

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him 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): God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and forever. 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): Dianne Neil, Cynthia Oliver, Lloyd & Jeanette Osmond, Rev. Russell & Joan Osmond, John & Phoebe Parrell, Doreen Parsons and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Diocese of Wyoming – (VI, The Episcopal Church)
The Rt Revd John Smylie

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador Synod
Office Staff: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoff Peddle, The Ven. Sam Rose, The Rev. Chris Fowler, Mrs. Gail Brittain, Ms. Elizabeth Crisby, Mr. Fred Dinham, Mr. Darrin Gosse.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Archbishop Percy Coffin.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

Primate: The Most Rev. Fredrick Hiltz

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Dec. 17th, 2017 (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**



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.

From the Rector's Desk

This third Sunday of Advent finds all of us, I'm sure, busy trying to complete every task that we feel needs to be done so as to be ready for Christmas one week from today. In the busyness of this coming week, may we find pockets of time in which we can pause, take a deep breath, and, allow the magnificence of God's great gift to humanity sink in. What a great God we serve, one that loves us so much that He would spare nothing in order to save us, not even His Son, Jesus. Today's Advent theme is *Joy*, joy that God came into the world incarnate in Christ to show us the way to live. As I continue to settle into the life of the parish of St. Philip's, I find myself busy familiarizing myself with things to do and people to meet, while my family still remains in Grand Falls-Windsor, so it's important for me as well to find that little time and space this week to reflect and give thanks to God for His glorious gift of Jesus, so that, together, we might be renewed in our hearts, minds and spirits, for the great celebration on Christmas Eve, to experience that "joy" we celebrate today. Have a blessed week and I look forward to sharing this first Christmas with you at St. Philip's.

Rev. Randy

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.

Rental Rates - The Vestry has approved the following rates for renting of the Parish Centre **effective January 1st, 2017:**
Baby Showers, Children's Birthday Parties, etc. - \$75.00
Adult Dinner/Dance, Birthday Parties with dance, etc. - \$150.00

If you would like to book the church hall for birthday parties, adult functions, dances, etc., please book through Janice or Donna Spurrell at 895-3581 or cells 725-1057 or 725-0163

Additional Notices

Lions Clubs are collecting used and (even broken) eyeglasses and hearing aids to send overseas. For your convenience, a collection box has been placed in the church foyer.

Parishioners may give to the church through the E- Giving Program. Forms are available in the foyer, please pick up one and even if you are not a regular worshipper with us then you are helping with the expenses that we are daily incurring. Help your church through this method of giving.

Children's Corner

Speak, Lord S.D.C. GOLFERS

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year B — 3rd Sunday of Advent

TODAY IS THE

3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT

Colour in the three lit candles today.

John said:

I am not Jesus Christ.

I am not Elijah or one of the prophets.

I came to tell you to
P _ E _ A _ E THE W _ Y FOR J _ S _ S

Write about or draw a picture of what you are doing to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

BibleWise

The Gift of God's Love



Find the answer to the following question by using the code in the letters on the present.

God's love was shown to us by sending

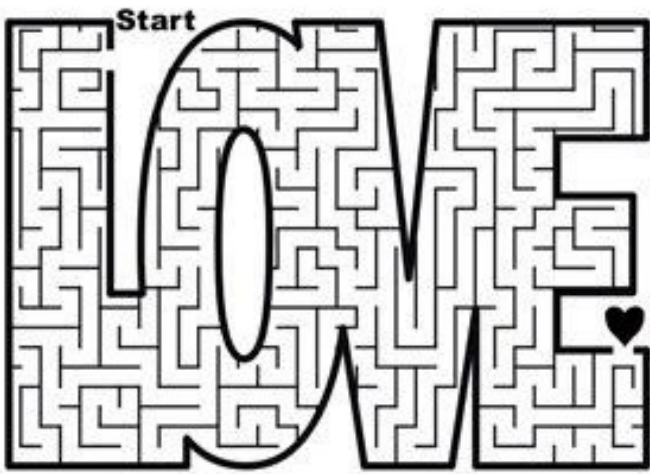
D O V E S

Prophets Foretold Jesus' Birth Word Line Up

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circled spaces and use them for the final question.

- RONB ○ _ _ _
- ELRAIS _ _ _ _○_
- PPEHTSRO _ _ _ _ _○_
- AHDUJ _ _ _ _○_
- DCILH _ _ _ _○_
- NCPRIE _ _ _ _ _○_
- IIAAHS _ _ _ _ _○_
- CEAPE _ _ _ _ _○_
- YGHTMI ○ _ _ _ _ _

Micah said Jesus would be born in _____



Church Envelopes

If anyone has not received their church envelopes for 2018 they are on the table in the foyer. If anyone has a neighbor or friend who has not picked up their envelopes please feel free to take the envelopes for them. Please sign the sheet provided if you should take them for another person.

Confirmation

No decision has been made regarding confirmation. The Rector will have an announcement in the bulletin in January 2018.

Stewardship Statement

Our budget for weekly regular giving this year is set at **\$95,000.00**. Please see chart below. This is good...but just a little shy of our goal. Your continued support is needed.

Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning

Yearly Budget for Envelope giving for 2017 - \$95,000.00	
Needed Monthly -	\$7,916.67
Needed Weekly -	\$1,979.16
Rec'd Dec. 10th. Regular Giving	\$ 1,570.00
Maintenance	\$ 530.00
Rec'd Year to Date Regular Giving	\$ 72,985.87
Maintenance	\$ 13,307.69
Total brought in for Sunday, Dec. 10th.	\$ 6,161.35

Maintenance Fund We continue to ask 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 effective Dec. 31st, 2016, we are paying **\$653.93** per month.

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary
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The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

Third Sunday of Advent – Dec. 17th.
8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Dave Bartlett

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Sunday School
Eucharistic Assistants – Todd Martin & Harvey Hiscock
Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas
Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 24th.
8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Debbie Collis & George Sharpe

4:00 pm – Family Worship with Sunday School Pageant
Counters: Don Morgan & Ruth Hiscock
Susan Powell & Karen Puglisevich

7:00 pm – Holy Eucharist (BAS) – Carol Bartlett & Jennifer Tucker
Sidesperson: Todd Martin

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Today – Dec. 17th.
Scripture Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126: Page 885
(Canon Don Morgan)

2nd Reading – 1st. Thess. 5: 16-24
(Ethel or Ches Barfitt)

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28
(Deacon Bonnell)

NOTICES

A big thank- you to the ACW for their generous gift of \$3000.00 to the parish last Sunday. This brings the total amount they have given to the parish in 2017 to \$7500.00 A job well done ladies! As rector, Rev. Randy would like to encourage more ladies of the parish to get involved with the work of the ACW in 2018. Currently the numbers that attend the regular meetings are very low, which makes it difficult to plan and carry out events. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have more ladies attend the meetings, not only to plan fundraisers, but more especially to fellowship and have fun together? The more we come together, the more we get to know one another, and build up our church and community. In 2018 see what you can do to join in with St. Philip's ACW.

A change in the Christmas Eve Worship Schedule this year. Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will be having our worship services at the following times:
8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) , 4:00 pm Family Worship with the Sunday School Pageant, and 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Following the 10:30 am worship this morning, the Sunday School will be having their Christmas party and lunch. A dress rehearsal will follow the party. In addition there will be another practice this coming Saturday, December 23rd, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. This will be the last practice before the program on Christmas Eve, so it will be important to have all the children present.

Rev. Randy is interested in knowing more about the many musical gifts and talents in our parish. In early 2018 he hopes to meet with any musicians and singers interested in bringing these gifts together to perhaps have a church band that might be involved in a worship service occasionally. If this is something you might be interested in being a part of please sign your name on the sheet of paper on the bulletin board in the foyer, as well as any musical instruments you play.

Please Note – Moose Sausages are available. If you are interested, please contact one of the Vestry Members.

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.

REMINDER – As 2017 is coming to a close, for those who make their contributions by post-dated cheques, this is just a little reminder for your 2018 cheques.

Church Chuckle

How does Moses make his coffee?

Hebrews it.



The church is on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Take a look!

Stewardship thought For the Week

Empty pockets never held anyone back.
It's only empty hearts that do it.