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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**We are Baptized to Witness and Minister
In the Name of Jesus Christ**

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The Rector is out of office on Mondays.

At this time each year, we face the peak of the hurricane season. As a Small Island State in the middle of the Caribbean, we are vulnerable to the hurricanes that are formed in the Atlantic, not far from the West Coast of Africa. They seem to follow the path of the Middle passage of the Slave Trade, which has been called the Caribbean Holocaust. The strength of Hurricanes has increased since Gilbert on the 12th of September 1988, which awakened us from complacency after many decades in which we were spared their destructive forces. The direction and strength of hurricanes which are outside of our control demands a change in our attitude towards preparedness. This includes the way we construct our buildings, roofs and roads.

The care of creation is our responsibility and it demands less reliance on the use of scandal bags, styrofoam and more separation of plastic bottles from our garbage bins. These containers for food and drink are not biodegradable; they do not break-down. Proper disposal of these containers that poison the earth, our rivers, sea shore, fishes of the sea and green areas are necessary for our environmental health. Change in our attitude must begin through public education and our educational system. The hurricanes we have had in Jamaica, the Caribbean and the ones we presently face, remind us of our stewardship of creation and we are challenged to implement sustainable strategies to prevent pollution that will further deteriorate the Ozone layer of this planet, earth, our home.

During the month of September, we have been focusing on healing and the ministry of anointing which indicates to us our need to be made whole. Wholeness and holiness is a process of transformation in which our resolve to do God's will is strengthened and our hearts are stirred and awakened by God's grace through the action and work of the Holy Spirit. Do we long for and desire wholeness of integrity of mind, body and spirit? The anointing with the 'Oil of the Infirmary' (OI) is the prescription for our healing, our wellbeing and to make us whole.

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

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Focus for the month of September:- “The Ministry of Healing and Anointing”

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, Holy Communion and even through the ministry of our doctors and other medical personnel.

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.

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.

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."

With the anointing of oil and prayer by a priest, the grace and healing power of God is affirmed and transmitted to the recipient. This is the outward and visible sign - anointing and prayer with the sign of the cross; and the inward and spiritual grace is the healing power of God who forgives our sins, enlighten our minds and strengthen our will to know the healing power of God. Through this Holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy uphold you by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” BCP page 347.

In the ministry of healing, we seek to be transformed and that wholeness may be ours, so that the Holy Spirit may strengthen us to constantly know and do God's will for the reign of God's Kingdom.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

September 24, 2017

The Theme for September

“Healing and bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit”

Leader: We pray for Christians in areas where they are oppressed, for those who face cynicism at home or at work, for all who are afraid to confess their faith. We remember those seeking to spread the gospel in non-Christian areas. We pray for the clergy, for John, Archbishop; Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Sirrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers. Lord we come to you.

All: Help us and be gracious to us.

Leader: Lord of the Nations, we pray for the leaders of the world and for leaders of Jamaica. We pray for Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Peter, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; all Members of Parliament and the Senate. We pray also for the Judiciary that they may serve justice and protect and safe-guard the human rights, of every Jamaican. Lord we come to you.

All: Help us and be gracious to us.

Leader: Lord of creation, storms rage and earthquakes shake about us causing us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair and assure us of your presence in our anxiety. We pray for countries and victims of earthquake and hurricane. May we provide relief and supply resources to restore and rebuild lives, homes of families, children and communities. Lord we come to you.

All: Help us and be gracious to us.

Leader: Bless all employers with a spirit of fairness and grace. We remember all who have to queue for work, all who depend on Social Security. We pray for all who are without work, for those who earn minimum wage, for those who cannot get work through prejudice or protection systems and structures. May all who prosper be generous and willing to share with the needy. We pray for all relief organizations and service clubs. Lord we come to you.

All: Help us and be gracious to us.

Leader: We give thanks for our own work and our homes. We pray for all who supply us with the things we need, for pharmacies, grocery stores and supermarkets. We pray for those who are in great debt, for those who have had their homes repossessed and for our children in need of protection and love.

Lord we come to you.

All: Help us and be gracious to us.

Leader: We remember all who are unable to work through disability. We pray for all who are handicapped, for all who are in nursing homes, for the chronically ill, for those who have lost mobility. We give thanks for those who have recovered from illness and surgery. We pray for healing of relationships, body, mind and spirit. Lord we come to you.

All: Help us and be gracious to us.

Leader: We give thanks for all who have been faithful labourers in your harvest. May we with them rejoice in your love and generosity in your everlasting kingdom. We remember ...

Lord we come to you.

All: Help us and be gracious to us.

Silence May Be Kept

Lord, teach us to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Let us not be intimidated by opposition or criticism. Keep us firm in the faith you have set before us; through Christ who has triumphed and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Heron Wright	Eulah Stephenson	Rhema Samuels
Hugh Williams	Hilary McIntosh	Patricia Rochester
Joan Reader	Millicent Williams	Gloria Gem Abrahams
Leah Goldson	Sybil Shirley	Eulalee Vernon

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

Healing Ministries are an essential and ancient part of the Anglican and Christian traditions. The Sacrament of Holy Unction (anointing the sick) is one such ministry, in which oil that has been consecrated by the Bishop, at a special service known as Chrism Mass, (on Maundy Thursday of each year), is used to anoint individuals who are sick in body, mind and spirit.

Quote for Reflection

Many good Christians believe that Christians will receive different rewards based on how they live here on earth. However, "...each one's work will become manifest, for the day will disclose it, ...in which all Christians will receive the same rewards in heaven regardless of their earthly existence, status and the amount of work that they do. Our entrance into heaven is based on Jesus' work, not by our own work and the amount that we do. Therefore, our works here on earth merit us nothing in heaven, since we are saved by Jesus' grace, love and mercy. (Robert Driskel, *Are There Rewards In Heaven Based on How We Live on Earth?*, 2017)

Questions for Reflection

What sickness do you have for which you are in need of Jesus' healing? Do you have faith in His ability to heal you of this ailment?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (September 24 - 30)

The Church is open **Monday to Friday**
between **9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for prayer**

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Mothers' Union
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Sick and Shut-In (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Reception Committee
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. Michael Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel & All Angels
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Patrick Dunn 19/09, Vincent Lawrence, Stephen Greig 24/09, Marjorie Gregory and Dionne Clarke-Harris 25/09, Kirby Clarke, Lascelles Newman, Lisa Allen and Graeme Reid 26/09, Joyce Bridge, Karen Buchanan and Jason Grodger 27/09, Isolyn Hall, Gazlin Parnell, Tiffany Edwards and Valerie Nam 28/09, Garrett Gayle, Marjorie Philips, Connor James, Trevor Johnson and Dawn Edwards-Taylor 29/09 and Robert Casserly and Craig Campbell 30/09.

Congratulation to - Veta Bullock's mother, Myrtle Smith, a shut-in, who will be 100 yrs. on Saturday 30th.

Condolence is extended to Rev. Venice Guntley-McKenzie on the passing of her husband, Keith McKenzie. His Funeral Service will be on Friday 29 at 11:00 a.m. To Tony Patel and family on the passing of his mother Monica Andrade.

Confirmation Class continues on Wednesday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m.

Men Perform for Christ - Will be staged here on October 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at a cost of \$2,000. Tickets are available from the Church Office and members of the Planning Committee - Berl Francis, Sonya Hamilton and Valerie Magnus.

The Harvest Supper Committee is inviting members and their families to utilize advertising space in the 2017 Harvest Supper Magazine.

Sunday School Parents and Teachers Meeting (PTA) is scheduled for today September 24, 2017 in the Old Court House after the 8:00 a.m. service.

Mothers' Union. - Will be having their 'Take Out' lunch on September 29, at a cost of \$1,200 in the Old Court House.

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

Deanery Mission - Sunday October 1 - Saturday 7, 2017

Harvest Celebration - Sunday October 22, 2017

Harvest Supper - Friday November 17, 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 2017 - Proper 20 - Year A

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Exodus 16:2 - 15	Kelvin Roberts
Psalms 105: 1-6, 37-45	Refrain (All sit)	<i>"Make known the actions of the Lord among the people."</i> Alleluia!
BCP page 605		
Epistle	Philippians 1:21 - 30	June Rose
Gospel	Matthew 20:1 - 6	
Prayer of Intercession	page 4	

8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON *(Corporate for the Altar Guild)*

Processional	36	
Old Testament	Exodus 16:2 - 15	Dionne Clarke-Harris
Psalms 105: 1-6, 37-45	Refrain (All sit)	<i>"Make known the actions of the Lord among the people."</i> Alleluia!
BCP page 605		
Epistle	Philippians 1:21 - 30	Zadha Tulloch
Gradual	437	
Gospel	Matthew 20:1 - 16	
Sermon	Sis Andrea Taylor-Smith	
Prayer of Intercession	page 4	
Offertory Hymn	513 - tune Austria	
During Communion	596, 608, 446	
Sun. Sch	652	
Recessional	427	

10:30 a.m. SERVICE OF HEALING & HOLY EUCHARIST Programs provided

6:00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER