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Jesus heals the man born
blind....

Jesus brings light into a
dark world.

INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

Using Our Spiritual Gifts and Abilities to Evangelize

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The Rector is out of office on Mondays.

Lent is a time to place ourselves before God humbled, bringing in our hands no price whereby we can ourselves purchase our salvation. It is a time to confess our total inadequacy before God, to strip ourselves bare of all pretenses to righteousness, to come before God in dust and ashes. It is a time to empty ourselves of our false pride, of our rationalizations that prevent us from seeing ourselves as needy creatures, of our “perfectionist” tendencies that blind us to the beam in our eyes.

Through prayer that gives up self, we seek to open ourselves up before God, and to hear anew the call “Come unto me!” We seek to recognize and respond afresh to God’s presence in our lives and in our world. We seek to place our needs, our fears, our failures, our hopes, our very lives in God’s hands, again. We seek by abandoning ourselves in Jesus’ death, to recognize again who God is, to allow His transforming grace to work in us once more, and to come to worship Him on Easter Sunday with a fresh victory that goes beyond the new clothes, the spring flowers, and the happy music.

But it begins in ashes; and it journeys through darkness. It is a spiritual pilgrimage that I am convinced we must make one way or the other for genuine spiritual renewal to come. I have heard a passage quoted a lot”... if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” This usually is quoted in the context of wanting revival or renewal in the church, and the prayer is interpreted as intercessory prayer for others. But a careful reading of the passage will reveal that the prayer that is called for here is not intercessory prayer for others; it is penitential prayer for the faith community, for us. It is not to call for others to repent; it is a call for us, God’s people, to repent. It is our land that needs to be healed; it is our wicked ways from which we need to turn. We are the ones who need to seek God’s face.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors, worshipping with us today. *Sirranot*

VENITE (Duke Street)

Come, let us sing to God on high,
The Rock of our salvation praise,
Come with thanksgiving to his
courts,
and joyfully psalms before him raise.

For God is Lord above all gods,
The heights and depths are in his
hand;
He made the sea and it is his,
His hands have molded the dry land.

Let us bow down and worship him
Who is our maker and our Lord;
We are his people and his sheep
Today then hearken to His Word.

BENEDICTUS (Melcomb)

Bless-ed be Israel's Lord and God,
For he hath come and freed his own,
He sent a mighty Saviour born
Of David's house and for his throne.

He promised through his prophets once
To save us from our foes' intent;
He promised to show mercy and
Recall his holy covenant.

He swore this oath to Abraham,
To set us free from hostile might,
To worship him, free from all fear,
Holy and righteous in his sight.

And you, my child shall now be called
The prophet to prepare his way.
To teach salvation to his own
By putting all their sins away.

In The compassion of our God
The heavenly dawn shall bring release,
To shine on those who dwell in fear
And guide us in the way of peace.

Psalm 23 - Tune Caitless

The Lord's my shepherd, all my need
Through him will be supplied;
By quiet streams and through green
fields
The Lord will be my guide.

The Lord revives me, guides my feet
On pathways that are right,
And I shall fear no evil though
I walk through darkest night.

Your rod and staff, they comfort me;
In presence of my foes
You feed me; you anoint my head
And my cup overflows.

Your goodness and your mercy, Lord,
Shall surely follow me,
And I will dwell in God's own house
For all eternity.

Give glory to the Father, Son,
And Spirit equally;
As from the first it was, is now
And evermore shall be.

First Lesson

1 Samuels 16: 1 - 3

In our Old Testament story **the Lord sends Samuel to anoint David to be the new king over Israel.** God has rejected Saul as king, but he remains in power and Samuel must go secretly on his mission. As so often happens in the Bible, one who seems least likely in the eye of others is chosen by God to carry out the divine will.

Psalm 23: The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

Second Lesson (the Epistle)

Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

In this New Testament lesson **disciples are called to be a people of the light, forsaking all the works of darkness.** Their present life is to be in sharp contrast with their actions before they became Christians. All that is done is to be exposed to the light. The passage closes with what was probably part of an ancient hymn used at baptisms.

The Gospel

John 9:1 13, 28 - 38

Our Gospel is **the story of Jesus' healing of a man born blind. Jesus brings Light into a dark world.** Many people of the time regarded the man's blindness as a result of sin, but Jesus helps him to see, at first physically, and then spiritually as well. The man withstands the criticism of the religious officials and worships Jesus as the son of Man and his Lord.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

**Vivette Jennings
Sharon Hitchman
Curdell Bridge
Merton Wright
Norman Girvan**

**Patricia Thwaites
Myrth Hall-Butler
John Isaacs
Ina Robinson
Jasmine Hardial**

VISIONING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, and by whose grace we have been called into a goodly fellowship of faith: Send down upon our bishops, other clergy, and all your faithful people an outpouring of your Holy Spirit for the renewal and mission of your Church. Give us a vision of where you would lead your Church, and so discern new things that you are doing in your Church and the world. By your grace, save us from unnecessary distractions, so that we may be able to determine your will for us, go forward perceiving that which is right, and have the courage to pursue the same, to the end that we may utilise the gifts which you have given to each of us for the furtherance of your will in simplicity, confidence and steadfastness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

STUDY TEXT : Psalm 23

1. How important to you is your faith in God?
2. In these difficult days, how can faith in God help us to cope with the issues of life?
3. How have you experienced the power of God in your life?
4. What more should the Church be doing to demonstrate the compassionate care of Christ as the Good Shepherd?

Did You Know?

Violet is the symbolic colour for lent with the altar, statues and other religious paraphernalia veiled in fabric. The colour is associated with mourning, which anticipates Christ's pain and suffering on the cross; and royalty which celebrates Christ's resurrection.

Quote for Reflection

Every Christian is meant to know that he or she belongs. It is our birthright. Often people are frightened to claim the name of Christian in case they give the impression that they are claiming to be better than others. **That is no part of Christian assurance.** Saying that I am committed to Christ and he is committed to me. I am as sure of it as I am of my citizenship or my marriage.

After Alpha by Michael Green

Have you done the Alpha Course? - Think about it!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Moreton Park Cottages
	5:30 p.m.	CEFF
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:15 p.m.	Women's Auxiliary
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Property & Building
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Devotion
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

Members who wish to contribute to flowers for Easter in memory of their loved ones, or are celebrating birthdays, or anniversaries; please contact Elesia Blackburn, any other member of the altar guild or the Church Office as soon as possible.

PARISH NEWS

November 30, 2014 will be the beginning of our 350th Anniversary Celebrations.

Birthdays for this week: Deanne Logan-Johnson 31/03, Marianne Greaves 01/04, Tameka Jordon 02/04, Neville Miller and David Aarons 03/04, Maxine Hutchinson and Patrice Whitely 04/04, and Eurith Martin and Douglas Folkes 05/04.

Congratulations to Kathleen Neysmith who celebrated her 104th birthday last Thursday the 24th.

Condolence is extended to Bothwell Davis and family on the passing of his wife Myrtle Davis in New York.

THERE WILL BE NO 10:30 SERVICE TODAY

The St. Andrew Parish Foundation presents the **Premiere of Film - NOAH:** on Thur. April 10, 7:00 p.m. at Carib Cinema 5. Tickets \$3,500 from SAPF ticket office in church offices, from Board members, or order by calling 881-7720 or by e-mail to sapfoundation3@gmail.com. Proceeds for the Church Outreach Projects. Please support.

As of today March 30, **buns will be available** for sale after each service. This is a project of St. Andrew Settlement, Majesty Gardens.

St. Clements will be having their Sunday Brunch at the Church Hall today, March 30 at 10:30 - 3:00 p. m. Contribution \$1,500.

The Diocese has established a fund to assist Rev. Vivette Jennings. Contributions may be sent to Church House by way of cheques should be made payable to "Diocesan Church Fund - Jennings Relief"

The Friends of the STAPC Sunday Schools will be having their Annual General Meeting on Sunday April 13, 2014, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service in the Old Courthouse. All current members are expected to attend and anyone wanting to join is welcome as there will be nomination and election of officers.

Lenten Devotions continue on Thursday April 3, the Youth Groups will be in charge - Message Rev. Michael Allen.

Second collection envelopes for April are available at the back.

FORTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2014 - Year A

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament 1 Samuels 16: 1 - 13 Deryke Smith
Psalm 23 **Refrain:** (All sit) *"God is my shepherd there is
(BCP page 495) nothing I shall lack."*
New Testament Ephesians 5: 8 - 14 Jean King
Gospel John 9 : 1 - 13, 28 - 38
Prayer of Intercession Form D page 111

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Women's Auxiliary)

Processional 373
Venite
Psalm 23 **SUNG:** (All stand)
Old Testament 1 Samuels 16: 1 - 13 Blossom Griffiths
Benedictus
New Testament Ephesians 5:8 - 14 Ena Dallen
Hymn 441 *(Children leave for S.S)*
Gospel John 9 : 1 - 13, 28 - 38
Sermon Las Newman
Apostle's Creed Page 42
Prayer of Intercession Form D page 111
Offertory Hymn 346
During Communion 594, 595, 598, 599
Sunday School Hymn 446
Recessional 438

10:30 a.m.

NO SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST