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

February 15th, 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



From the Rector's Desk

This is my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

It is a good and commendable thing for us to begin with some preparation for Lent since this is the last Sunday in Epiphany and next Sunday we are in the **Season of Lent**.

In this Liturgical Year we are in Cycle B with regards to the readings appointed for Sunday worship. The Gospel lesson for Lent 1 this year is Mark 1: 9 – 15. It is Mark's account of Jesus' **baptism**, his **temptation**, and the beginning of Jesus' **ministry** in Galilee. Mark does not tell us what the temptations were, as does Matthew and Luke, but it is clear Mark links the above three things together right at the beginning of his Gospel. We need to reflect on this.

It seems like a good idea as we make preparation for Lent to take a fresh look at our Lord's baptism; especially at the words that the voice from heaven spoke at the Lord's baptism; to see what these words indicate or what they reveal concerning our Lord's identity and His ministry as we begin our Lenten journey with our Lord to Jerusalem and Good Friday. For this exercise, I will quote extensively from a book written by William Barclay entitled "The Mind of Jesus." (Note: Barclay mentions the name, Justyn Martyr. Justin was one of the early church fathers and teacher of the church, martyr at Rome around 167. The church holds his memorial on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Barclay also mentions the Gospel according to the Hebrews. This writing is not within the Canon of Holy Scripture.)

**"The voice which came to Jesus said: 'Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased.' That saying is composed of two sayings from the Old Testament. 'Thou art my beloved Son' is a quotation from Psalm 2:7. Psalm 2 is a description of a testing time in the life of the king of the holy nation. The heathen rage and rebel; but the king can have perfect confidence, because God has taken him as His son, and His cause is safe in the hands and in the power and in the promise of God. Not only will His own realm be safe and His own throne be secure and His immediate enemies conquered and subdued; the day will come when God will extend His kingdom to the ends of the earth. No doubt when the psalm was first composed and sung it was meant for a definite situation in history when the throne of Israel was in peril; but as the days went on, that psalm came to be regarded as a messianic psalm**

and as a prophecy and foretelling of the triumph of the Messiah, the anointed King of God. So., then, when Jesus heard this voice, He knew Himself to be the Messiah, the King sent by God to be the Lord of men and the ruler of the earth. Here is the forecast of ultimate victory and of universal triumph.

But there was a second clause in the words which came to Jesus in the divine voice ... 'with Thee I am well pleased'. That is a quotation from Isaiah 42:1: 'Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.' This is part of the picture of the servant of the Lord., of the great and mysterious figure whose portrait culminates in Isaiah 53, of the one who was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, the one on whom the chastisement of our peace fell, the one who was to be like a sheep dumb before his shearers. When Jesus heard these words, he must have realized with blinding certainty that his ultimate victory was certain, that the way to it was the way of sorrow, of suffering, of sacrificial service, of self-dedication as an offering for the sins of men. So when Jesus heard the voice, he knew that he was God's chosen Messiah, but he also knew that the way for him was the way of the cross.

In the baptism, we see the self-identification of Jesus with men and the self-dedication of Jesus to the purposes of God. In Justyn Martyr's account of the baptism there is one strange addition to the story. Justin says: 'and then, when Jesus had gone to the river Jordan where John was baptizing, and when he had stepped into the water, a fire was kindled in Jordan.' This fire is also mentioned in the Gospel according to the Hebrews. Where Justin and that Gospel got that story we do not know and we cannot tell. But the story is symbolically true, for in that moment of the baptism there was kindled in the heart of Jesus a flame of sacrificial love which nothing in time or in eternity could ever extinguish." (From The Mind of Jesus, author William Barclay)

Rev. Ed+

#### A Stewardship Thought for the Week

If we could give our offerings directly into the hands of God, that would be our choice. But He has always ordained that individuals and bodies of people (temple, synagogue and church) carry out His bidding in the world and make use of what is given to Him. We listen and gladly bring a part of ourselves to the one who has given us all.

Would God be pleased with what we put into his hands directly? What part of ourselves do we give to God? Look at your offering as you present it in the church – is that the best you can do?

#### Church Chuckle

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful Kings and Queens were in the Bible time. But there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces".

"Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help."

#### MILESTONES

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

#### Memorial Request

Recently, we installed projectors and screens in the Chancellery. Because of the amount of light coming through the window at the back of the church, we considered blinds but instead would like to go with stained glass.

If anyone would like to donate the stained glass as a memorial for a departed loved one, we have been given a quote of \$3,450.00 plus installation plus H.S.T. This could be an individual donation or a group of families. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

#### Annual Financial Statements

Your Annual Financial Statements are available in the foyer. Please pick them up as you leave the church today.

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.

**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.

#### Grief & Bereavement Session (Note Change)

Date: Tuesday, **Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Board Room, Daffodil Place,  
70 Ropewalk Lane

To Register: Call 778-8972 (Mag)

777-2167 (Peter)

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

**Wallace W. Boone**

**May 10, 1943 – June 21, 2012**

by Margaret & family

#### Schedule of Services

**The Last Sunday after Epiphany, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> (Transfiguration Sunday)**

**8:30 AM** – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant: David Bartlett

**10:30 AM** - Holy Eucharist (BAS), Sunday School.

Eucharistic Assts: Todd Martin, George Sharpe

Counters: Don Morgan, Ruth Hiscock

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

**Pot-Luck Lunch and Congregational Annual Meeting to follow the 10:30 am service.**

**Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm** Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Asst: Debbie Collis

**The First Sunday of Lent Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:30 AM** – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant: Christopher Earle

**10:30 AM** - Holy Eucharist (BAS), Sunday School.

Eucharistic Assts: Harve Hiscock, Ann Lambert

Counters: John Parrell, Gloria Earle

Sidesperson: Don Morgan

#### Notices

**ACM Pancake Supper, Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm.**  
Cost is \$8.00. There is a **Sign-Up Sheet** in the foyer.

**ACW Card Game, Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm.** Cost: \$5.00.

There will be **no Cards & Darts** during Lent.

#### **Lenten Quiet Day**

Date: Sat., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: St. Philip's Anglican Church

Retreat Leader: **Deacon David Bell**

The three talks for the day are:

Incarnation and Sanctification

Temptation and Death

The Triumph of the Light

To register, call the Church Office at 895-0715

#### **World Day of Prayer, Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

At St. Philip's Anglican Church. Service will begin at 7:30 pm.

There will be a lunch served afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

**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.**

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

<b>Regular Givings</b>	<b>\$769.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>

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#### **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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 Last Sunday after Epiphany**  
**(Transfiguration Sunday)**

**Scripture Readings for today, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **2<sup>nd</sup> Kings: 2, 1 – 12** Psalm **50: 1 – 6**(Page 768,  
**Prayer on Page 770)** (Debbie Collis)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4: 3 – 6** (Larry Moss)  
Gospel: **Mark 9: 2 - 9** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our  
BAS Lectionary, page 418:

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to  
him**

**Collect for the Day. (In Unison)** Almighty God, on the holy  
mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son,  
wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver from the darkness  
of this world ,and change us into his likeness from glory to  
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)** Holy God, receive all we offer  
you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in  
the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion: (In unison)** Holy God, we see your  
glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of  
his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may  
know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.  
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: **Judy Squires, Maria Squires, Marion**  
**Squires, Melvin & Cynthia Squires, and their families.**

**In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of**  
**Forteau (4 congregations), Rev. Norman Cutler, Priest in**  
**Charge; and the Parish of Cox's Cove/McIver's (2**  
**congregations), Rev. Charlene Laing, Rector.**

**In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Mandalay-**  
**(Myanmar), The Rt. Rev. David Nyi Nyi Naing.**