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**Anglican Church of St. Philip
895 -0715**

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October 25th, 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.

From the Rector's Desk

I write to you today with a few news items as we are into the last quarter of the church's year.

Looking over the budget for 2015, I notice that our regular givings to the church is set at \$95,000 (weekly offering). As of Sept. 30th, we have received \$66,809.89. If we are to meet this budget by year-end, we must encourage each other to give a little extra over the next two months and encourage family members who have not given to do so.

At the present time, we are renting the Board Room (Oct. – Dec.) for election work leading up to the Provincial Election on Nov. 30th.

I meet with two teachers who are willing to rent the nursery each Saturday to assist young students with their studies (1-1/2 hr. per day). This will begin in Nov.

Each Thursday afternoon, Eastern Health is renting the Parish Centre for a Breast Feeding Clinic.

With these types of rentals, we really need to consider acquiring a part-time janitor.

By early next week, the site of our former place of worship will be cleared and ready for implementation of the plans approved by Vestry and at our Annual Congregational Meetings. (The plan is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.)

This site will become known our "Memorial Garden of Peace", respecting those who have gone before us.

There are a number of other projects that will be carried out in 2016 if not completed in 2015. There will be paving and beautification around our church. In 2016, work will be done to improve the life of our cemetery.

I thought I would share these items with you so, as parishioners, you will know what is happening in the life of your parish.

If you would like to know further information, please feel free to contact me or visit the office any morning – Monday to Friday.

My God continues to bless you and yours.

Rev. Ed.

A Stewardship Thought for the Week

An "Epistle from Thistle" in *Christian Standard* has an interesting tale about giving.

"It is said there once was a small boy who went to church with his mother but was not accustomed to attending. Before the service his mother gave him some money he was to put in the offering plate when it was passed, and his mother indicated she would put some in too. As the service went on and on through hymns, announcements, prayer, and the Scripture reading, the boy become more and more restless. Finally he whispered to his mother, "Mom, if we give him the money now, do you think he'll let us go?"

Sometimes we give painfully, sometimes with pretense, sometimes with no feeling. Sometimes we don't give at all!

Many here give with determination and with great delight. We give because we believe in the church. We want it to thrive and reach out. We want to give our best, and we rejoice in the personal blessing that comes from our giving.

Stewardship Statement

Oct 18th , 2015

Regular Givings:	\$ 1,446.00
Maint. Fund	205.00
E-Giving	

Prayers of the People Group: I am happy to announce that we have recruited two new people to join this group. If anyone is interested, please contact the rector as more recruits are needed.

Cards & Darts: A decision will have to be made as to whether or not to continue with this group. We would need more participation than we have at present and although it was enjoyed by all who attended, the numbers are too small.

If you are interested and would like to keep this group going, please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board posted in the foyer.

Church Chuckle

Illinois

Once upon a time, in the kingdom of Heaven, God was missing for six days. Eventually, Michael, the Archangel, found him resting on the seventh day. He inquired of God, "Where have you been?"

God released a deep sigh of satisfaction and proudly pointed downwards through the clouds, "Look, Michael. Look what I've created."

Archangel Michael looked puzzled and said, "What is it?" "It's a planet," replied God, "and I've put Life on it. I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be a great place of balance.

"Balance?" inquired Michael, still confused.

God explained, pointing to different parts of earth, "For example, northern Europe will be a place of great opportunity and wealth but cold and harsh, while southern Europe is going to be poor but sunny and pleasant.

I have made some lands abundant in water and other lands parched deserts. This one will be extremely hot, while this one will be very cold and covered in ice."

The Archangel, impressed with God's work, then pointed to a land mass and said, "What's that one?"

"Ah," said God, "that's Illinois, the most glorious place on earth. There will be beautiful prairies, grasslands, farms, streams, abundant wild game and birds, rolling hills and woodlands. The people from Illinois are going to be handsome, modest, intelligent and humorous, and they are going to be found travelling the world. They will be extremely sociable, hardworking and high achieving and they will be known throughout the world as diplomats and ambassadors of peace."

Michael gasped in wonder and admiration but then proclaimed, "What about balance, God? You said there would be balance!!!"

God replied wisely, “Wait until you see the idiots I put in Springfield, Cook County and Chicago’s City Hall.”

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.

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, Page 388:

Our Saviour Christ abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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

Eve Tucker
August 17, 1883 – Sept. 17, 1962
By
Granddaughter, Margaret Boone

Schedule of Services

22nd Sunday after Pentecost, October 25th

Peace Sunday & Reformation Sunday
“Birthday Sunday”

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic Assistant: Carol Bartlett

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

Eucharistic Assts: Joan Tucker, Dave Bartlett

Counters: Karen Puglisevich, Tom Tulk

Sidesperson: John Parrell

All Saints Day, Nov. 1st

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic

Assistant: Todd Martin

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

Eucharistic Assts: George Sharpe, Debbie Collis

Counters: Linda Roberts, Todd Martin

Sidesperson: Don Morgan

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.

Notices

Rev. Keeping will be away on holidays from Monday, Oct. 26th – week of Nov. 1st. If there are any emergencies during this time, please contact one of the wardens.

Harvest Festival Event: 50/50 Ticket draw: up to Dec. 5th. We will announce when tickets are available.

ACW CARD GAME: Monday, October 26th at 8:00 pm. Card game prizes, door prize and ticket draws. Lunch served. Cost \$5.00

ACW Fall Fellowship – Tuesday, October 27th. St. Lawrence Church, Portugal Cove. Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm, followed by a short meeting and social. All women and clergy of the parish are invited.

There are two chandeliers from the old building that are available to anyone interested. Please contact Rev. Keeping about these.

Pamphlets – “Daily Bread” and “Today”: Please pick up the Sept/Oct editions of these pamphlets for your daily devotions.

Memorial Windows: There is now an opportunity for families who would like to donate a Memorial Window in the Church in Memory of Departed Loved Ones. The cost ranges from \$2,075.00 to \$2,395.00. We are hoping to put in at least three windows on each side of the church for the time being. The cost depends on the design, so if you are interested, please come to the church and look at the designs that are available. On the bulletin board in the foyer are samples of the designs with or without the emblem. Some will have the emblems added so that is why there is a cost range. Both the stained glass window in the back of the church, over the doors, as well as the one over the Altar, are scheduled to be installed this month.

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.

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.

Cemetery Cleanup: By the end of October, we ask that you remove all pots and flowers from the graves for the winter months. Any pots and flowers remaining on the graves after that will be discarded.

Noteworthy Events

Topsail United Church: Concert “Up Close and Personal” with Kevin Collins.

Friday, October 30th at 7:30 pm. To reserve tickets, call 834-4587. Cost is \$20.00.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Richard Nolan Drive, Mount Pearl – ACM Wild Life Dinner, Saturday, November 7th at 6:00 pm. Moose or rabbit dinner (alternative – stuffed pork), with dessert, tea and coffee. Tickets - \$15.00 each. Take-outs available but must be picked up by 5:30. For tickets, call the Church Office at 747-1022 or Mundun Reid at 745-4160 or Herb Dowden at 745-1273.

Noteworthy Events (Cont’d)

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.

Charity Performance -

There will be a charity performance of Henry Vth taking place at St. Mary the Virgin Auditorium at 7:30 pm on the 25th and 26th of October. This is the 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt, being celebrated simultaneously in London and Paris - producer and director David Akenhead - on behalf of the St. John’s Retired Citizens Association. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the door on the day of the play. David also will be at the corner of Water Street and George Street most afternoons from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm; also, at the Dominion at Quidi Vidi on weekend afternoons or call 726-8523 or email. davidakenhead@bellaliant.net. Come along and enjoy the performance.

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.

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9 am - 1:30 pm

Friday: 9 am – 12 noon

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 22nd Sunday
after Pentecost

Scripture Readings for today, October 25th

1st Reading: Job 42: 1 – 6, 10 – 17 Psalm: 34:
1 – 8 (Harvey Hiscock)

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7: 23 – 28 (Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel: Mark 10: 46 – 52 (Rev. Ed Bonnell)

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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): John & Winnie Piercey, Diane Pollett, Bruce & Susan Powell, Val & Karen Puglisevich, and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Parish of Hermitage, (3 congregations), Rev. Hubert Vallis, Rector, and The Parish of Port Rexton, Rev. John Nicolle, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Tohoku (Japan), The Rt. Rev. John Hiromichi Kato, and Tokyo (Japan), The Rt. Rev. Andrew Yoshimichi Ohata.

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