

# 350th Anniversary

## St. Andrew Parish Church

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### Chapel of Ease:

St. Thomas Mission - Majesty Gardens and St. Clement's Mission - Kencot



### INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**350th Celebrating God's Love and Faithfulness**

### CLERGY

Rector Revd. Canon Maj. Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.

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**The Rector is on leave during the month of August**

On August 1, 1834, a decree was read at the steps of the Old King's House in Spanish Town, declaring that all Africans in British Colonies were granted freedom from slavery. Today, we have been able to enjoy this freedom because of the faithfulness of God through the freedom of our ancestors. However, to what extent are we truly exercising this freedom? As a Jamaican people, it seems that we suffer from an identity crisis, (especially among some of our teenagers and young adults, who sometimes feel as though they are marginalized or rejected by society), and this is manifested in our society via the bleaching of one's skin, and males wearing their pants below the waist, all in an effort to be someone they are not. Bob Marley reminds us of the need to emancipate ourselves from mental slavery; none but ourselves can free our minds. God is willing to step in and make a difference in the lives of such individuals, and so we as Christians, who live in hope, as we await the eminent return of Christ, must avail ourselves so to do.

As Christians, we need to be mindful of the fact that Jesus is manifested in us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and so we are the ones who are to proclaim the Lord's favour to them (as seen in Luke 4:16-19) by reminding/assuring them of the fact that God loves them. Just as God covenanted with the children of Israel, and promised deliverance from their bondage in Egypt, so it is that God wants to restore and deliver them from the oppressive situations that they are in, by helping them to have their own identity as a people. One of the best ways in which we can do this, is to show them that we love, respect and appreciate them as individuals, who are made in the image of God. In Philemon 8-21, we see Paul encouraging the owner of the servant to accept him not as a slave, but as a fellow brother in Christ, and this is what we are all encouraged to do, in spite of the socioeconomic background or strata of these individuals to whom we are called to witness.

As we celebrate 181 years as an emancipated nation, let us commit ourselves to the building up of a people who love themselves for who they are, and not encourage/be a part of the societal problem which pushes them to become someone they aren't. We have the ability to make this difference to such persons, because the faithful God that we serve is willing to work through us, in order to enable the young people and adults to develop a true identity for themselves, which speaks to who they really are as human beings made in the image of God. **Amen.**

**Psalm 114**

When Israel came, and Judah's house,  
From Egypt's alien speech and ways,  
Israel was his dominion then,  
Judah became his holy place.

The sea beheld these things and fled,  
Jordan turned back, its bed was dry;  
The lofty mountains skipped like  
rams,  
The little hills like lambs leaped high.

What ailed you, sea, that thus you  
fled?  
Mountains, what made you skip like  
rams?

Jordan, what was it turned you back?  
You hills, why did you leap like  
lambs?

Now tremble at his presence, earth;  
The God of Jacob, God alone;  
Who turned hard rock into a pool,  
Brought flowing streams from hard  
flintstone.

All glory to the Father, Son  
And to the Holy Spirit be;  
As from the first it was, is now  
And will be for eternity.

**I Vow To Thee My Country**

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

I pledge my heart forever to serve with humble pride  
This shining homeland, ever so long as earth abide.  
I pledge my heart, this island as God and faith shall live  
My work, my strength, my love and my loyalty to give.  
O green isle of the Indies, Jamaica, strong and free,  
Our vows and loyal promises o heartland, 'tis to Thee.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Leader: Gracious God, we pray for the church throughout the world, especially for the Diocese of Jamaica. We pray for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church, also for all ministers of the word and of the sacraments. We pray for, John Archbishop, Howard Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon Suffragan, Sirrano, Olando, Andrea, and all church workers.

*Use us Loving God to heal this land,*

**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord God, we pray for our leaders and those who make decisions on our behalf, for Patrick the Governor General, Portia the Prime Minister, Andrew the leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, all members of Parliament and Senators. We pray also for all Judges and Resident Magistrates, that they may serve justice and protect the welfare and dignity of every Jamaican. May we all come to know Christ as Lord of our lives that we may live in harmony with one another.

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**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: We offer O Lord, especially at this time of celebration of emancipation and fifty-third year of Independence, our land and our people- our Jamaica filled with natural beauty, peopled by a diversity of colour, race and background. Cradled in a time of uncertainty; formed and challenged by a scourge of slavery, have now blossomed out in a flower of independence. We thank you, Lord, for those who by their vision and perseverance laid a foundation on which to build a stable nation.

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**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for this world where individualism has guided our actions, help us your people to remember that **OUT OF MANY WE ARE ONE PEOPLE; and THOUGH WE ARE MANY WE ALL SHARE IN ONE BREAD.** We pray for all to respond to the call to share in the lives of others so that we may be united in love for each other.

*Use us Loving God to heal this land,*

**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those in need, those who are suffering, for the victims of crime, violence and abuse. We remember the sick, the poor, the lonely, the unemployed and those who seek to bring relief, healing, justice and comfort to them.

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**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give thanks that Christ is our healer and our redeemer; who will not allow us to be lost. We remember our loved ones departed who are renewed and refreshed in the love and light of God.

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**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

### ***Silence may be kept***

**O God, from whom all good things come; give us grace to live to your glory; give us respect for each other and for all your creation; fill our lives with a sense of wonder, and give us wisdom in all our dealings: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **SICK AND SHUT - IN**

Enid Lawe	Joyce Miller
Emil George	Vincent Maxwell
Cynthia Bonner	Lloyd James
Nicolas Deane	Charles Henry

### **Did You Know?**

That it was an Anglican by the name of William Wilberforce who piloted the emancipation act in Britain, to grant freedom to all slaves in British Colonies. The community Wilberforce, in St. Ann was named in his honour.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The **St. Andrew Parish Church (SAPC)** through our many outreach programmes continues to provide much needed support in and around our communities and to our beautiful country at large. Our Church is this year celebrating an important milestone - our 350th Anniversary.

As part of our desire to ensure that the physical infrastructure of our Church will continue to serve for years to come, we have embarked on a special project to renovate our main restrooms. This project will include undertaking activities such as:

- Demolishing of the existing restrooms internal walls and partitions
- Remove and replace the toilet fixtures to be more efficient and utilizing less water
- Provide handicapped friendly access to the amenities.
- Upgrade the facilities to be more comfortable, convenient and environmentally friendly.

The overall cost of the project is budgeted at \$2.5 million and we have engaged the services of an established contractor. The project is expected to commence by August 10, 2015 for a period of six (6) weeks.

With your support, we know that this project will be successful. In this regard, we would appreciate your assistance of a monetary donation to cover material and labour costs of this project.

We are confident that we can count on you. A member of The SAPC Property and Building Committee will be happy to call on you to discuss further the project and the way in which your small donation can make a big difference to the overall success of the venture.

Thank you so much for considering our request.

Yours truly,

*Sirrano+*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK August 2 - 8

**NO ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
MONTH OF AUGUST**

## PARISH NEWS

*November 30, 2014 was the beginning of our 350th Anniversary Celebrations.*

**Birthdays for this week:** Sybil Grandison and Brandon Chambers 02/08, Lilieth West 03/08, Ingrid Pusey and Carroll Haughton 05/08, Merna Dixon 06/08, Andrea Goldson 08/08.

**Condolence is extended** to Owen and Yvonne Streete on the passing of Yvonne's brother Ridley Saints.

**Moreton Park Cottages** Fish Fry & Bar-B-Que will be on Friday September 11; serving from 12 noon to 3:00p.m.

**The National Chorale** of Jamaica presents "Elijah" featuring Sir Willard White. Tickets are available at Music Mart and from members of the choir.

**SAPC Legal Advisory Service** will be in the courthouse on Saturday, August 8th. from 10:00a.m. until 12noon. No registration fee and the advice is free.

**Birth month** meetings, August in the OCH and December in the F/Court immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Service.

The Church requires the service of a fund raising organizer.

**Saint Andrew Settlement** will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a Church Service to be held on September 13, at 4:00 p.m. Celebrant and preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Robert Thompson. We invite you to share in this milestone of our outreach project.

**The Wortley Home** operated by our diocese was destroyed by fire on Monday June 29, 2015. Contribution can be made to BNS C/Spring # 48459.

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Date of Birth: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2015 - Year B

Proper 13

## 6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Exodus 6: 2 - 13 Soleil Cotterell  
Psalm 114 **Refrain:** *Tremble, O earth at the presence  
of the Lord.*  
BCP, page 621  
Epistle Philemon 8 - 21 Demitri Smith-Wint  
Gospel Luke 4: 16 - 19  
Prayer of Intercession

## 8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 224  
Old Testament: Exodus 6: 2 - 13 Lisa Campbell  
Psalm 114 Page 3  
BCP, page 621  
Epistle Philemon 8 - 21 Keisha Levy  
Gradual I Vow to Thee my Country (page 3)  
Gospel Luke 4: 16 - 19  
Sermon Rt. Rev. Howard Gregory  
Offertory Hymn 554  
During Communion 587, 407, 540, 603  
Sunday School 612  
2nd Collection 527  
Recessional 239

## 10:30 a.m. NO SERVICE

## 6:00 p.m. EVEN SONG