

St. Philip Parish Church



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

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WELCOME: We welcome you to St. Philip this morning as we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent**. The third Sunday of Advent is known as **Gaudete Sunday**, which means "**rejoice**" in Latin. It's a day to celebrate the **joy** of anticipating the coming of Christ, and to mark the shift from penitential reflection to joyful anticipation. Readings are for Advent 3 Year C

A warm welcome is extended to all who are visiting for the first time. The members of the St. Philip's Parish Church consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you enjoy your visit. It is our desire **to be an agent that ensures God's love and help reach all.**

ORDER OF SERVICE

**During the Season of Advent
The Gloria and Alleluias are omitted**

Lighting of the third Candle

Leader: May the Lord's peace be with us all.

All: The Lord is our faith and our life.

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All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Leader: Today we light the candle of **Joy**

*Two purple candles and the **rose-coloured candle** are lit and allowed to burn.*

Leader: Let us pray that we may experience fully the joy of Christ.

Dear God, we carry many burdens and worry over many things. Help us to hear your promise in this Advent season, that in hearing, we may receive the Spirit's gift of joy. And may our spirits be kept sound at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Introit Hymn 52

The Advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.

The Everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on,
to set his servants free.

Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring

As Judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heaven to reign.

Before the dawning day
let sin's dark deeds be gone;
the old man all be put away,
the new man all put on.

All glory to the Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.

Salutation–

Jesus says, surely I am coming soon! Amen. Come, Lord
Jesus! *Revelation 22: 20*

PRESIDENT: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy
Spirit.

**ALL: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and
forever. Amen.**

ALL

**Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your
name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by
your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy
word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church.
Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer
to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat
and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament.
Amen.**

Collect for Purity

ALL

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect: Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 3rd Chapter of the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah beginning at the 14th verse. (*Zephaniah 3:14-20*)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear

reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of
Israel.

Second lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 4th chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Philippians beginning at the 4th verse. (Philippians 4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 369

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke, the 3rd chapter, beginning at the 7th verse. (Luke 3:7-18)

Glory to Christ our Saviour

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone

by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ our Lord

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified.**

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.**

We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE FORM D

LEADER

Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for the Church and the World, and let us thank God for His goodness.

Silence may be kept

LEADER

We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this Diocese, our Bishop(s) _____ and all the people _____ of _____ God.

ALL

Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

LEADER

We pray for our country and for all the nations of the world, especially _____ and for all peoples in their various _____ callings.

ALL

Direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.

LEADER

We pray for our own community, for this parish, for our families, friends, and all who live and work with us.

ALL

Give grace to all our friends and neighbours in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.

LEADER

We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the differently-abled; all who have requested our prayers and all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

ALL

Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all those who remember and care for them.

LEADER

We commemorate the departed, especially

ALL

We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.

Silence may be kept.

Prayer for the Youth

God our Father, we pray for our young people growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more meaning to life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

LEADER

Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins

FORM B

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord

ALL **Amen**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In peace and harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Offertory Hymn 48

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel;
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALL

Father, We offer to you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT The Lord be with you.

ALL **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT Lift up your hearts.

ALL **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

PRESIDENT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father Almighty, everlasting God:

PRESIDENT

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer A

PRESIDENT

All Holy and glorious Father,
our Creator God,
we give you thanks
because in your loving wisdom
you brought all things into being,
and are truly worthy of praise
from every creature you have made.

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love
has called us to return
to live in union with you:

for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ
who took our human nature upon Him
you have redeemed the world
from the bondage of sin:
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
you have gathered a people to yourself,
to make known in every place
His perfect offering which He made
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine may be unto
us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed
He took bread.
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: "Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me,"

And after supper
He took the cup of wine:
and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

PRESIDENT

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT

And so, Heavenly Father,
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation:
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice
made once for all upon the Cross;
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;
and looking for His Coming in glory;
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and
Blood,
of your Son, our great High Priest,
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops,
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,
and with the whole people of God,

living and departed.
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,
that we may be found ready to join the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints.
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you. Father Almighty,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for
ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace**

The Invitation Form A

PRESIDENT

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL

Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Hymn 455

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

Hymn: 55

The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy Name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

Children's Hymn 56 (Blessing)

When the King shall come again
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.

In the desert trees take root
fresh from his creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning;
valleys, this is your new birth,
mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees,
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these
seeks and saves the fearful;
deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping.

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,

see your Lord with glory crowned.
Share in his rejoicing!

Post Communion

ALL

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with
gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

NOTICES

Recessional Hymn 418

I'm pressing on the upward way;
new heights I'm gaining every day,
still praying as I'm onward bound,
'Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.'

Refrain:

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand ,
by faith on heaven's tableland.
A higher plane than I have found -
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

My heart has no desire to stay
where doubts arise and fears dismay.
Tho' some may dwell where these abound,
my prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

Refrain

I want to live above the world,
tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled;
for faith has caught the joyful sound,
the song of saints on higher ground.

Refrain

I want to scale the utmost height,
and catch a gleam of glory bright;
but still I'll pray till heaven I've found,
'Lord, lead me on to higher ground.

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Dec 15-21) to Leah Browne (17), Kadeen Bryan (17), Blair Knight (17).Antonia Headley (18), Ulric Sealy (18), Miranda Clarke (19), Kanye Wharton (19), Kersley Alleyne (20) Jeannette Holder (20) and Linda-Kay Robinson (21).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS (Dec 15-21) to Cyril & Emelda Coppin (15), Hilford & Jean-Ann Murrell (18), Walwyn & Marcia Williams (18) Dion & Patricia Vaughn (20), and Larson & Aquinda Toppin (20).

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: Please remember the sick in your prayers and where possible give them a call: **Hensley Robinson, Camille Wilson,** Eugene Norville, Michael Gittens, Curtis Gittens, Iolanthe Manifold, Kellman Parris, Dafton Mayers, Corletta White, Myrna McCarthy, Geneva McCarthy, Edith Mullin Glenville Davis, Kayrene Forde, Marlene Mottley, Keith Alleyne, Myrtle Inniss, Cecelia Alleyne, and Pearl Wiggins

VISITATION: Members are reminded to complete the visitation request form for relatives who are ill or those who are housebound and require the sacrament at home.

CONDOLENCES are extended to The family of the late:

- **Leslie Cecil Moore** whose funeral service will be held on Friday December 20, 2024, at 3:00 pm. Organist and choir are requested.
- **Verona Moore** TBD.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS: The St. Philip Parish Church Choir presents “*A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*” today at 6:00 pm. Admission is \$25.00. Members are invited to share in the reflection on the story of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus. Tickets are available from members of the choir.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES::

- **KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY** continues on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 7:30 pm via Zoom.
- **MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS** continue on **Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 7:00 am** via Zoom.
- **MIDWEEK EUCHARIST** will be temporarily suspended to facilitate the construction work for the installation of the organ.

INSTALLATION OF ORGAN: Construction work has started on the process of installing our new organ. Over the next few weeks, because of the drilling of holes in certain walls and the cutting of small sections of the floor, you will experience from time to time an accumulation of dust in several areas. Every effort has been and will be made in the future to clean up the dust as effectively and as soon as possible. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to an improved quality of music in the near future.

FEAST DAY: Saturday, December 21, 2024, is **the Feast Day of St. Thomas**. Please pray for the Rector, Rev Audrey Griffith and the congregation of St. Thomas.

NEXT SUNDAY is the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. Services will resume at 7:00 am-Said Mass and Sermon and 9:30 am-Sung Eucharist and Sermon

CHILDREN FELLOWSHIP HOUR will be on break December 15, 2024, to January 05, 2025. CFH will resume on January 12, 2025.

DEACONS CUPBOARD:

- Members are reminded to make their contribution towards the Deacon's Cupboard Christmas Hampers. Items required for the hamper are printed on the notice boards: bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder, hand cream, toilet paper (must be individually wrapped), tinned meats/sausages/tuna, etc., tinned vegetables (peas, mixed vegetables, baked beans etc.), tinned fruit, tinned/package fruit juices, rice, pasta/chowmein, tinned/package soups, sugar, cereals (quaker oats/corn flakes, etc.), flour, corn meal, tea bags, milo/ovaltine/horlicks, etc., evaporated milk, detergents, soap powder, biscuits - sodabix or eclipse or small pkgs. Sweet biscuits, cooking oil, ketchup/mayonnaise, ensure, jello, and any other non-perishable items

USHERS' GUILD:

- The Ushers' Guild is seeking to recruit new members. Interested persons are asked to contact the chief Usher Sis Sheryl Belgrave.
- There will be a **pie sale** on **today** after the morning's service.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Persons are invited to donate flowers for Christmas in celebration of birthdays or anniversaries or in memory of loved ones. Donations may be given to any member of the Altar Guild.

2025 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve)-
11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 (Christmas Day):
5:00 am – Said Eucharist with hymns
8:00 am- Solemn Eucharist

Sunday, December 29, 2024 (1st Sunday after Christmas

8:00 am - Solemn Eucharist

Sunday, December 31, 2024 (New Year’s Eve)
11:00 pm - Watchnight Service

2025 ALMANACS: The 2025 Diocesan Almanacs are available at \$6.00 each.

OFFICE HOURS: Office hours continue on Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am to 12:noon. Persons can also visit the church’s website at: <https://stphilipparishchurch.com/see-the-priest/> to make an appointment to see the priest.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Members are asked to note the following new email addresses: Canon O’Neale: revoneale@stphilipparishchurch.com
Church office: staff@stphilipparishchurch.com

EXTRA- PAROCHIAL ACTIVITIES

- St. Michael Cathedral 9 Lessons and Carols, December 19.

- (1) **DIOCESAN FLOAT PARADE AND MOTORCADE:**
As part of the Diocesan 200th Anniversary celebrations, the Diocese of Barbados will present a Diocesan Float Parade and Motorcade on **January 25, 2025** that:
 - Showcases the Anglican Diocese of Barbados, its Diocesan Organisations and their roles in the Mission & Ministry of the Church. These include the Mothers' Union/Anglican Men's Association/Church Army & Prayer Groups (Evangelism) / Music / Liturgical Dancers/ Altar Servers /Youth – Sunday School / Ushers' Guild
 - Collaborates with the Anglican-related Schools in the depiction of the Church's role in the development of Education in Barbados
 - Incorporates the Diocesan Theme and Song.

The Christ Church Deanery -Float #3: Diocesan Commissions – Music, Liturgy & Spirituality / Justice, Advocacy & Social Responsibility

- a. Music Ministry
- b. USHERS & Health Ministries Hospitality
- c. Other elements to be developed by The Deanery.

Call to Ministry

Ministries	LEADERS	Meeting Times
Altar Guild	Sis. Jackie Franklin	Quarterly
Altar Servers	Sis Alicia Headley	3 rd Sat -4:00pm
Bereavement Group	Sis Jean-Ann Murrell	Quarterly-6:30 pm
Choir		Fri-4:00 pm
Church Army	Sis Marcia Clarke	
Health Guild	Sis. Lolita Bushell	1 st Sat -4:00pm
Men's Fellowship	Bro. Ulric Sealy	
M & E	Sis. Glenda Weir	2 nd Sat -4:30 pm
Mothers' Union	Sis. Sheila Mayers	2 nd Sat 9:15 am
Sunday School	Lyn-Marie Franklin	Sun.8:00 am
Youth Group		
Ushers' Guild	Sis Sheryl Belgrave	3 rd Sat -4:30pm

Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Lay Readers/Chalice Assistants

Sonia Gill	Hilford Murrell
Alicia Headley	Amarel Robinson
Jeanette Holder	Edwin Tudor
Jocelyn King	June Ward
Doreen Knight	Harold Weir

DAILY READINGS:

Mon	Isaiah 11:1-9	Num 16:1-19	Hebrews 13:7-17
Tue	Isaiah 11:1-9	Num 16:20-35	Acts 28:23-31
Wed	Isaiah 11:1-9	Micah 4:8-13	Luke 7:31-35
Thu	Psalms 80:1-7	Jer 31:31-34	Hebrews 10:10-18
Fri	Psalms 80:1-7	Isaiah 42:10-18	Hebrews 10:32-39
Sat	Psalms 80:1-7	Isaiah 66:7-11	Luke 13:31-35