

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**

August 30th, 2015 (Year B)

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**



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TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE
WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S
CHURCH.**

From the Rector

*I want to share with you this morning an excerpt from
Anita Corrine Donihue's book, "Here I am, Lord."*

Bring my country back to You

What was our country like spiritually when it was first founded, Lord? Was it as fine and noble as the historians depict? Or did our forefathers also have their share of struggling with right and wrong? I read how humankind in this country repeatedly made serious errors. They fell away from You for a time, then experienced Your holy presence and great spiritual awakenings. Thank You for brave Christian leaders who went wherever You led them and obeyed Your will. Thank You, too, for those who rocked cradles and molded young lives in becoming those leaders.

What of our churches, Lord? Thank You for their starting schools, hospitals, and organizations to help the orphaned and needy. Help us to continue doing good and hold on to the Christian principles our nation was founded upon. Help us as a Christian body in our country to love and care for one another and turn our back on sin, back-biting, and inner destruction.

Perhaps I can't be as great as those Christian leaders of old, Lord, but I can rock the cradle, teach the children and adults, and bring dear ones to Your throne of grace. Help me fast and pray through the night for one more lost soul to come to You.

So here I am, Lord, asking, pleading. Please bring our country back to You.

"Turn us around and bring us back to you again! That is our only hope! Give us back the joys we used to have!"

Rev. Ed

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

Have you ever heard anyone say, "My church is always asking for money. I wish I could belong to a church that never needed money!"

I'm sure these people don't really mean that. Any church that is alive needs money. Only dead churches do not call on their members for support. If anyone should accuse your church of always needing and calling for money, regard it as a compliment. Invite this person to rejoice with you that you both belong to a living, growing concern of Jesus Christ rather than a dead, stagnant organization from which the glory of Christ has departed.

Church Chuckle

A church pastor had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and was afraid to come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided to tie a rope to his car and drive away so that the tree bent down enough to reach kitten.

But as he moved a little forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing" and the kitten sailed through the air and out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He searched the neighbourhood but nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he met one of his church members at the grocery store. He was amazed to see cat food since this woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

Never underestimate the Power of God and God's unique sense of humor and the way God answers prayers.

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, please see the brochure in the foyer or see the Diocesan website.

Mid-Year Financial Statement

Please pick up your Mid-Year Financial Statement in the foyer. If you are able to deliver any of the remaining statements in your area, it would be greatly appreciated.

Stewardship Statement

August 23rd, 2015
Regular Givings: \$ 1,167.00
Maint. Fund 68.00
E-Giving

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

Walter (Wattie) Tucker
Aug. 25, 1915 – June 7, 2010
from the family.

Thomas J. Skinner
July 6, 1925 – August 31, 2012
by son Derek, and Barb Skinner

Thomas J. Skinner
by wife Ruby, and son Rodney

We welcome through the waters of Holy Baptism –

Dylan Clarence Wayne
son of David & Jennifer Dehart

Schedule of Services

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 30th

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

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) and Holy Baptism

Eucharistic Assts: Todd Martin, George Sharpe

Counters: Linda Roberts, Todd Martin

Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

15th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 6th

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

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

Counters: Susan Powell, Tom Tulk

Sidesperson: Todd Martin

Notices

ACW Card Game: Monday, August 31st, at 8:00 pm. Lunch will be served. Cost \$5.00.

Cards & Darts: There will be a Cards & Darts game night on **Wednesday, September 9th, at 8:00 pm.** The purpose of this game is to allow a number of people to catch up on their games. Our end-of-year night will be on Wednesday, September 30th, 2015. All are welcome to the Cards & Darts game nights.

Sunday School 2015 – 2016:

Our Sunday School program will resume on Sunday, Sept 20th. Registration will begin at 10:15 in the Parish Centre. If you are interested in being a teacher, please contact Lisa Lake or call the Church Office.

Survey – Annual Flower Service:

The results are as follows:

There were 66 responses.

1. 26 – last Sunday in July at 10:30 am.
2. 18 – last Sunday in July at 2:00 pm
3. 17 – Week night during last week of July.
4. 3 – Another Sunday and a new time
5. 2 - Last Sunday in July at 7:00 pm.

A decision will be made at our annual meeting.

Prayers of the People: We are asking members of the congregation to prayerfully consider becoming members of this group. We would like to have 3 or 4 more members join us. I will be approaching people to share in this ministry over the next few weeks.

Pamphlets – “Daily Bread” and “Today”:

Please pick up the Sept/Oct editions of these pamphlets for your daily devotions.

Stained Glass Window: We are still accepting donations towards the cost of the stained glass window to be placed at the back of the church. Please make your donation through the church offering.

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.

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.

New 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 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 14th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Readings for today, August 30th

1st Reading: Song of Solomon 2: 8 – 13 Psalm 47: 1 – 2, 7 – 10 (Page 764) (Margaret Boone)

2nd Reading: James 1: 17 – 27 (Joyce Keeping)

Gospel: Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 377:

The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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): Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Reginald Kirkpatrick, Tanya Knight, Dave & Ann Lambert, William Lamswood, Bernadine Lawlor, Cynthia LeRoux and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of Smith’s Sound (4 congregations); Rev. George Spencer, Rector, and The Parish of King’s Cove (6 congregations), Rector awaiting appointment.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Sebei (Uganda)
The Rt. Rev. Augustine Arapyona Salimo.