## 350th Anniversary

### St. Andrew Parish Church

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Who do you say I am.. You are the Christ!

## INTENTION FOR THE YEAR: 350th - Celebrating God's Love and Faithfulness

#### **CLERGY**

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The Rector is out of office on Mondays

#### Rector's Message

All four Gospels present Jesus as "the Anointed One" who had come to demonstrate by word and action "good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to the captives, new sight to the blind, to set the down trodden free and to proclaim the Lord's time of jubilee (Luke 4:16 - 22)". This constitutes the **mission** of Jesus and the divine prescription and action for healing, restoration and wholeness. At the center of humanity, dislocation and alienation from God, creation and self is the heart, which is the nerve of decision making, emotion, thought, will and conviction. It is from head that we love; it is from the heart that we make decisions; it is from the heart that we give of self.

The heart reflects whether we are in good or poor emotional health. Do we have a caring heart, a heart of love, a heart of compassion, a soft heart or a patient heart for the Lord? These descriptions of our hearts also indicate our spiritual health, according to the book of Revelation. Do we have a warm heart, a cold heart, a luke-warm heart or a heart of fire? It is the desires of the heart that distorts our relationship with God and everyone else. The general confession of Morning and Evening Prayer of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer states in part," We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own heart" (BCP page 43& 59). Jesus emphasized that "it is from within the heart that evil intentions come..." (Mark 7: 21) and He proceeded to list twelve devices of the human heart that disconnect us from God, as God remains available to us. The attitude of the heart reflects its condition and intention; it is a broken and contrite heart which will always attract God's attention. Matthew 5:8 asserts, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God", in other words, the humble, penitent and contrite heart enables us to experience the love, forgiveness, patience and compassion of the heart of God.

The crucified Lord is the Wounded Healer, the one who heals us of our infirmities by forgiving our sins and transgressions. Healing is described as the miracle of God's Grace. It is God who meets us at our point of need, through Jesus Christ, by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, to make healing a life transforming encounter. The therapeutic team is the Triune God of Father, Son and Holy Spirit working for the healing of our hearts to make us whole in body, mind and spirit.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors worshipping with us today.



#### The Healing and Anointing Ministry Of The Church

Healing may be defined as the ability of an individual to be once again restored to a state of good health. This healing can be experienced through various forms, and may include anointing of the sick, the Holy Communion and even through the ministry of our doctors and other medical personnel.

In focusing today on anointing the sick, (otherwise referred to as Holy Unction), it is regarded as one of the seven sacraments of the church, in which the sick is anointed by the priest and the sign of the cross is made on the individual's head or other body parts, using consecrated oil. Through such actions being performed, the *Book of Common Prayer* reminds us that God's grace is given to us via such means for healing of the spirit, mind and body of individuals.

This practice is justified by James 5:14-15, which states "Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders (translated presbyter from the original Greek) of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him." The sacrament of Holy Unction is an important sacrament used in the church, to carry out the healing of individuals. Many persons have been restored to good health by its use, all because of them receiving an outpouring of God's grace on their lives. A grace which God gives to all people so that we can live healthy lives and live them to the fullest.

#### As we are gathered

As we are gathered, Jesus is here: One with each other, Jesus is here; Joined by the Spirit, built up in love Part of the body, the Church of God.

As we are gathered Jesus is here; One with each other Jesus is here.

#### Open our eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus to reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord.
help us to listen;
O open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus!

# THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION September 13, 2015 The Theme for September "Healing and bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit"

Leader: O Lord, fill your church with wisdom, that it may reflect your love, light and be an image of your goodness. Lord, may we confess Jesus as our Christ and Saviour, not only in word but by the way we live, and so bring others to a deeper awareness of your love. We pray for renewal and healing of body, mind and spirit. Guide all who preach and teach in your Name, for John, Archbishop, Howard, Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon, Suffragans, Sirrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers. We pray for a deepening of unity among all Christians. Lord we come to you,

#### All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: Lord of the Nations, we pray for the leaders of the world and for leaders of Jamaica. We pray for Patrick, Governor General, Portia, Prime Minister, Andrew, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, all members of Parliament and Senators. We pray also for all members of the judiciary that they may be guided by the Spirit to direct our affairs in righteousness and peace. Lord we come to you.

#### All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: Bless with your wisdom all places of learning. We pray for schools, colleges and training establishments; for all lecturers, teachers and trainers of people. We pray for all who influence our minds through the media, for all involved in publishing and printing. May communication technology be used responsibly and teach sound values. Lord we come to you,

#### All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: We give thanks for those who gave us confidence, all who have given us strength to stand on our own feet. We pray for all who lack confidence, and have low self- esteem. We give thanks and pray for our homes, neighbourhoods and communities. Lord we come to you,

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: We give you thanks for the wholeness and nurture you offer through a loving family life, through being loved and accepted. We pray for families where there is a breakdown of love or trust, for homes under stress. Teach us to forgive and to accept forgiveness. Heal the minds that are full of resentment and anger. Lord we come to you,

#### All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: Healing Lord, touch all who are fearful, anxious, in pain; the emotionally, sexually and physically abused; those who are timid or afraid; lonely and desperate, those in emotional turmoil or are financially distressed, enable those who doubt, their own ability or your love. We give you praise for your saints in glory, all who have confessed the faith and are in your kingdom. We remember the faithful departed especially..... Lord we come to you,

All: You alone can make us whole

#### Silence may be kept

Lord of our life and God of our salvation, we cry out to you; we come to you for help and healing, we come for health and wholeness. Come, Lord, touch us and renew us; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

#### SICK & SHUT- IN

Maurice Boorman	Keith Dickson
Fay Jenkinson	Caroline Heron
Israel Thomas	Elsie Lewis
Aldington Findlay	Lynnette Allen

#### Did you know

That the oil used for Holy Unction (anointing of the sick) is consecrated by the Bishop at a special service known as Chrism Mass which is held on Maundy Thursday of each year?

#### **Quote for Reflection.**

In looking at Jesus' words and actions, we discover more of what God is like, for scripture tells us that 'the Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being' (Hebrews 1:3).

#### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (September 13 - 19)**

Monday	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist - Holy Cross Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Finance Committee
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Communion (sick and shut-in) St. Andrew Care Center Confirmation Class
Thursday	5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal Supper Committee Church Committee
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Little Brothers Alleluia Choir Rehearsal Youth Fellowship

There will be a **Healing Service** on September 27, during the 10:30 service

The St Andrew Parish Foundation announces "Festum Sancti Andreae 2015" on Saturday October 3, 2015 @ 7:00p.m. on the lawns of Kings House. Contribution \$10,000. Dress formal.

**Sunday School -** All students interested in singing or playing an instrument, please meet on Saturday at 12:15 - 2:15 in the Old Court House. We also need toys and persons to assist in the Nursery on Sundays. If interested in any of the above please contact Mrs. Jacqueline Mighty.

**The Diocese** is requesting a special collection to be taken on Sunday 27, 2015 for two Anglican Churches in Dominica that were devasted by tropical storm Erica.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

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

**Birthdays for this week:** Beverley Lawrence, Gay Mitchell and Kareen Scott 13/09, Cynthia Cooper, Sharon Williamson, Jackie Wright-James and Pierre-Anthony Leake 15/09, Pauline Green and Monique McIntosh 16/09, Christine Clarke, Nathalia Henderson, Fabia Davis and Avil Robertson 17/09, Yvonne Sterrett 18/09, Alcie Daley and Pearlita Thomson 19/09.

**Condolence** is extended to Avis Clarke and family on the passing of her sister Monica Mullings.

Flowers at the foot of the Altar are in loving memory of Ashley Johnson given by his widow Winnifred, Children Ashleigh and Ashley.

**September is Moreton Park Focus Month.** 

Confirmation Classes continue on Wednesdays, at 5:30 p.m.

Our 350th Anniversary Family Affair Harvest Supper will be on Friday, November 20, 2015 at the Church Hall. Tickets are \$1,500 each. Please help in the sale of tickets and Ads. For more information please call the Church Office.

**M.**U Take-out lunch on Friday September 25, in the Old Court House 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**September Birth month** will have a "Take-out" Breakfast in the Fellowship Court on September 20, between the hours of 7:00 -12:00 noon Cost \$1,000.

**Saint Andrew Settlement (SAS)** will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a Church Service to be held today, September 13, at 4:00 p.m.

April Birth month will be having a meeting after the 8:00 a.m. service in the .C.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION				
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Email:				
Phone numbers: (H)	(W)	(Cell)		
Date of Birth: Day	Month			
Profession	Ministry	Ministry interest		

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2015 - Year B Proper 19

#### 6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Isaiah 50: 4 - 9 Winston Bayley

Psalm 116: 1 - 8
BCP, page 623
Epistle

Refrain: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. Alleluia!

James 2: 1 5, 8 - 10, 14 - 18
Faith Harker

Gospel Mark 8: 27 - 38

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

Processional 375

Old Testament: Isaiah 50: 4 - 9 Yvonne Hall

Psalm 116: 1 - 8 BCP, page 623

Epistle James 2:1 - 5, 8 - 10, 14 - 18 Winnifred Johnson

Gradual 784 (Children leave for Sunday School)

Gospel Mark 8: 27 - 38

Sermon Sister Andrea Taylor

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Anthem Holy be thy Glorious Name by W. A. Mozart

Offertory Hymn 459

During Communion 461, 539, 784, 409, 531

Sunday School 546 After Communion 612 Recessional 241

#### 10:30 a.m. CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

6:00 p.m. NO EVENING SERVICE

50th Anniversary Service at St. Thomas'

**Mission Majesty Gardens**