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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

Our focus this month is **Vocation and Christian ministry**. The **call to Christian Ministry** is rooted in our Baptismal Covenant in which we are mandated to **“Follow Jesus.”** At our Baptismal initiation into the faith of Christ, we were anointed and infused with the Holy Spirit, for the purpose of facilitating the reign of the righteousness of God. **“God is light, and in God there is no darkness”**. This assertion of Scripture indicates a primary task of our Vocation and Christian Ministry, to witness to the light of the gospel in order for people to know Christ as the light of the world. During early Christianity, as people responded to the proclamation of the Good News of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ, they would take on a new name at Baptism, a Christian name. This new name indicated a transition from the **old life** to the **new life in Christ** - from darkness to light. We see this movement in Paul, as his name while persecuting the Christian church, was Saul and after his Damascus encounter with the Risen Christ, his name changed to Paul. Christian Ministry in our environment, I suggest, is a call to the proclamation of the light of God's righteousness in these challenging times. The righteousness of the grace of God and what is good and loving within us, which must be expressed to touch the hearts of those with evil intent.

We live in a time and culture that puts a lot of emphasis on instant results as the measurement of success. The **call** we have received from our Lord, is for us to be **faithful to our commitment** and practice the **way of Jesus Christ**. This is our Vocation and Ministry to which, we have enlisted as Baptised disciples of Jesus, to live and make effective the reconciling activity and loving presence of God in human affairs. Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Luke 10:2) There are different areas of our church that require our spiritual abilities, however we need to identify our ministry interest for the purpose of making known, God's love, God's peace, God's righteousness and reconciling forgiveness. As committed members of the body of Christ, do you have a vibrant ministry?

In our covenant relationship with the Triune God through Baptism which we renew by our participation in the Holy Eucharist, to represent Christ and witness as bearers of the light of Christ to the world. This lifelong journey demands our constant presence at worship and our devotion to prayer and faithfulness to witness, as we participate in the enterprise of the mission of God, which is, to touch the hearts of men and women to be converted and transformed from the darkness of selfishness and self-will to the light of self-giving experienced in God's unconditional love. This will not always generate instant results as its activity is according to God's agenda through the work of the Holy Spirit of God. Henri Nouwen asserted that, ministry is not a mundane activity of eight to five, rather it is **“a way of life”** for people to see and understand the presence of the liberating God in the world. Therefore, beloved, to what ministry is God calling you to in His name?

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

What is your Ministry Interest?

The Christian vocation: We are first and foremost called to be faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ. As the baptised we are called to prayer, worship and witness. The Ministry of Lay Persons is to represent Christ and His church, and also to bear witness to Him in our daily lives.

The Mothers' Union – This is a worldwide Anglican organization founded in 1876. Its purpose is to demonstrate concern for all aspects of Christian family life. Its aim is the advancement of the Christian religion in all spheres of marriage and family life. The objectives of this group include upholding Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage; encouraging parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church; maintaining the fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service and to promote favourable conditions in society for a stable family life, the protection of children and to assist those whose families have met with adversity.

The Women's Auxiliary - The Women's Auxiliary (SAPC) was established in 1940. Its objectives are to facilitate fellowship among its members and to raise funds for the Bishop's Pastoral Aid Fund. Proceeds from this fund are used to assist endeavours within the Diocese such as the education of seminarians, assistance to retired members of the clergy and church workers, help to needy curates, assistance to the Bishop Gibson Home, and assist other outreach projects.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew – This is an international movement comprised of men and boys who are committed to the three-fold pledge of prayer, study and service for men of all ages. Service involves direct missionary work as well as the expression of Christian love in practical ways, by the implementation of approved projects. Service to the church and community has included prayer meetings, bible study, visitation, conducting services, support and assistance to less fortunate as well as to the church.

Psalm 119: R. *“Lord, I love your commands”*

I have said, O Lord, that my part is to keep your words.

The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces. **R**

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants

Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. **R**

For I love your command more than gold, however fine.

For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I Hate. **R**

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them.

The revelations of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. **R**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Holy and mighty God, how wonderful is all your creation; we give you thanks and praise for all you have given to us. We pray for the work of the church, and for all Christians in their vocation and for the ministry of the Lay People. We pray for Christians who work in dangerous or lonely places; we remember those who suffer persecution of their faith. We pray for shepherds of your flock, for all ministers of your word and sacrament for John, Archbishop; Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon Suffragan Bishops, for Sirrano, Olando, Andrea, and all clergy and church workers.

Lord, restore your people

All: Guide us into the ways of peace.

Leader: We pray for our nation and leaders; for Patrick, Governor General, Andrew, Prime Minister, Portia, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, members of the House of Representatives and for members of the judiciary that all may serve justice, protect and promote the welfare and well-being of our people.

Lord, restore your people

All: Guide us into the ways of peace.

Leader: We remember any who have lost their journey through life those who have lost their moral compass and spiritual values, all who are slaves to drugs or caught up in crime. We pray for third world countries, for a right use of the wealth and the resources of the earth. We remember all who are suffering from floods or famine, especially Haiti. For all where the land is exhausted and crops are failing . We pray for our farmers and those who work in agriculture.

Lord, restore your people

All: Guide us into the ways of peace.

Leader: We give thanks for our loved ones and all who have cared for us. We pray for all who have taught us to value our lives and each other. We pray for all to grow in tolerance and

respect for each other. We pray for all who have lost vision or hope and have little support. We pray for our families, inner-city communities and those among whom we work and minister in the name of Christ.

Lord, restore your people

All: Guide us into the ways of peace.

Leader: God of all power, we ask you to support all who are despondent. We pray for the exhausted, the weary and the worn, those who have run out of energy and all who can no longer cope on their own. We ask for blessing on all cancer supervisors and those who are suffering. We pray for friends and loved ones who are ill...

Lord, restore your people

All: Guide us into the ways of peace.

Leader: We think of all those who have run the race, finished the course and kept the faith. We give thanks for our saints and all holy men and women. Lord, bless all our loved ones who are departed from us and keep them in life eternal. We remember the departed...

Lord, restore your people

All: Guide us into the ways of peace.

Silence May Be Kept

Holy Father, you hear the prayers of the lowly, and forgive the sins of the penitent. Grant us a glimpse of your glory, a humility in our approach to you, and a deep awareness of your presence and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SICK AND SHUT - IN

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| Allison Hall | Aldington Findlay |
| John Patterson | Eulalee Vernon |
| Heron Wright | Allune Mullings |
| Hilary Phillips | Clio Whittingham |
| Sylvia McGregor | Fay Jenkinson |

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Quote for reflection

So often, like the Israelites, we forget what God has done in the past when faced with suffering. And like the Israelites, we need to be reminded that God will never abandon or forsake us. Pope Francis tells us, “We must recover our memory... in the patience of God, who ... has accompanied us throughout history....walking with us.” Then we can remain grateful to the God who loves us, walks and suffers with us in our darkest hours knowing that we are never alone. (Dawn Eden, Remembering God’s Mercy, 2016).

Did You know?

Holy water is water that has been blessed by a priest to make an object or individual holy, through faith. Its use is an ancient custom, and is biblically based, as seen in Numbers 5:17 “...and the priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel; and he shall take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water.”

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Oct. 30 - Nov. 5

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| Monday | 5:30 p.m. | Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist - All Saints Day |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Moreton Park |
| Wednesday | 6:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist - All Souls Day |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy) |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | 4:45 p.m. | Women’s Auxiliary |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Property & Building |
| Thursday | 5:30 p.m. | SAPC Choir Rehearsal |
| 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 |

A concert “**A Salute to Jamaican Composers**” including Samuel Felsted, will be held at St. Andrew Parish Church on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Admission free but an offering will be taken.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Clive Tapper 24/10, Rhena Williams and Robert Thompson 30/10, Nigel Elliott 31/10, June Rose and Lisa Golding 1/11, Ricardo Dallen, Norma Young, Danielle Mighty and Diedre Myrie-Thompson 02/11, Luletia Elliott and Linda Mahon 03/11 and Cyril Bridge, Betty-Ann Jones, Gervaise McLeod, Terry-Ann Wilson and Ian Williams 05/11.

Condolence is extended to Peter Carson and family on the passing of his mother Violet. Her funeral service will be on Wednesday 2nd. At 11 a.m., Also for Rebecca Brown-Collins on Friday 4th. at 11:30 a.m.

The flowers at the foot of the Altar are in loving memory of Ronald (Bunny) Clarke given by his widow Viola (Jean) and family.

A Festal Evensong will be held at 5:30 p.m. on St. Andrew's Day, Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

Patronal Festival will be celebrated on Sunday Dec. 4, 2016 at 7:30 a. m. We will have only one service as we worship as a church family.

Cathedral Sunday will be celebrated on Nov. 20, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

S.A.S is inviting applicants for the post of Executive Director. Interested persons please call 926-6692 or email saintandrewsettlement@gmail.com.

Our Diocese has launched a Haiti relief fund. Cheques should be made payable to "Diocesan Church Fund", and on the back Haiti Appeal. Contributions should be delivered to Church House by November 30, 2016.

The next **Holy Baptism** will be on November 27 at 10:30 a.m. Preparation will be on Wednesday, November 23, at 5:00 p.m.

Family Affair Harvest Supper will be on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Church Hall. Tickets are \$1,500 each. Please purchase an advert. Support the stalls with cakes and other items.

Parish Retreat - Saturday, November 5, at 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Please be reminded of the Second Collection on First Sunday

NO 10:30 a.m. SERVICE TODAY .

Dorcas Basket/Tuesday Charity - Gifts of **all** kind are welcome.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 30, 2016 - Proper 26 - Year C

Mission and Evangelism

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament Habakkuk 1: 1 - 4; 2:1- 4 Grantley Stephenson
Psalm 119:137 - 144 **Refrain:** (All sit) *“Lord, I love your commands”*
BCP (page 637)
Epistle 2 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 4; 11 - 12 June Rose
Gospel Luke 19: 1 - 10
Prayer of Intercession page 4

8::00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Women’s Auxiliary)

Processional 378
Venite BCP page 36
Psalm 119:137 - 144 Page 3 (All Sit)
First Reading Habakkuk 1: 1 - 4; 2:1 - 4 Blossom Griffiths
Te Deum Laudamus BCP page 57
Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:1 - 4; 11 - 12 Dawn Edwards-Taylor
Benedictus BCP page 40
Hymn 411
Gospel Luke 19: 1 - 10
Sermon Canon Kitson
The Creed 561
The Suffrages “B” page 44
The Collect BCP page 176
Prayer of Intercession page 4
The Greeting of Peace BCP page 124
Anthem The Heaven’s are Declaring (Beethoven)
Offertory Hymn 391
During Communion 621, 605, 598, 521 [612]
Recessional 355

10:30 a.m.

NO SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST