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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:
Proclaiming and Sharing The Good News of Jesus Christ
In A Challenging Culture

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The Rector is out of office on Mondays.

At our annual congregational meeting, we expressed our thoughts and ideas about our church. These concerns fell mainly in areas of administration, management, finances, property maintenance (in particular the cemetery) and congregational growth (declining members). The idea of a month of special emphasis, focusing on growing our congregation is one strategy among others. In our plans to strategize for congregational growth, it must be borne in mind that it will require, primarily, that it must be sustainable. There is no quick fix method to attract the unbaptized and unchurched to be a part of our worship and fellowship. A multifaceted approach to evangelizing and mission is required to engage the present digital generation and 'selfie' culture.

In this evangelizing thrust to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, we are called first and foremost to be constantly renewed as a congregation through prayer and worship. There must be a period for us to be saturated in prayer, and seek a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. Prayer must inform and infuse our plans, organization and execution. Also, there is the requisite need for us to be of one heart and mind, with a willingness to make the necessary sacrifices of time, resources and spiritual abilities for the purpose of proclaiming and sharing the Good news of Jesus. This should start with our household, family, friends, relatives, associates, colleagues and every person we meet and interact with. The intention of our efforts is really a living out of our Baptismal vows as Christian disciples of Jesus. We are called to make known the mighty works of God's loving action and presence revealed in the life of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. This is our mandate and obligation.

Our willingness must be visible, our commitment must be demonstrated and our conviction must be seen by our frequency at worship, knowing that this, is the will of God for this church and for this year and beyond. "The follower of Jesus is called to a particular task and empowered by the Holy Spirit. There is work to be done, goals to be accomplished and a world to be won. The community of disciples is not simply to enjoy its loving fellowship with one another, or to revel in the privileges God has bestowed on them, or to take pride in its separation from the world. No, the church is intended to grow, to influence the world, to engage in acts of service and proclamation." (Metaphors of Ministry, David Bennett) As baptized disciples of the community of the New Covenant we have been endowed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live the gospel and to be faithful in our witness for the blessed reign of God.

We welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today.

VENITE (Duke Street)

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Psalm: 71:1 - 6 *Tune: London New*

I find my refuge in you, Lord;
Let me not be dismayed;
But in your justice set me free;
Hear me, come to my aid.

You are my confidence, Lord God,
My hope since I was young;
And from the womb, since I was
born,
Your praise has been my song.

Be my strong rock, my stronghold,
crag,
My castle safe, secure;
Deliver me from wicked hands
And from the evildoer.

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

Proclaim God's Word, in spite of Opposition in life

As we continue our journey through the season of Epiphany, we are invited to reflect on Jesus being presented/made known to the world. As we examine the text for today, which comes to us from Luke 4:21-30, we see Jesus being presented as someone who is not afraid to speak the truth, when the Jews criticized him, not only because of what he said, but rather they knew him to be – Joseph's son (verse 21). As a result, he was seen as a prophet without honour in his home town (verse 24).

The gospel according to Luke is believed to be written in approximately 61-64 ACE, before the destruction of the temple. At that time, Christians were eagerly anticipating the return of the Messiah, but Christians were dying, and Jesus seemed as if He was not coming back. The then Roman Governor, Theophilus (whose name means love of God – believed to be a convert to Christianity), was very anxious about this happening to the people whom he was leading, and so it was out of this that the author of the Gospel according to Luke saw the need to write to him "... an orderly account, ... that he may know the certainty of those things in which he were instructed." (Luke 1:1-4). However, according to Wellman (2015), "many biblical scholars believe that the name Theophilus is not a person but the Christian community in general, because the name means "love of God" so there is reason to believe that this gospel was written for the larger, Christian community and not just for one man." The theme of the Book of Luke is therefore in keeping with the season of Epiphany, as it seeks to reveal Jesus to the Gentiles (non-Jews), as the one who grants salvation to all people, once they believe in Him as God's Son.

In order to better examine the text in its context, let us begin to read from Luke 4:14-20.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰When he was finished reading, the eyes of everyone were on Him.

1. How does this text reveal Jesus to the world?
2. What is the significance of relating to/using Isaiah to present Jesus to the world as the Messiah (Saviour of the world)?
3. In what way(s) is Jesus seen as the Saviour/Messiah in this text?

As we transition into the text for Sunday, (Luke 4:21-30), a new movement is seen in the attitude of the Jews towards Jesus.

1. Let us begin by examining verse 22a, how did the people initially feel about Jesus?
2. What happened and why?
3. Were the Jews still impressed with Jesus as they were in verse 22a?
4. Why do you say this?
5. Describe Jesus' feelings/emotions.
6. As a result of Jesus' statements or utterances, how did the Jews feel?
7. What therefore did they try to do to Jesus?

Applications (Turn to person next to you and discuss the following questions)

1. Jesus got himself in trouble for being outspoken.
 - a. What does this teaches us about what to expect when dealing with opposition in life?
 - b. Is opposition always bad? Give a reason for your answer.
 - c. How does Jeremiah 1:4-10 encourages us to mindful of the reality that we will face opposition in life?
2. How can we proclaim and share the gospel of Jesus to persons who oppose us in a negative way?
 - a. How does 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 encourages us to remain faithful to such tasks?
3. The fact that Jesus was saved when they tried to throw Him over the cliff,
 - a. What does this teaches us about the power of God as we seek to minister to others who dislike us?
 - b. How does Psalm 71:1-6 justifies this?

Conclusion

Challenges are apart of life, and so in spite of the opposition that we will face as we make Christ known through our lives, we should remain resolute to our calling, and never allow ourselves to lower our standards as Christians, because of what they say or do to us.

Reference

Wellman, J. (2015). *An Introduction to the Gospel of Luke*. Retrieved from <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/2014/08/30/an-introduction-to-the-gospel-of-luke/>.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Yvonne Emmanuel
Joan Parris-Woodstock
Veril Blake
Violet Carson

Joslyn Richards
Gwen Jones
Enid McDonald
Daphne Graham

Quote for Refection

“Come Lord, millions do not know you, and to us who do, what is the difference? What is the point of your presence if our lives do not alter? Change our lives, shatter or complacency. Make your word flesh of our flesh, blood of our blood and our life’s purpose” (Rites of Justice, Megan McKenzie)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (Jan. 31 - Feb. 6)

Monday 5:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:30 p.m. Moreton Park

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
4:45 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

Friday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Saturday 10:00 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew
11:00 a.m. Little Brothers
2:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH

Name: _____ M () F () Visitor
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone numbers: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____
Date of Birth: Day _____ Month _____
Occupation _____ Ministry interest _____

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Sasha Wright, Karl Lewin, Clement Powell, William Chin See, Daphne Whitely and Andrea Tinker 31/01, Iris Johnson, Joyce James, William Reeson, Marva Bernard and Heather Stewart 01/02, Dottie Cooke-Francis, Lolita Hanson, Blossom Griffiths and Norma Flash 03/02, Charles Henry 04/02, Horace Spence and Merriel O'Brien 05/02, Muriel Amiel and Babra Archer 06/02.

The flowers at the foot of the altar are given in loving memory of Laurie Robertson.

Condolence is extended to Joy Soutar on the passing of her husband Louis Soutar, the brother-in-law of Hon. Michael Fennell his funeral service will be on Thursday February 4, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Margaret's.

The funeral service for Gurda Dixon will be on Friday February 5, at 11:30a.m.

Lenten Devotions begin on Thursday Feb. 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Invite a friend.

Congratulations to Doris Frater who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on February 1.

St. Andrew Deanery Day will be held at The Karl Hendrickson Auditorium, Jamaica college, 189 Hope Road February 14, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. To 1:30 p.m. The Theme: "Create in me a Clean Heart." Rehearsals begin in the Old Court House on Jan. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

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Robert Gregory
Jackie Gayle
Norval West
Danielle Mighty
Janna-Marie Patel
Dwayne McKenzie

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 31, 2016 - Year C

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10 Fred Robertson
Psalm 71:1 - 6 (BCP page 556)	Refrain: (All sit) <i>“My mouth will proclaim. your righteousness O Lord.”</i>
New Testament	1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13 Karen Buchanan
Gospel	Luke 4: 21 - 30
Prayer of Intercession	Form F BCP page 115

8:00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER HOLY EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Women’s Auxiliary)

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10:30 a.m.

NO SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

NO SERVICE