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**Anglican Church of St. Philip
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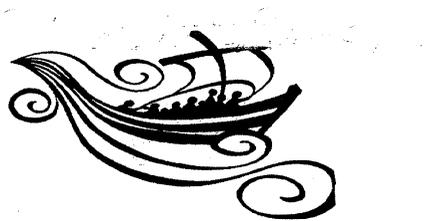
November 29th, 2015 (Year B)

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



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

Advent begins today as we begin a new liturgical year in the Church.

Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus" meaning "coming".

For the next four Sundays, we will be into the season of Advent, then Christmas.

Advent is a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas.

This is why the color of the season of Advent is either purple or blue, reminding us of forgiveness and

repentance. The color used in our church for this season will be blue.

Another observation is the lighting of the Advent Wreath, which is now placed in the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. I want to share a few thoughts about the Advent Wreath, this morning.

The circle of the Advent Wreath, without a beginning or an end, symbolizes God's unending love for us and reminds us of eternity. The evergreen leaves represent growth and hope for eternal life.

The four Advent candles mark the four weeks to Christmas with the white candle, which is in the centre of the wreath being lit on Christmas Eve. Of the four candles, three are usually purple in color and one rose.

At the service we are using this year for Advent, you will notice that the candles are arranged in a different order from previous years. This tradition, as well as the program used in lighting the candles, varies from church to church.

The way we decorate our church this Advent season will remind us that we are people who "wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ".

Another tradition in the church is the use of the Jesse Tree. This is like a family tree through which the stories of those who preceded Christ are remembered. Each week symbols are put on a tree – it can be an evergreen tree or a leafless tree. We start with Adam and Eve at the bottom of the branches and move upwards each week until a symbol of Christ is on the top. As each symbol is placed on the tree, the person it represents and their place in Jesus' story is remembered.

Let us take time this Advent season to truly prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child. Happy Advent to you all.

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

Offering time leads us to make an examination of our stewardship. God cares also about how we make our money, how we spend it, and how we handle what we keep. The apostolic church stressed the importance of giving a regular proportion of all we take in.

But what expenditure do we make of time, of energy, of talent in work done for the Lord Jesus Christ? What ministry are we preparing for?

Stewardship Statement

Nov. 22nd, 2015

Regular Givings: \$1,235.00

Maint. Fund 110.00

E-Giving

Church Chuckle

It's Not Up to Me!

A weary elevator operator at a department store had patiently answered shoppers' questions all day. Just before closing, a voice from the rear of the crowded car piped up, "Suppose the elevator cables broke, would we go up or down?"

The operator's patience finally gave way.

"That", he answered, "depends entirely on the kind of life you've been living."

Thank You

Rev. Ed and Joyce would like to say a sincere thank you to those who supported them in attending the Holy Eucharist on Friday evening celebrating the 30th anniversary of Rev. Ed's ordination to the priesthood.

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.

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.

"Grieving: Coping with the Holidays."

Eastern Health's Pastoral Care and Ethics Dept invites you to this event. It is designed to provide people who are spending their first couple of holiday seasons without a loved one with helpful information and suggestions. Two time slots are available: Wednesday, December 2nd from 1:30-3:00pm or Thursday, December 3rd from 7:00-8:30pm. Location: Health Sciences Auditorium, St. John's. For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. Jacintha Penney or Paul Grimes at 777-6959.

Grieving: Coping with the Holidays (free webinar available for entire province)

Eastern Health's Pastoral Care and Ethics Dept is pleased to offer a free 1 hour webinar presentation on Wednesday, December 2nd from 7:00-8:00pm. This presentation is designed to help people who are spending their first couple of holiday seasons without a loved one. We'll provide people with helpful information and suggestions. For more information or to register, please contact Rev. Dr. Jacintha Penney or Paul Grimes at 709-777-8940.

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.

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 268:

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

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

**Father and Grandfather
Wilf Mercer**

Love: Ernie, Barb, Nicholas and Melissa

Schedule of Services

1st Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic

Assistant: Dave Bartlett

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), & Sunday school

Eucharistic Assts: Todd Martin, George Sharpe

Counters: John Parrell, Gloria Earle

Sidesperson: John Parrell

Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 6th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic

Assistant: Christopher Earle

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), & Sunday school

Eucharistic Assts: Debbie Collis & Harve Hiscock

Counters: John Parrell, Gloria Earle

Sidesperson: Don Morgan

Notices

Pot Luck Lunch – Sunday, Nov. 29th

We are holding our monthly pot luck luncheon today following the 10:30 am service. (Hope you remembered to bring along your pot luck dish). All are welcome.

ACW Meeting – Wed., Dec. 2nd, at 7:30 pm.

Harvest Festival Event: 50/50 Ticket draw: up to Dec. 5th. Please see Todd Martin.

ACW Card Game: Monday, December 7th, at 8:00 pm.

Lunch will be served. Cost \$5.00.

The Moose Supper originally scheduled for Saturday, December 12th has to be rescheduled – further details to follow.

Cards & Darts: Due to insufficient numbers, this fellowship will be suspended until further notice.

Memorial Windows: We are still accepting donations to the stained glass window (St. Philip) in the back of the church. You can give a gift in memory of a departed loved one to this window.

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.

Sanctuary Fund – Flowers : If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for Christmas flowers in the Sanctuary, envelopes are available in the foyer. Please note the deadline for donations is **Dec. 18th**.

Noteworthy Events

The Threshold Ministries, which was once known as the “Anglican Church Army in Canada”, is sharing God’s love by giving Hope this season and is seeking donations to carry out their mandate of evangelism and social service. This ministry relies on the generosity of people like yourselves. I am still involved in this ministry although the name has changed over the past number of years.

Can you help with this ministry? Your money will help to initiate a new program and ministries. Without your help this will be impossible.

Pamphlets can be found in the foyer.

St. Luke’s Annual Christmas Concert – Sunday, Dec. 6th at 7:30 pm. Hosted by Myrle and Marilyn Vokey.

Tickets – \$22.50 (Call 729-3900). Place: Arts & Culture Centre.

Coastal Sounds Choir – Annual Holiday Concert –

Friday, Dec. 18th at 7:30 – At All Saints Church,

Foxtrap. Tickets - \$20.00 – online at

www.coastalsounds.ca

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.

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.

“Prayerfully consider your parish in your estate planning.”

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 in love.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings for today, November 29th

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Psalm 25: 1-9 (page 733)** (Harve Hiscock)

2nd Reading: **1st Thess. 3: 9-13** (Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel: **Luke 21: 25-36** (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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): God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of 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): Shirley P. Sharpe, Steve & Majella Sharpe, Tony & Sharon Sharpe, Tracy & Blair Sharpe, Victor & Olive Sharpe, Virtue Sharpe and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Hospital Chaplains, University Chaplains, St. John’s & Corner Brook and the Canadian Forces Chaplaincies – Regular & Reserve.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for South East Asia –The Rt. Revd. Ng Moon Hing, Bishop, The Rt Revd Andrew Phang, Assistant Bishop and The Rt Revd Jason Selvaraj Assistant Bishop.

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