



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
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February 7th, 2016 (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**



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**

On Tuesday evening of this week, five Select Vestries met here at St. Philip's to have a discussion on the Syrian Refugee Crisis. We invited Mr. Ken Walsh from the Association of New Canadians to be our guest speaker for the occasion. Mr. Walsh was able to give us the facts and financial obligations in order to sponsor a family to come to Canada.

I believe there is an agreement in place with the four other Vestries to sponsor a family to come to the City of St. John's.

Today I am reminded of the scripture reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 34 -

45, which I would like you to read. "Just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me".

I would like to thank our Vestry for taking the initiative in doing this. I am thankful to the Parishes of New Hope in the Goulds, All Saints in Foxtrap, Holy Innocents in Paradise and St. Lawrence in Portugal Cove and their Vestries for coming on board. By working together, we will make this a reality.

In the future, we will be asking you for different things to assist us but now as your Rector, I am asking you to open your wallets and give a freewill offering to meet the obligations of this Parish.

On Thursday, the five Rectors met over lunch for a meeting to discuss our plans for the refugee family. The Parishes of Holy Innocent's, St. Lawrence and St. Philip's will be looking for four individuals in each Parish to form a committee to oversee the arrangements in preparing to receive the family. Our major aim at the present time is for the Parishes to receive freewill offerings to cover the cost of bringing the family to Canada. We agreed not to ask for a specific amount at this time but to give our people a chance to decide what they would like to give. Please remember, there is a figure that all Parishes must meet.

The cost of bringing a family of four to Canada is about \$27,000. The Government of Canada will give \$10,000 and basically we are responsible for \$17,000. Our Diocese is prepared to give a gift of \$5,000 to sponsor a family. The Rector's agreed that we should have some extra money for unforeseeable circumstances. We would also be responsible for accommodations and furniture.

The Rectors believe that this can be done with your support and we are moving forward in bringing a family to Canada.

I would like to thank our Vestry for making this an issue around the table and involving other parishes in this ministry.

Rev. Ed.

Church Chuckles

During a recent password audit, it was found that a user was using the following password:

*"MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDewey
Donald GoofyParis"*

When asked why she had such a long password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 characters long and include at least one capital.

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

Sometimes we give and don't get much recognition or credit. That doesn't bother us. In fact, there is often increased satisfaction in careful giving done secretly.

Sometimes we give and it is misunderstood. Love can get us in trouble with people who attribute the world's motives to things Christians do. But we will continue to give, and serve, and grow, and serve and grow..... God always understands the real motives.

Stewardship Statement

Jan. 31st

Regular Givings: \$751.00

Maint. Fund \$220.00

E-Giving

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.

Recyclable Donations: -Recycling is a fundraising 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 & 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, corner of Old Broad Cove Road and Bennett's Road. If you can help with sorting the recyclables on Monday or Tuesday nights please call John Parrell. **The ACM could really use your help.**

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.

Important Notice

Please note that all reports for the ANNUAL REPORT need to be received by Rev. Keeping no later than Feb. 9th, in order to have the ANNUAL REPORT compiled and available for the week prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 353:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

The Bulletin today is given to the glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

**Father - Arthur Squires
August 8th, 1923 - Feb. 3rd, 1996
By Dorothy Clarke & Family**

Schedule of Services

**Last Sunday after Epiphany February 7th
(Transfiguration Sunday)**

8:30 am - Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic Assistant: George Sharpe
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Eucharistic Assts: Debbie Collis & Harve Hiscock
Counters: John Parrell & Gloria Earle
Sidesperson: John Parrell

Ash Wednesday, February 10th

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Eucharistic Asst: Mary Ann Baker

First Sunday in Lent February 14th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic

Assistant: Carol Bartlett

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

Eucharistic Assts: Jennifer Tucker & Mose Tucker

Counters: John Parrell & Gloria Earle **Sidesperson:**

Don Morgan

Notices

ACM Pancake & Sausage Supper, Shrove Tuesday,

Feb. 9th, 5:00 pm. The cost per ticket is \$8.00 and tickets are free for children under 6 years of age. Tickets must be pre-sold and are available at the church office or from the members of the ACM.

Pot-Luck Lunch and Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, February 21st following the 10:30 a.m. service.

Lenten Quiet Time – Saturday, March 5th

Theme: Four Hours of Grace

Leader: Bishop Geoff

Place: Church of the Good Shepherd

To Register, Call 747-1022.

The Select Vestry would like to thank Tony Squires for putting shelves up for us in the Utility Room. THANK YOU, TONY.

Pews from the old church building are now on sale in the Foyer for \$250.00.

“**Belize Project**” I want to thank the people of the parish who have given to this project. We are asking each family to give a gift of \$10.00. We have received \$1,354.00 as of today. Our goal is \$1,500.00 for the parish.

2017 Confirmation: Notice to Parents

of children who will be confirmed in 2017. We have begun the new **Two Year Confirmation Program** for candidates **who will be confirmed in 2017.** Please note candidates must attend this two-year program in order to be confirmed. Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you want your child to attend.

Please check the clothes closets in the church foyer to see if any of these coats, sweaters, etc. belongs to you. Over the next few weeks, any unclaimed items will be removed and given to the needy.

“Prayerfully consider your parish in your estate planning.”

Milestones

(If you know of anyone in the Parish celebrating a milestone in their lives, please contact the Church Office so that we can share the good news in our church bulletin.

Noteworthy Events

Singing Legionnaires – Dinner & Dance

Feb. 12th @ 7:00 pm – Royal Canadian Legion Pleasantville – Cost \$20.00. This is in aid of their volunteer services.

Portugal Cove ACW - Monthly Card Games are held the third Tuesday of each month (or the 2nd last Tuesday, if applicable) at St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 8:00 pm. Cost \$5.00 and lunch is served.

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.

TOUR MAGNIFICENT SPAIN AND PORTUGAL -

Join us for an exciting 18 days (September 23 – October 10, 2016) touring Spain and Portugal. Come and feel the breath of history as we wander the narrow streets of ancient town and explore palaces, castles and monasteries of former great powers and relax on beaches of the Mediterranean. This will be a journey of a lifetime featuring fascinating history, distinctive cultures and extraordinary scenery. The price is all-inclusive. Brochures available and questions answered by calling 709-754-8720 or emailing: wdkn10@gmail.com.

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 - 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 in love.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for The Last Sunday after Epiphany

(Transfiguration Sunday)

Scripture Readings for today, February 7th

1st Reading: **Exodus 34: 29 – 35** Psalm 99 (Page 837) (Ethel Barfitt)

2nd Reading: **2nd Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2** (Wendy Decker)

Gospel: **Luke 9: 28 – 36 (37 – 43A)** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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): Gordon & Margaret Tucker, Grace Tucker, Joan Tucker, Lillian Tucker, Louise Tucker and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of Buchans (3 congregations), Rector awaiting appointment and The Parish of The Holy Trinity (8 congregations), The Rev. Nancy March, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.