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A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS
WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY
May 12th, 2013 (Year C)

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

Our Bulletin today is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
My dear mother Elizabeth Fry and dear sisters Martha Pike, Margaret Mesh,
Vera Penney & Minnie Holloway
Lovingly remembered by Ethel Penney

In loving memory of Isabel Squires
Remembered by Edna & family

In loving memory of Ethel Rees
Remembered by Gloria, Eric & family

A warm welcome to all our Moms who are worshipping with us today, Mother's Day.
We hope you have a wonderful day with your families.

We welcome to our Service of Consecration today our Diocesan Bishop The Right Rev. Cyrus Pitman, the Right Rev. Martin Mate and former Curate and Rector, the Right Rev. Donald Harvey. We also welcome the Clergy and Deacons of the Dioceses of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador.

Welcome to the Mayor of our town, Portugal Cove-St Philips , Mr. William Fagan and the MHA for the District of Conception Bay East/Bell Island, Mr. David Brazil.

Congratulations to Mrs. Dawn Cheeseman on being selected "Volunteer of the Year" by the Town Council of Portugal Cove-St Philips. Dawn has given great leadership to the Women's Institute for many years in this community as well as the church. We all express our thanks and "well done".



Church of St. Philip
Consecration
May 12, 2013



The history of a Parish is really the story of God's People and their faithfulness to the call of God and the Gospel of Christ in their ministry.

As we gather to share in the Joyful Celebration of Consecration, let us prayerfully remember that this is an important event in the history of our parish family. This occasion represents a milestone etched in the people's faith and witness to the Gospel of our Lord. It also represents the collective and cooperative dedication and vision shared between the people and all our rectors. For this we give thanks to God.

In 1986 under the leadership of Bishop Martin Mate, the direction of the Rev. Canon Bert Cheeseman and the church leadership of the time, we became the Parish of St. Philip. It was quite a witness statement of faith, commitment and confidence as our people came together to make this change. This action opened the first chapter in our history and legacy as a new community of God's People.

The people demonstrated their commitment to this new beginning as more than three hundred people proudly gathered together in worship and prayer in thanksgiving and celebration of this historic event.

Under Canon Bert's leadership the people planned for the building of a new church complex. This was supported by all the rectors who followed. In 1999 Bishop Donald Harvey appointed Venerable John Dinn to be our new rector and on December 14, 2003 more than four hundred people gathered in worship, thanksgiving and celebration as our bishop, Donald Harvey, and our rector, The Venerable John Dinn, proudly opened our new church complex.

In 2008, you selected me as your rector and we had a debt of \$447,000.00. We undertook the task and challenged our people to focus their energy on becoming debt free. This opportunity gave us the hope and expectation of having our new church consecrated years ahead of the expected date. In two years, this Appeal raised \$131,000.00 and, with the help of a generous gift, enabled us to pay off our loans and become debt free. So, today, Bishop Cyrus Pitman is with us to consecrate our new church complex.

On this occasion, we give thanks for how God has used us and brought us to where we are. We ask the Lord to bless the work of many hands and hearts. We are branches connected to the True Vine; we have life in the vine. Unconnected to the Vine we can do nothing, having life in the vine all things become possible.

The Consecration of the Parish of St. Philip Is a reason to Rejoice!

We would like to welcome you all to our Consecration Service, a time in the life of our parish which will remain in our memory and in the history of the Parish of St. Philip as a very significant and joyful occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

Yours in Christ

The Rev. Edward Keeping +