

St. Philip Parish Church



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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WELCOME: We welcome you to St. Philip this morning as we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. The fourth Sunday of Advent is a day to celebrate **love** and the love that God has for humanity. It is marked by lighting the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, which is traditionally purple and called the "Angel Candle" or "Candle of Love. Readings are for Advent 4 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 Fourth Candle

Last Sunday we lit the candle of **Hope**, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, the candle of **Peace**, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world, and the candle of **Joy**, remembering the Spirit within us who brings joy.

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

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

Scripture tells us “There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear.” (1 John 4:18). God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God. God’s love pervades all aspects of this life. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to lovers, God’s love is there.

On this day, we remember God is **Love**

Leader: May the Lord's love shine in our hearts.

All: And may His peace be with us all.

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord

The candle is lit

Leader: Let us pray that we may grow in love for each other as the Lord comes to us.

Thank you God for the love you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your love with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Introit Hymn 40

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

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: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and

reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 5th Chapter of the Book of the Prophet Micah beginning at the 2nd verse. (*Micah 5:2-5a*)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Canticle 15: The Magnificat

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever

Second lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 10th chapter of the Letter to the Hebrews beginning at the 5th verse (Hebrews 10:5-10)

When Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God” (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’ When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 44

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
behold, the King of Glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Saviour of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest
where Christ the ruler is confessed.
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King in triumph comes.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Come, Saviour, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until our glorious goal is won.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

**A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke, the
1st chapter, beginning at the 39th verse. (Luke 1:39-45)**

Glory to Christ our Saviour

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard

Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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.

The Church Army Prayer

Lord our heavenly father whose son Jesus Christ came not to be ministered unto but to minister, we ask you to bless all members of the Church Army in this and other lands that following in the steps of Your Son and giving themselves to service of their fellowmen, they may be inspired by your love and so worthily minister in Your name to the fallen, the friendless and the needy for the sake of the same Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

The Mission & Evangelism Prayer

Almighty and Heavenly father, Your gifts are that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, some teachers; but You have called all to the proclamation of Your Holy gospel. We thank You for enabling us to accept Your call, and we humbly pray that

you would so shower us with Your Grace, that we, having responded to that call, may commit our lives to your service and faithfully, obediently and cheerfully do all that You command. Arm us daily, O Lord, with your Spiritual armour: bind us together in Your love and keep us faithful to you as we seek to fulfil our mission. We commit our ministry into your hands and pray that all we say and do may be to the honour and glory of Your Most Holy and matchless name! **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 251

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing:
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless name of love.

Hymn MP 296

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner condemned, unclean.

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden,
He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.
How marvelous.....

In pity angels beheld Him,
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.
How marvelous.....

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,
And suffered, and died alone.
How marvelous.....

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.
How marvelous.....

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 585

Dearest Jesu, we are here,
at thy call, thy presence owning;
pleading now in holy fear
that great sacrifice atoning:
Word incarnate, much in wonder
on this mystery deep we ponder.

Jesu, strong to save - the same
yesterday, today, for ever,
make us fear and love thy name,
serving thee with best endeavour:
in this life, O ne'er forsake us,
but to bliss hereafter take us.

Hymn: 37

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to us displayed.

From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds;
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns on God's high throne to dwell.

O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

HYMN: 43

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
 stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
 Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
 shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
 glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!

This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
 This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
 cast at his feet the burden of our care.

Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and through
sinning,

 he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
 Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

Children's Hymn 765 (Blessing)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady,' gloria!

'For know a blessèd mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady,' gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.'
Most highly favoured lady, gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say -
'Most highly favoured lady,' gloria!

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 46

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him
pierced and nailed him to the tree,

deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Dec 22-28) to Janelle Jemmott-Jordan (22), Erla Mapp (22), Andrew Applewhaite (23) Veronica Applewhaite (23), Sophia Harewood (24), Greg Padmore (24), Rochelle Franklin (25), Daniel Parris (25), Barbara Sealy (25), Shirley Haynes-Johnson (26), Wendy Mapp (26), Kathleen Beckles (27), Trekyiah Bowen (27), Marlyn Rawlins (27), Lisa Harewood (28) and Angnell Moore (28).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS (Dec 22-28) to Hal & Fern Gollop (26).

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: Please remember the sick in your prayers and where possible give them a call: **Erskine Batson, Stella Clarke, Carmen Franklin,** 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:

- **Hoffman Kenfield Clarke**, whose funeral service will be held on Friday, December 27, 2024, at 3:00 pm.
- **Winston Theophilus Sargeant**, whose funeral service is on Monday December 30, 2024, at 3 pm.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES::

- **KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY** is on break until January 13, 2025
- **MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS** is on break and resumes January 08, 2025.
- **MIDWEEK EUCHARIST** has been 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.

2024 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
(Christmas Eve-Midnight mass)-
11:30 pm - Solemn Eucharist

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 Day)
8:00 am - Solemn Eucharist

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

FEAST DAYS:

- Thursday, December 26, 2024, is the **Feast Day of St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**. Please pray for the Rector, Rev George Harewood and Priest-in-Charge Rev Lisa Jessamy-Maynard and the congregation of the Church of St. Stephen.
- Friday December 27, 2024, is **the Feast Day of St. John, the Apostle**. Please pray for the Rector, Rev Anthony Harewood and the congregation of St. Thomas.
- Saturday, December 28, 2024, is **Holy Innocents Day**. Please pray for Rev Peter Boxill and the congregation of Holy Innocents

DEACONS CUPBOARD: Thanks to all who contributed to this year's Christmas hampers. Your time, talent and treasure are greatly appreciated as they helped us to fulfil our mandate to the less fortunate in our community.

USHERS' GUILD: Thanks to all who supported the pie sale which was held last Sunday.

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 Calendars: 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

(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	Psalm 113	Genesis 25:19-28	Colossians 1:15-20
Tue	Psalm 113	Genesis 30:1-24	Romans 8:18-30
Wed	Luke 1:46b-55	Micah 4:1-5	Ephesians 2:11-22
Thu	Luke 1:46b-55	Micah 4:6-8	2 Peter 1:16-21
Fri	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14,
Sat	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20