

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison): Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; 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): God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison): Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families. (Each week we remember several of our families in our Prayers of the People): Ernest & Barbara Mercer, Mildred Mercer, Millicent Mercer, Ronald & Lori Mercer, Rose Marie Mercer, Vera Mitchell, Chad & Michelle Mitchelmore and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Mexico, The Rt. Revd. Carlos Touche-Porter.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Churchill Falls (Joint Ministry), Rev. Julie Brace, Rector (Part-Time), and the Parish of Cow Head, (6 congregations), Rev. Canon Terry Rose, Priest-in-Charge.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for The National Indigenous Bishop and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Bishop Mark McDonald.

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**Rector's Warden – Harvey Hiscock –  
895-2011**

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**

“As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.” That simple word “saw” reverberates throughout today's gospel passage. The disciples accompanying Jesus do not “see” a fellow human being at all. For them the outcast merely provides an opportunity for debate about

**People's Warden – Gary King - 895-6239  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Year A)**

blindness as punishment for sin.

Jesus, however, sees into the man's innermost being. Using the earthiest of means – mud, saliva, water, the touch of a hand – he gives him his sight. And as always in this sort of encounter, outward healing reflects inner transformation.

Witness the newfound courage of this person who had previously been looked upon as less than fully human! While the bystanders and the Pharisees argue and quibble, the man reacts with unprecedented boldness: Why aren't you listening? Can't you see? Do you too want to become his disciples? I trust my own experience; whoever he is, he has opened my eyes and therefore

he must be from God.

Responding with anger to what they do not understand, the Pharisees drive him away. Welcomed by Jesus, the man professes his faith. The healing is total.

**MAINTENANCE  
FUND:** We are asking our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us lower our debt on the new furnace. We have borrowed the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan is out for seven years. Beginning Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, we are paying **\$653.93** per month.

**The Collect, Epistle  
and Gospel for The  
Fourth Sunday in  
Lent**

**Scripture Readings  
for today, March  
26<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Samuel  
16: 1-13  
Psalm 23, Page 731  
(Allie Winter)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
Ephesians 5: 8-14  
(Glenda Winter)**

**Gospel: John 9: 1-  
41  
(Deacon Bonnell)**

**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:  
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.**

**Stewardship  
Thought For the  
Week**

If we were  
to worship without  
giving, we would be  
the first people in  
history and the only  
people in the world

to do so! The  
pagan brings an  
offering to his idol.  
The Psalms urged  
the Jews to “bring  
an offering” and  
come into the  
courts of the  
temple. Jesus sat  
by the treasury as  
worshippers cast in  
their gifts. Paul  
urged Christians to  
prepare an  
offering. Surely, we  
would not want to  
be the first to  
attempt worship  
without giving!

**Church Chuckles**

**Heaven**  
A new  
group of male  
applicants had just  
arrived in heaven.  
Peter  
looked them over  
and said, “All men  
who were  
henpecked on  
earth, please step  
to the left; all those  
who were bosses in  
their own homes,  
step to the right.”

The line  
quickly formed on  
the left. Only one  
man stepped to the  
right.

Peter  
looked at the frail

little man standing  
by himself and  
inquired, “What  
makes you think  
you belong on that  
side?”

Without  
hesitation, the  
meek little man  
explained, “This is  
where my wife told  
me to stand.”

**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.**

### **Milestones**

Please let the office know if there are any milestones that you would like printed in the bulletin.

As we move through Lent, we humbly pray for a deepening of our faith. Lord, that we may see!

Written by:

Krystyna Higgins, Kitchener, ON

**The church is now on facebook.**  
[WWW.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch](http://WWW.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch)

**Take a look!**

**Please note, any items to be included in the weekly bulletin should be at the church office by Thursdays, 10am.**

**We encourage you to use the E-Giving method for giving to the life and witness of the church in this community. You will find forms in the foyer which need to be signed and returned to the church. *The Ballicatter after school program is renting our parish hall from Monday to***

***Friday each week. They are currently looking to add young children to their program. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact them at [ballicatterasp@gmail.com](mailto:ballicatterasp@gmail.com).***

**ACW Card Games**  
***Please note that the ACW card games will now take place on the last Tuesday of each month.***

**Lavrock Summer Camp Application**  
***Church Camp***  
***Dates:***  
***Girls' Camp***  
***– (Ages 8-13 Yrs)***  
***July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>,***  
***2017***

***Junior Co-ed Camp***  
***(Ages 8 – 13Yrs)***  
***July 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>,***  
***2017***  
***Applications available at the church office. Register early if you are interested.***  
***Cost: \$165.00***

**New Rental Rates -**  
***The Vestry has***

***approved the following new rates for renting of the Parish Centre effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017:***

***Baby Showers, Children's Birthday Parties, etc. - \$75.00***  
***Adult Dinner/Dance, Birthday Parties with dance, etc. - \$150.00***

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship**  
**today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary Page 291:**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life.**

***The Bulletin today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of: Edwin Collis Dec. 8, 1930 - March 28, 2015***

**Given by:  
Debbie, Marie,  
Randy & Nicole**

**E. Beatrice  
Tucker  
March 29, 1932 -  
Feb. 3, 2010  
Given by: The  
Family**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent –  
March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am – Holy  
Communion  
Eucharistic  
Assistant – Carol  
Bartlett**

**10:30 am – Holy  
Eucharist (BAS) &  
Sunday School  
Eucharistic  
Assistants – Harve  
Hiscock &**

**Marianne Baker  
Counters: Susan  
Powell & Todd  
Martin**

**Sidesperson:  
Gerald Sharpe  
Wednesday –  
March 29<sup>th</sup> - Lenten  
Devotions – 7:00  
pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent,  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:30 am – Holy  
Communion (BCP)**

**Eucharistic  
Assistant – Jennifer  
Tucker**

**10:30 am – Holy  
Eucharist (BAS) &  
Sunday School  
Eucharistic  
Assistants – Mose  
Tucker & Charlie  
Gosse  
Counters: Ruth  
Hiscock & Don  
Morgan  
Sidesperson: John  
Parrell**

### **Notices**

**ACM Meeting  
Wednesday,  
March 29<sup>th</sup>  
*immediately  
following the  
Lenten Service.***

**Queen's College  
For Priests – A  
“refresher” course  
on their liturgical  
role.  
March 31<sup>st</sup> (Friday  
morning).**

**Pastoral/Spi  
ritual Care is**

**available to all who  
enter an Eastern  
Health facility. To  
avail of this  
ministry of the  
church, upon  
admission you (or  
your next of kin)  
will be asked if you  
would like to  
receive pastoral  
care. If you answer  
‘yes’ and state your  
denomination, you  
will be added to  
the list of patients  
to be visited by the  
chaplain and/or  
pastoral visitor. If  
you answer ‘no’,  
your choice will be  
respected and you  
will not receive a  
pastoral visit.  
Should you later  
change your mind,  
please advise the  
nurse or the  
Pastoral Care office  
at 777-6959.  
Chaplains are  
bound by the  
Protection of  
Information Act.  
Chaplains can only  
advise your parish  
clergy of your  
admission with  
your consent.**

**For the past  
three years, the  
Anglican, Roman  
Catholic, Salvation**

**Army and United  
Church  
denominations  
have worked  
together to provide  
a First Call Chaplain  
for afterhours calls  
(5pm-7am) at the  
Health Sciences,  
Miller Centre, St.  
Clare's and  
Waterford  
Hospitals. The  
chaplain on call  
will respond and  
can make contact  
with the  
denominational  
chaplain if  
requested or  
needed. The  
denominational  
chaplain will  
continue to visit  
during regular  
daytime hours  
(7am-5pm).  
Prayerfully  
consider your  
parish in your  
estate planning”.**

### **Stewardship Statement**

**As we begin  
this new year  
together as a  
church, we are  
asking our people  
to look at their  
regular giving. Our  
budget for regular  
giving this year is**

set at \$95,000.00.  
 For several years,  
 we have never  
 reached our goal  
 but it is so  
 important for us to  
 do it in 2017 or we  
 will have a serious  
 problem on our  
 hands. Please look  
 at your regular  
 giving and see if  
 you can increase it  
 for this year and  
 going forward.

<b>Yearly Budget for Envelope giving          for 2017 - \$95,000.00</b>	
<b>Needed Monthly -</b>	<b>\$7,917.00</b>
<b>Needed Weekly -</b>	<b>\$1,827.00</b>
<hr/> <b>Rec'd Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>          Regular Giving</b>	
<b>Maintenance</b>	
<hr/> <b>Rec'd Year to Date          Regular Giving</b>	
<b>Maintenance</b>	
<b>Total brought in for          Sunday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	