

St. Philip Parish Church



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WELCOME: We welcome you to St. Philip this morning as we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent. It is also World Aids Day.** Readings are for Advent Sunday 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**

The Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All: Who has made Heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us pray: "O God, by whose Word all things are made holy, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ."

All: Amen.

Lighting of the First Candle

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

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

Leader: And His love shines in our hearts.

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

Leader: Today, we light the candle of hope. May it remind each and everyone one of us of God's great promise to us. He is our hope, He is our Redeemer, and He is Savior.

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All: Amen.

One purple candle is lit

Leader: Let us pray that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.

God of light, in you there is no darkness. Be with us, we pray as we prepare during this Advent season to celebrate the coming of Christ. May we be open enough to welcome the light you offer us, so we may come out of darkness into your glorious light. In Christ's name we pray, AMEN

Introit Hymn 34

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a Child and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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: Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 33rd Chapter of the Prophet Jeremiah beginning at the 14th verse. (*Jeremiah 33:14-16*)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated nor let my enemies
triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their
schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions; * remember me according to your
love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second lesson: A reading from the word of God written in the 3rd chapter of the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians beginning at the 9th verse.

(1 Thessalonians 3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual 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.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

**A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke, the
21st chapter, beginning at the 25th verse. (Luke 21:25-36)**

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon

the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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 handicapped; 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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRAYER

Almighty God, father of every family, who through your son Jesus Christ, has poured out your best gift of love to be the bond of perfectness among men, and the means of bringing men together; bless, we beseech you, all Men's Fellowship Organizations throughout the world, and especially in this Diocese; let love, and happiness ever be

found among us and may our faith in you grow stronger each day we live; through the same 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

HYMN 36

Christ is surely coming, bringing his reward,
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:
root and stem of David, brilliant Morning Star -
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far;
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far!

See the holy city! There they enter in,
all by Christ made holy, washed from every sin:
thirsty ones, desiring all he loves to give,
come for living water, freely drink, and live;
come for living water, freely drink, and live!

Grace be with God's people! Praise his holy name!
Father, Son, and Spirit, evermore the same:
hear the certain promise from the eternal home:
'Surely I come quickly!' - Come, Lord Jesus, come;
'Surely I come quickly!' - Come, Lord Jesus, come!

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

Advent

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 B

PRESIDENT

Holy and gracious Father,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts,
and we ask you to make them holy by the power of your
Spirit,
that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who offered Himself in obedience to your will,
the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

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.”

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.

Do this, whenever you drink it,
For the remembrance of me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.”

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT

Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation;
His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
His continual intercession for us in heaven;
and looking for His coming again in glory,
we offer you, in thanksgiving,
this holy and life-giving sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church’s offering,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may be filled with your Holy Spirit
and become one body in Christ.
and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us,
in communion with blessed Mary
and the whole company of heaven,
to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

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.

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

VIDEO- Soon & Very Soon We are Going to See the King

Hymn 608

My God, and is thy table spread,
and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
and let them all thy sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

Why are its dainties all in vain
before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for them the Victim slain?
Are they forbid the children's Bread?

O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the god whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

Hymn: 521

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way!
Thou art the potter. I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Purer than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power all power surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Children's Hymn 45 (Blessing)

Ye servants of the Lord,
each in his office wait,
 observant of his heavenly word,
and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
 gird up your loins as in his sight,
for awful is his name.

Watch! 'Tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
 mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.

O happy servant he,
in such a posture found!
 He shall his Lord with rapture see,
and be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
 and raise that faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band.

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

Walk-Up Collection Hymn MP16

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust He shall renew;
He, my guide through changing order,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
calls my heart to be His own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray His trust;
all that human toil can fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

Day by day our mighty giver
grants to us His gifts of love;
in His will our souls find pleasure,
leading to our home above.
Love shall stand
at His hand,
joy shall wait for His command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ His Son.
Hear Christ's call
one and all:
we who follow shall not fall.

Recessional Hymn 456

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand -
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When weary in this earthly race,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every wild and stormy gale
my anchor holds and will not fail.

Refrain

His vow, his covenant, and blood
are my defence against the flood;
when earthly hopes are swept away
he will uphold me on that day.

Refrain

When the last trumpet's voice shall sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before his throne.

Refrain

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Dec 01-07) to Shontel Barrow (01), Shindelle Clarke (01), Lolita Bushell (02), Keith Franklin (04), Winston Holder (05), Sade Clarke (05), Shelley Blades (06), Terry Vaughn (06), Valerie Marshall (06), Kayrene Forde (06), Venetha Belgrave (06), Trishon Shepherd (06), Regina Holder (07), Felicia Belgrave (07), Valerie Burgess (07) and Cheryl Moore (07).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS (Dec 01-07) to Winston & Veronica Holder (05), Hugo & Lisa Craig (06)

CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. Angela Phillips for receiving the **Barbados Service Star Award** for her commitment to community work in the parish of Christ Church, assisting the poor and needy and for her tireless service to various church organisations to improve the ministry and its physical structures.

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::

- **Eunice Justine Browne**, whose funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 3:00 pm. Organist & Choir are requested.
- **Handel Barrow** who passed away in the USA.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES::

- Today's 7:00 am service will be streamed live via YouTube <https://youtube.com/live/kUuhhZog49Y>
- **KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY** continues on Monday, December 04, 2024, at 7:30 pm via Zoom.
- **MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS** continue on **Wednesday, December 04, 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 07, 2024, is **the Feast Day of St. Ambrose**. Please pray for the Rector, Rev Clive Thomas and the congregation of St. Ambrose.

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

CHILDREN FELLOWSHIP HOUR continues every Sunday at 8:00 am.

DEACONS CUPBOARD:

- **Walk-Up Collection:** There will be a walk-up collection **today, December 01, 2024** at both services, to assist with the Christmas Hampers.
- 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/packageged fruit juices, rice, pasta/chowmein, tinned/packageged 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

LEADERS' MEETING: There will be a meeting for all leaders of organisations/groups **in the church** on Saturday December 14, 2024, at 10:00 am. At this meeting, leaders will report on activities/outcomes for 2024 and plans for 2025. Leaders are asked to make a special effort to attend or have a representative present. You are asked to avoid having one person representing more than one organization/group. Written reports may be submitted in advance.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS: The St. Philip Parish Church Choir presents “***A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols***” on December 15, 2023, 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.

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 **Sunday December 15, 2024**, after the morning's service.

2025 ALMANACS: The 2025 Diocesan Almanacs will be available from next Sunday 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

- (1) **FLEA MARKET:** The Church of St. Paul will be having a flea market today from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Cost of space is \$50.00.
- (2) **CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** St Luke Anglican Church presents *Joyeux Noel*, a Christmas concert featuring the Band of the Barbados Police Service and the church's choir on December 08, 2024 at 4:00 pm. Admission \$25.
- (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 90	Numbers 17:1-11	2 Peter 3:1-18
Tue	Psalm 90	2 Samuel 7:18-29	Revelation 22:12-16
Wed	Psalm 90	Isaiah 1:24-31	Luke 11:29-32
Thu	Luke 1:68-79	Malachi 3:5-12	Philippians 1:12-18a
Fri	Luke 1:68-79	Malachi 3:13-18	Philippians 1:18b-26
Sat	Luke 1:68-79	Malachi 4:1-6	Luke 9:1-6