

St. Philip Parish Church

**Nineteenth
Sunday
after
Pentecost** *this is OUR
Story*

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WELCOME: We welcome you to St. Philip this morning as we celebrate the **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** Readings are for Proper 24C. A warm welcome is extended to all who are visiting for the first time.

We extend a special welcome to **Deacon Edith Small**, a recently ordained Distinctive Deacon who has been assigned to the Parish Church of St Philip, under the supervision of our Rector Rev'd Canon Trevor O'Neale.

We also extend a special welcome to the family and friends of **Sis Andrea Sealy** who are worshipping with us in celebration of her birthday on October 21, 2025.

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

Greeting

President: Welcome in the name of Christ!
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Introit Hymn 363

Angel-voices, ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou, who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can!

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices,
in our choicest
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessèd Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given,
earth and heaven
render thee.
in flesh appearing:

Refrain

Salutation

Therefore I will offer in His dwelling an oblation with
sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to
the Lord.

President: We worship with Christians near and far,
living and departed, old and young.
God's word is for all of us.

All: **May it be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.**

Opening Prayer

President: Lord, speak to us
All: **that we may hear your word.**
President: Move among us
All: **that we may behold your glory.**
President: Receive our prayers
All: **that we may learn to trust you.**
Amen.

Hymn 554

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught
us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought
us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come, treading our path through the
blood of the slaughtered;
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who has by thy might, led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met thee;
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget thee,
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we for ever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

The Collect: Proper 24

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the word of God written in the 31st Chapter of the book of the Prophet Jeremiah beginning at 27th verse. (*Jeremiah 31:27-34*)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to

each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 119:97-104

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! *
 all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my
 enemies, * and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
 for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, *
 because I observe your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
 that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
 because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
 they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain
 understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

SECOND READING: A reading from the word of God written in the 3rd chapter of the 2nd letter of Paul to Timothy beginning at the 14th verse - (2 Timothy 3:14-4:5)

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gradual 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.....

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

President: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke the 18th chapter beginning at the 1st verse. **(Luke 18:1-8)**

All: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN 561

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

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.

Prayer of Confession

President: Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All: Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

All: Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for Bishop *Michael*, *Trevor* our Priest, *Devere* our Assistant priest, *Jenice* our Seminarian

and *Edith* our Deacon, for all Christian leaders, and for those who teach and guard the faith. May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love.

Hear us.

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Leader: We pray for the leaders of the nations,
and for those in authority under them .
Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a
right discernment in all things.
Hear us.

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Leader: We pray for our community;
for those who live and work here, and for those
who visit this place. Speak your word of peace
in our midst, and help us to serve one another
as Christ has served us.
Hear us.

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Leader: We pray for those who do not believe,
and yet who long to know you, the very Word of
life. Open their ears to hear your voice,
and open their hearts to the knowledge
of your love in Christ.
Hear us.

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Leader: We pray for those bowed down with grief,
fear or sickness, especially ...
May your living Word bring comfort and healing
to all those in need.
Hear us.

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Leader: We give thanks for all those who have died
in the faith of Christ and we rejoice with [*N*
and] all your saints, trusting in the promise of
your word fulfilled.
Lord of life,

**All: hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind to serve
you with joy forever. Amen**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 Peace

President: By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, Keep the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

ALL: **We are bound by the love of Christ**

President: The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

All: **and also with you.**

Song: The Peace of the Lord [Judy Bailey]

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

Peace

And also with you, also with you

Peace

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF & THANKSGIVING FOR ARCHBISHOP DREXEL GOMEZ IN THE DIOCESE OF BARBADOS

Please observe a moment of silence

For the Departed

Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servant **Drexel** and we pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, you will receive him more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served you in the past, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Hymn 689

In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
for the saints who before us have found their reward;
when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
he called them away from our worship below;
but not till his love, at the font and the altar,
had girt them with grace for the way they should go.

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
yet here they confessed they were strangers and
pilgrims,
and still they were seeking the city of God.

Sing praise, then, for all who here sought and here found
him,
whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:
they believed in the light; and its glory is round them,
where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last

Presentation of the Offering

Hymn 351

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;

and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,
thy chosen sons of light.
on them and on thy people
thy plenteous Grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

The Offertory Prayer

All: Father, we offer 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 to the Lord.

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT

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

Proper Preface

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.

President: Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
He touched untouchables with love and
washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

All: **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

President: The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

All: **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

President: Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and
said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
He took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.
This is our story.

All: **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

President: Therefore, Father, with this bread and this
cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all
the world.
This is our story.

All: **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

President: 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 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 Invitation

PRESIDENT

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL

**Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing
glad songs of praise to Him.**

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

Hymn 620

Sweet sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home;
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace,
dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet sacrament of peace,
sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet sacrament of rest,
sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

Hymn 497

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

Hymn 223

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Refrain

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Children's Hymn 491

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear -
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness -
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge!
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

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.**

**All: Lord,
we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

NOTICES

Recessional 387

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life Gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory;
great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

IN REMEMBRANCE OF & THANKSGIVING FOR ARCHBISHOP DREXEL GOMEZ

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, We received on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, the sad news of the passing of one of our former Diocesan Bishops and former Archbishops of the West Indies, The Most Reverend Drexel W Gomez. Archbishop Gomez was ordained deacon in our island, at the St John Parish Church, on The Feast of St Thomas, December 21, 1959, and just over twelve years later, in the year 1972, he was selected by the House of Bishops to be the 11th Bishop of our Diocese. He was consecrated bishop on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John The Baptist, June 24, 1972; and the day after, June 25, he was enthroned as Bishop of Barbados in the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels. He faithfully served our Church and nation for 20 years before returning to his homeland, the Bahamas, in 1992. Four years later, in 1996, he became the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of The Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands; and in 1998, he was elected the Archbishop of the CPWI and retired in 2008.

When Archbishop Gomez first became Bishop of Barbados, one of his early tasks was to call our Diocese to the exercise of a greater level of stewardship towards financial self sufficiency as it had been, a few years prior, disestablished from the State. Another early focus of his ministry was the fostering of priestly vocations, and today there are just over twenty of our clergy (active and retired) who were ordained by him.

It is also worthy to note that Archbishop Gomez intentionally led our Church to become more Eucharistic in nature by instituting that the Eucharist be celebrated in parishes every Sunday, thus providing for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at least weekly. This is why, even today, the Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday within our parishes and all the baptized, not only those who are confirmed, are invited and welcomed at the Lord's Table. Archbishop Gomez was also very keen on evangelism and intentional discipleship and the enlightenment and training of the laity for ministry within and beyond the four walls of the Church. He established an Anglican Studies Programme and Pastoral Training Workshops; and the latter in particular paved the way for the Lay Eucharistic Ministry our Church has today.

During his tenure as our Bishop, Archbishop Gomez was also one who:

1. led our Diocese in the debate on, and acceptance of, women in Holy Orders;
2. never discouraged any clergyperson who sought to be innovative and introduce instruments other than the organ, and supplemental hymns other than from the Hymns Ancient and Modern, within worship;
3. appointed the first Canon Missioner and Canon Residentiary in Canon Rufus Brome and Canon Rev. Noel Titus, respectively; and also, the first black Barbadian Dean and Archdeacon in Dean Harold Crichlow and Archdeacon Malcolm Maxwell;
4. made the bold step in abolishing the two-tier clergy system of Rector and Vicar by scrapping the title Vicar and enabling all clergy to be considered

- equal in ministry; and
5. regularly addressed social or national issues, especially within his Charges at the Annual Synod.

The last time we had the privilege of Archbishop Drexel Gomez gracing us with his presence was last year when he was our guest preacher, and delivered a timely sermon, at our Bicentennial Service held on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at the Garfield Sobers Gymnasium.

We thank God for Archbishop Gomez's life, witness and ministry as Bishop of our Diocese and that of The Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands, and as Archbishop of our Province and for his contribution within the wider Anglican Communion. Our Diocese extends condolences to his wife Carrol, his four children – Damian, Dennis, Dominic and Deborah, his eleven grands and other relatives, and also to the Bishop and Diocese of The Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Barbados". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The name "Michael" is written in a larger, more prominent script, while "Barbados" is written in a slightly smaller, more compact script. The signature is set against a light blue rectangular background.

+Michael Barbados.

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Oct 19-25) Joanne Alleyne (19), Tonya Codrington (19), Edwin Luke (19), Iolanthe Manifold (19), Amarel Robinson (19), Grace Brathwaite (20), Cynthia Steele (20), Andrew Barrow (21), Cecilia Savoury (21), Andrea Sealy (21), Hadiya Squires (21), Barry Mayers (23) Louell Small (23), Rishon Small-Sealy (23), Sophia Bascombe (24), Elliot Belgrave (24), Cheryl Callendar (24), Caron Clarke-Franklin (24) and William Harewood (24).

HOUSEBOUND AND SICK: Please remember the sick in your prayers and where possible give them a call: **Mercil Gill, Coraline Smith (BVH 5)**, Melanie Haggins (UK), Claristine Olton, Miranda Clarke; Neville Ward, Wilma Estwick, Erskine Batson, Carmen Franklin, Camille Wilson, Eugene Norville, Michael Gittens, Iolanthe Manifold, Kellman Parris, Dafton Mayers, Corletta White, Myrna McCarthy, Geneva McCarthy, Glenville Davis, Kayrene Forde, Marlene Mottley and Keith Alleyne.

CONDOLENCES are extended to the family of the late

- **Myrtle Inniss** whose funeral service will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 3:00 pm. Organist and Choir are requested.
- **Ometa Collymore:** whose funeral service will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025, at 3:00 pm. Organist and Choir are requested.
- **Sadie Dixon**-Diocesan Chancellor- Details of her funeral service will be published at a later date.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Mr. Marlon Miller**, son of Sis Maria Miller who was called to the Bar on Friday, October 17, 2025. We ask God's blessings as he embarks in this next step in his career.

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS: Midweek devotions continue on **Wednesday October 22 2025**, at 7:00 am via Zoom. Passcode 375362.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88653340207>

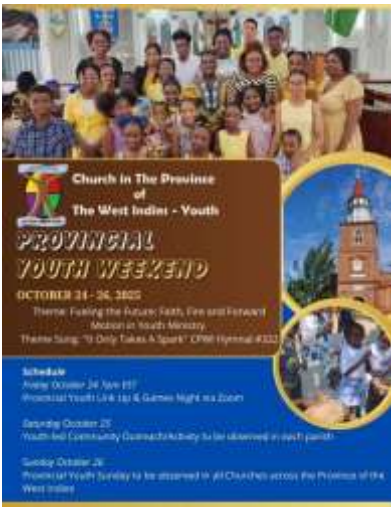
ORGAN INSTALLATION: Work has restarted on the final phase of the organ installation. The contractors have assured us that there will be very little dust during this phase of the construction. It is expected that the installation of the organ will begin as early as November. Once again, we ask for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

DEACONS CUPBOARD: Members are reminded to make their contribution towards the Deacon's Cupboard for distribution to the less fortunate in our community. Items required for the hamper are: 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

NEXT SUNDAY is the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. It is also Youth Sunday. Readings will be for Proper 25C. There will be one service at 8:00 am- Sung Eucharist and Sermon.

YOUTH MONTH: October is celebrated as Youth Month. There will be a Provincial Youth Weekend from October 24-26 2025 (*see poster below for details*).

Sunday October 26, 2025 is Youth Sunday and we are encouraging the youth of the parish to participate in the 8:00 am service.



FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER: All persons who were born in October and are desirous of contributing to flowers are asked to contact any member of the Altar Guild.

FAIR TICKETS: Members are reminded to submit all outstanding money from the sale of fair tickets as soon as possible.

OFFERING ENVELOPES 2026: In preparation for the ordering of 2026 envelopes members are asked to indicate to the church office their intention to take envelopes for the new year. Persons who want to shift from weekly to monthly or vice versa should also inform the office. For those who can, contributions may be made online directly to the Church's bank account at **CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Wildey, A/C #1818610 in the name of St. Philip Parish Church.** Please keep your receipts for the records of the church or call or email us and let us know when you have made your contributions

CHURCH OFFICE: Office hours are Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 am -12 noon. Persons wishing to make an appointment to see the priest can also visit the church's website at <https://stphilipsparishchurc.h.com/see-the-priest/> or email revoneale@stphilipsparishchurch.com

ANNUAL LUNCHEON: The October Borne of St. Bartholomew's annual luncheon is Sunday, 19th October, 2025 at 1.00pm at Cuthbert Pilgrim Memorial Hall. Maxwell, Christ Church.

BUS RIDE: The Annual Authentic Bajan Open Bus ride is on Sunday, 26th October 2025 at 1.00pm. Persons are asked to assemble in the church yard for 12.45p.m. Any further information please contact Corlis Weekes-Grazette.

Call to Ministry

Ministries	Leaders	Meeting Times
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	3 rd Sat. -9:30 am
Flower Guild	Sis. Jackie Franklin	Quarterly
Health Guild	Sis. Lolita Bushell	1 st Sat -4:00pm
Men's Ministry		
M & E	Sis. Joan Small-White	2 nd Sat -3:00 pm
Mothers' Union	Sis Joyce Sealy	2 nd Sat 9:30am
CFH	Sis Lyn-Marie Franklin	Sun 8:00 am
Ushers' Guild	Sis Shelley Blades	3 rd Sat -4:30 pm

Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Lay Readers/Chalice Assistants

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

DAILY READINGS:

Mon	Psalm 129	Jeremiah 38:14-28	1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Tue	Psalm 129	Jeremiah 39:1-18	James 5:7-12
Wed	Psalm 129	Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20	Luke 22:39-46
Thu	Psalm 65 Joel 1:1-20		2 Timothy 3:1-9
Fri	Psalm 65 Joel 2:1-11		2 Timothy 3:10-15
Sat	Psalm 65 Joel 2:12-22		Luke 1:46-55