life and in death, and our joyful hope in the risen and new life in heaven with our Lord and with all the saints at Christ’s return in glory.

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

There are two basic approaches to our giving.

One pays bills, plans outings, buys things, and on Sunday morning says, “Now what is left to give?”

The other happily lays aside a gift for God and then turns to the papers and the plans and says, “Now, what’s left?”

Which approach do you take?

Church Chuckle

A Sunday School Teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the Commandment “Honor thy father and thy mother”, she asked, “Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?”

Without missing a beat, one little boy (the oldest of the family) answered, “Thou shall not kill.”

Schedule of Services

2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 18th

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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 25th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant: Christopher Earle

10:30 AM - Holy Communion (BAS) & Sunday School

Eucharistic Assts: Debbie Collis & Harve Hiscock

Counters: Karen Puglisevich & Tom Tulk

Sidesperson: Don Morgan

MILESTONES

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

Notices

ACW - The ACW had their Annual Meeting on Monday, Jan. 12th and the following people were elected to serve for this upcoming year:

President: Rebecca Tucker

Vice-President: Cecile Bradbury

Secretary: Ruth Hiscock

Treasurer: Susan Powell

Social Concern Chair: Pheobe Parrell

Family Life Chair: Una Skanes

Altar Guild Chair: Margaret Tucker

Flower Convenor: Margaret Boone

(Installation Service – Scheduled for **Feb. 8th at 10:30 am**)

ACM - Annual Meeting, Wednesday, January 21st at 7:30 pm.

ACW Card Game, Monday, January 26th at 8:00 pm in the Parish Centre. Cost \$5.00. Lunch will be served.

There are a few packages of the **2015 Church Envelopes** left in the foyer. If anyone could deliver these, it would be most appreciated.

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.

If you are not receiving “Anglican Life” and would like a copy to come to your home, please call the Church Office at 895-0715.

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. 11th, 2015

Regular Giving	\$1,172.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 115.00

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 **4th Wednesday of each month,** at 8:00pm. The next scheduled date is January 28th.

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.**

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 100th Anniversary of the First World War.

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

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.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture Readings for today, Jan. 18th

1st Reading: 1st Samuel 3: 1-10 Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17
(pages 896 & 897) (Todd Martin)

2nd Reading: 1st Corinth. 6: 12-20 (Nina Martin-Sheppard)

Gospel: John 1: 43-51 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 348:

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one 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) Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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: **Virtue Sharpe, Howard Sheppard, Margaret Sheppard-Boone, Wayne & Tracy Simmons, Keith Skanes, Una Skanes and their families.**

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Parishes of Bay St. George & Stephenville Crossing (Cluster)** (7 Congregations): The Rev. Nicholas Griffith, Priest in Charge; The Rev. Gwen Butler, Hon. Asst. and **The Parish of Salvage** (5 Congregations), The Rev. Paul Thoms, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for, **Cantebury, England, The Rt. Rev'd & Rt Hon. Richard John Carew Chartres, The Rt. Rev'ds Peter Wm. Wheatley, Jonathan Mark Richard Baker, Paul Gavin Williams, Adrian Newman & Peter Allan Broadbent.**