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A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY

November 23rd, 2014 (Year A)

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

## MARGARET (MERCER) MOLLOY DEC. 22, 1905 – NOV. 22, 1997

By Daughter Rose "Never Forgotten"

### Parish Mission Statement

God's people in the Parish of St. Philip, in a covenant relationship with God through Baptism, are called....

- 1 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



# From the Rector's Desk

For the past six weeks, I have included teaching articles in our Sunday Bulletin on the different parts in our Parish Mission Statement. The clergy have shared teaching sermons on our Mission Statement and I thank them for their support and for the teaching they have shared. I would encourage the membership to review the articles in the Sunday Bulletins to be refreshed in the things that have been shared.

The purpose of that exercise was to help make our Mission Statement to "come alive" to the hearts and minds of our people; to help deepen our awareness and understanding of Mission....to make it a lot more than nice ideas written in our Bulletin.

Of course, when a Parish develops a Mission Statement that is approved by Vestry and our congregational Annual Meeting, it is presumed that **our people are willing to make an investment into turning our Mission Statement into a living reality.** My heartfelt prayer is that we are all committed to making that investment.

The Anglican Communion defines Mission as "God in Action". All Mission comes from God and we share in our Lord's Mission which he has entrusted to His Church. We are the Body of Christ....the hands and feet and voice and heart that builds up the Body, sharing in that mission with one another, and which seeks to bring our Lord's Mission into our neighbourhoods and into the world

This, of course, means that our Parish is being challenged to take on a renewed attitude and a renewed commitment to being a

Mission Minded church. When this happens, parishes become more enlivened in the Spirit, rekindled in faith and in gospel action. Together, we can become a church where God's People share more fully in our Lord's Mission.

It makes sense that I cannot name off a list of all the things that we can do, but I offer some suggestions:

- Make a new beginning by attending Bishop Geoffrey's Advent Retreat right here in our own parish.
- Make occasional visits to the church for some uninterrupted silence and quality time with our Lord
- Look prayerfully and deeply inside and ask the Lord to help us find ways to change our hearts and become more mission minded.
- l Develop a personal "Rule of Life" and make an effort to follow it. A sample Rule of Life can be found on page 555 in the BCP.
- Make it a practice to learn more about our faith....maybe to join in the Bible Study....to read spiritual books. Good books may be found at our Diocesan Resource Centre.
- l Look for opportunities to serve, and do all we can to be a loving supporting and healing community.
- 1 Take God's Mission out into our neighbourhoods and into the world simply through friendship and conversation and through invitation to worship with us.
- l Be committed to Outreach....The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is an excellent way to help others in God's world, and there are other means for doing this.
- Make a determined effort at being a good Christian Steward, <u>offering our time and talent and money</u> for the work of ministry and in proportion to how God has provided for us.
- 1 Do all in our power to make our place of worship a place that attracts people to our faith Community?

The opportunities and ways for being a Mission Minded Church are limited only by our imaginations. The most important first step is to seek the Lord for guidance and then make one decision at a time at being a partner in mission with our Lord and with each other.

And please remember that your rector can best serve God's people when there is a wonderful spirit of becoming mission minded people in our part of God's vineyard. Support needs to be a mutual experience. Let us, then, find ways in which we can develop and grow together, supporting each other in the different aspects of Mission and Ministry. May God bless us all in this Mission of "God in Action" in the many and diverse ways in which we can build each other up as needed and necessary members in the Body of Christ.

#### **Noteworthy Events**

<u>Diocesan Resource Centre</u>, opened Saturdays from **Nov.** 1<sup>st</sup> – **Dec.** 20<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Season.

Duncan Howell is retiring as Facility Manager at the Lavrock Center at the end of the 2014 Season. The Diocese will be hosting a small farewell for Duncan on Tuesday, November 25, 2014. It will be held at the Diocesan Synod Office Basement, 19

King's Bridge Road from 2:00 – 5:00pm. Those who have shared with Duncan at Lavrock are welcome to attend.

Fish & Brewis Supper: St. Mary's Church, Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. Tickets \$15.00. Call 579-0039 to reserve a ticket.

St. Thomas Church annual Fall Mini-Sale: Saturday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – noon.

#### **Blue Christmas**

For whatever reason, Christmas can be painful for some. The grief experience can often make us feel alone in the midst of celebrating and the joy of Christmas. On **Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Anglican Church**, they will be offering a <u>Blue Christmas Service</u>. Come, sit, reflect and listen to the quiet music of classical guitarist, Charlie Barefoot, with hymns & reflections as well, to help people to face the upcoming season.

#### **Grieving – Coping with the Holidays**

Eastern Health Pastoral Care & Ethics Dept. invites you to "Coping with the Holidays" on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00pm – 3:30pm in the HSC auditorium. Or, choose to attend an alternative slot on Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. The events are designed to provide people, who are spending their first couple of holiday seasons without a loved one, with helpful information and suggestions. For further information, please call Rev. Jacintha Penney or Paul Grimes at 777-6959.

<u>Tree Lighting Ceremony – Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philips – Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm, at the Town Hall</u>

## **Baptismal Preparation:**

In preparation for baptism, it will become the practice in the parish that the priest will visit the family for information purposes and to get to know them.

The Saturday before the baptism, the parents and godparents will meet at the church, at an agreed upon time, for preparation. This is a teaching time for baptism.

Following the service, the priest will continue to have follow-up with the family.

Baptism will usually be the first Sunday of the month but often due to work commitments of the family, we may have to work with them to find another alternative.

**"TODAY" & "OUR DAILY BREAD"** - Please pick up the latest copy of "**Today**" and "**Our Daily Bread**" for your daily devotion. They are on the table in the foyer. We are encouraging people to use them for their own spiritual growth. Please put a quarter in the container provided, so we can support these ministries.

### **Schedule of Services**

# Reign of Christ Sunday, Nov. 23rd

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic Assistant: Debbie Collis

10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)& Sunday School Eucharistic Assists: Harve Hiscock, Mose Tucker Counters: Karen Puglisevich, Susan Powell

Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

# Advent Sunday, Nov. 30th

8:30 AM – Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharistic Assistant: Ann Lambert 10:30AM – Holy Eucharist (BAS)& Sunday School

Eucharistic Assists: Jennifer Tucker, Charlie Gosse

Counters: Karen Puglisevich, Susan Powell

Sidesperson: Todd Martrin

#### MILESTONES

Congratulations to Rev. Ed on the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. He was ordained Priest on Nov. 27, 1985 at All Saints, Fortune.

Congratulations to our ACW on a very successful Fall Sale and an income of \$1,442.11.

### A Stewardship Thought for the Week

A growing congregation needs so many things. Just like a teenager who keeps growing out of his clothes and needing bigger

shoes, we need more equipment for study, more opportunities for healthy experiences, and more things to share with people around us.

Any parent knows that a growing child costs money. And a teenager (unless he is very unusual) does not have a lot of that stored up.

We give today because God deserves our return and because we need the healthy experience of growing and giving. We also give because our grade-school-age church suffers those wonderful growing pains. As much as we can, we gladly share in this

# **Church Chuckle**

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house.

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

- "Johnny, wait until we say our prayer."
- "I don't have to." the boy replied.
- "Of course you do" his mother insisted,
- "We say a prayer before eating at our house."
- "That's at our house" Johnny replied,
- "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

# **Notices**

**ACW Card Game, Monday, November 24th at 8:00 pm** in the Parish Centre. Cost \$5.00. Lunch will be served.

Cards & Darts Fellowship: The Cards & Darts Fellowship will now be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 8:00 pm, beginning November 26<sup>th</sup>

Annual Church Cleaning: Saturday, Nov. 29 at 9:30 a.m. We ask the men and ladies of the congregation to come out and help with this cleaning.

Diocesan Anglican Men's Association – Notice of General Meeting – Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – Church of the Ascension, Mt. Pearl Business Meeting at 4:00pm sharp; Supper at 5:00pm; Church Service at 6:30pm. DAMA Pins will be on sale @ \$5.00. Please let Gary King know if you plan to attend this event by the deadline of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **November is Diabetes Awareness Month**

The number of people with diabetes in Newfoundland & Labrador is expected to rise from 57,573 people to 96,840 people in 2032.

Please take an on line CANRISK test and for each test taken, it will raise \$1.00 for research and you could win \$5,000.00 Sun Life Money for life experience.

Visit: www.dontberisky or www.diabetes.ca

Advent Quiet Day with Bishop Geoff: You are invited to an Advent Quiet Day in the Parish of St. Philip's on Saturday, Dec. 6th with the Right Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Peddle. The theme will be, "The word was made flesh...and dwelt among us...full of grace and truth." Bishop Geoff will deliver a single talk that day in three parts, based upon John 1:14, beginning at 10:00am and ending at 2:00pm with a closing Eucharist. Lunch will be provided by the parish at a cost of \$5 each. Please register by contacting the parish directly at 895-0715 or by e-mail at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com.

# Pot-Luck Lunch cancelled for Dec. 7th

The next Pot-Luck Lunch is planned for the last Sunday in January.

### **Note to Sidespersons:**

Before you leave the church on Sunday mornings, would you be kind enough to have your team put away the tables & chairs in the Parish Centre. Thank you.

**Advent Envelopes:** We encourage the people of our congregation to use their Advent envelopes during this season. These givings are a separate budget item and we graciously ask for your support at this time.

Christmas Flower Fund: If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for Christmas flowers in the Sanctuary, please note that the deadline is **Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**.

<u>Preauthorized Payment (e-Giving) of Church Offerings</u> can now be offered to our parishioners. Many people find that this is 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 will be 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.

November 16th, 2014

Regular Giving \$1,718.00

<u>Maintenance Fund</u> – It is time to speak once again about our Church Maintenance Fund. Now, that we are into the last quarter of our church's financial year we want to encourage people to continue giving to this Fund. We know that some regular contributors have dropped off and we want to encourage them to give for the long term. Please use your "Pink Envelope" to contribute this Fund so when the time comes for repairs there will be funds available.

**MEMORIAL BULLETIN:** We encourage you to donate the weekly bulletin as a memorial to a departed loved one. The envelopes and information are available from the pamphlet rack in the foyer.

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 hall can call the church office at 895-0715.

Recyclable Donations: - 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. This is a project of the ACM. If you can help with sorting the recyclables on Monday or Tuesday nights please call John Parrell. Your help is needed.

## 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 Last Sunday After Pentecost: The Reign of Christ

Scripture Readings for today, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>,
1st Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16, 20 - 24 Psalm 100 (Page 838) (Larry Moss)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Ephesians 1: 15 - 23** (Wendy Decker) Gospel: **Matthew 25: 31 - 46** (Deacon Ed Bonnell)

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary, page 394:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! (Mark 11. 9,10)

Collect for the Day. (In Unison) Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; 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

<u>Prayer over the Gifts</u>: (In unison) Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In unison) Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this 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: Dianne Neil, Cynthia Oliver, Lloyd & Jeanette Osmond, Rev. Russell & Joan Osmond, John & Pheobe Parrell, Doreen Parsons and their families.

In our Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Parish of Green Island (2 congregations), Rev. Marlene Harvey, Priest in Charge, and the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, St. John's, Rev. Samuel Rose, Rector.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt. Rev. Carlos Lopez-Lozano.