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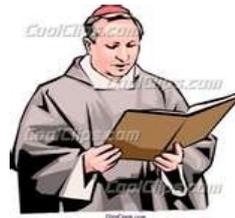
St. Thomas Mission - Majesty Gardens and St. Clement's Mission - Kencot



Music
MINISTRY



YOUTH
MINISTRY



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.

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, which is 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 and compassion in these challenging times.

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 are enlisted as Baptised disciples of Jesus, to live and make effective the reconciling action 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 abilities and spiritual gifts; however, we need to identify our ministry interest for the purpose of making known, God's love, God's peace, and the hope we have in God.

In our covenant relationship with the Triune God, through Baptism we renew our participation in the Holy Eucharist to represent Christ, and to witness as bearers of the light of Christ to the world. This lifelong journey demands our constant presence at worship, our devotion to prayer and our commitment to witness, as we participate in the enterprise of the mission of God. This we do in an effort, to touch the hearts of men and women so that they be converted and transformed from the darkness of selfishness and self-will to the light of self-giving, as 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. 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 serve in His name?

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

Focus for the Month of October Vocation and Ministry

What is the ministry of:-

Ordained ministry – This is a calling to the priesthood to serve full-time at the parish level as a leader in the Church. Some however, may opt to serve at the level of the diaconate. **Supplementary ministry** is also a calling to the priesthood but for persons who wish to assist liturgically on Sundays in addition to their regular employment. Supplementary ministers are attached to the church for which they are members. Specifically, they assist and support the Rector within a Cure and occasionally take on pastoral responsibilities.

Church Army/Associate Evangelists (volunteers) – This is an organization of trained persons for evangelistic and social work. Church Army Officers are involved in education, children's homes and in evangelistic and teaching missions. Church Army Officers are usually assigned to a Cure.

Lay Readers – These persons are licensed by the Bishop to assist in pastoral duties within a Cure. They may conduct non-Eucharistic Services of the Church, preach sermons, read lessons and conduct the services for the burial of the dead.

Lector - The ministry of reading and proclaiming the Word of God.

Let all things now living

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator
triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to
the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire
shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished
As forward we travel
from light into light.

His law he enforces,
the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit
obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean
proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration
a Song let us raise
Till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest,
Hosanna and praise!"

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

October 8, 2017

The Theme for October “Vocation and Ministry”

Leader: We pray for the Church that is under persecution, the Church that work in dangerous and challenging places. We pray for churches and their Ministry of Evangelism, for all who seek to bring the light of Christ to others, that we all may grow in holiness and outreach. 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 that we may know Christ

All: ... and the power of his resurrection.

Leader: We pray for our nation. 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 safeguard the human rights, of every Jamaican. Lord we come to you. Lord we come to you that we may know Christ

All: ... and the power of his resurrection.

Leader: We pray for all who are struggling for survival and those who find life difficult and are overwhelmed by its challenges. We pray for those whose lives have collapsed around them. We remember those who have lost possessions, homes or livelihood this past week. We remember the victims of hurricane, earthquake and terrorism. We pray for all who have been robbed or stripped of their dignity, those sleeping on the streets of our cities, all who have lost hope and for the financially distressed that we may know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Lord we come to you that we may know Christ

All: ... and the power of his resurrection.

Leader: We pray that our homes may be places of peace and light, that our relationships may reflect joy and love, that our faith may fill our homes and influence our actions. We pray for those who are deeply in debt and unable to repay. We pray for teenagers and young adults growing up in a culture without a moral com- 4.

pass. Grant them wisdom to make sound decisions and healthy choices. Lord we come to you that we may know Christ.

All: ... and the power of his resurrection.

Leader: We pray for all who are brought low by disease or sickness, for those who have been taken into hospital, for all who are terminally ill ... We pray for clinics, hospices and for all who care for the dying and all care-givers. We remember all who have lost loved ones this week. We pray that we may grow in our faith and that our convictions reflect the values of the gospel. Lord we come to you that we may know Christ.

All: ... and the power of his resurrection.

Leader: We pray for all who have died in faith, who know Christ and the power of the resurrection, for all who now share in his victory over the grave especially May we live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord we come to you that we may know Christ

Silence May Be Kept

Lord, you have called us to know you, you have called us to love you, you have called us to serve you. Make us worthy of our calling. May we proclaim your power and your peace. May we rejoice in your light and your love; through Christ the living Lord. Amen.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Heron Wright	Daphne Goodison	Joan Reader
Leah Goldson	Jemima Austin	Sybil Shirley
Winnifred Johnson	Elaine Small	Eulalee Vernon
Patricia Rochester	Joscelyn Richards	Horace Spence
Rhema Samuels		

Kindly inform the Church Office when you become aware of members who are ill at home, in hospital, or absent from Church for a while.

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The Ark was Israel's most holy object. It was an ornate box made of acacia wood, overlaid with gold, and topped with a golden mercy seat flanked by two winged cherubs. It served as God's throne or footstool on earth, and it contained the tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna, and Aaron's rod. It was kept in the Most Holy Place of the Tabernacle and the Temple, but it was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. (David Howard & Gary Burge, Fascinating Bible Facts, 1997)

Quote for Reflection

"Those who live as though God sets the rules are not going by their own rules. That is the self-sacrifice, or selflessness, that peace more often than not requires. Those who insist on going by their own rules cannot make that sacrifice. They are the steady adherents of (global) conflict because they are forever fighting both themselves and others to do whatever they think that they want to do." (Criss Jami, Killosohpy, 2015)

Question for reflection

Any practice that is not of God is sin. How can adherence to the commands of God enable/help us in our Christian journey, so that we become more closely drawn to Jesus as our Lord and Saviour?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (October 8 - 14)

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.	Home for Girls
	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrew Settlement
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Sick and Shut-In (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Care Center
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Auxiliary
	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: Grantley Stephenson 08/10, Marjorie Hamilton, Millicent Clarke 10/10, Danielle King, Stanley Thompson, Brian Bayley, Racquel Williams-Shor and Danielle Davis 11/10, Joscelyn Richards, Shelly-Ann Spence 12/10, Valerie Magnus 13/10, Sharlee Willis 14/10,

Condolence is extended to George Watson and Louisa Hanson on the passing of their sister Miriam Watson in England. Mavis and Michelle Bogle advises that the funeral service for Elham Bogle will be on Saturday October 14, at Bethel Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class continues on Wednesday, October 11, at 5:30 p.m.

St. Clement's will be celebrating their Harvest Festival today.

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

“Diocesan Youth Rally, November 18, 2017 at 8:30 am at St. George’s Church, Savanna La Mar. The March of Witness will begin at St. George’s and end at the Mannings School, where all other activities will take place.”

A second collection will be taken on October 15, for the Eastern Caribbean Hurricane Relief Fund.

Legal Advisory will meet in the old courthouse on Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 to noon.

A General meeting - for the Friends of the STAPC Sunday Schools will be held today October 8, 2017, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service. Please make every effort to attend.

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

The Goldson family wishes to extend thanks for your prayerful support during the time of Leah’s illness.

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

Harvest Celebration - Sunday October 22, 2017

Harvest Supper - Friday November 17, 2017

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8, 2017 - Proper 22 - Year A

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Exodus 20:1 - 4, 7 - 9, 12 - 20	Brian Goldson Sr.
Psalm 19	Refrain (All sit) <i>“The precepts of the Lord are just and satisfies the heart.”</i>	<i>Alleluia!</i>
BCP page 490		
Epistle	Philippians 3:4b - 14	Rusti Zacca
Gospel	Matthew 21:33 - 46	
Prayer of Intercession	page 4	

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Mothers' Union)

Processional	379	
Old Testament	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Dorothy McKenzie
Psalm 19:7-14	(All stand) BCP page 490	
Epistle	Philippians 3:4b - 14	Stacey-Ann McNeil-McKenzie
Gradual	253	Children leave for Sunday School
Gospel	Matthew 21:33 - 46	
Sermon	Elsie Aarons	
Prayer of Intercession	page 4	
Musical Offering	Ms. Gabrielle Edwards - Pianist	
Offertory Hymn	562	
During Communion	625, 569, 607, Special Item,	
Sunday School	664	
Recessional	413	

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

5:00 p.m.

Men Perform for Christ