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**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:
A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Sustained by the Holy Spirit**

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The season of the Epiphany reaches its zenith on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, the Transfiguration of our Lord. Although the psalmist exalts God as “My light and my salvation”, (Ps. 27), it is Jesus who identify us as “the light of the world” (Matt 5:23). Also before Jesus faced Gethsemane and the cross of Golgotha, his face shines like the noonday sun, as He was transfigured on the mountain. (Matt 17:1-17) It is through Jesus Christ that the divine light shines to illuminate the dark caverns of our lives and for wounded hearts to radiate healing and hope. Are we able to experience a moment of Epiphany in our prayers, our worship and our daily lives?

An Epiphany is described as a revelatory experience in which the light of God illuminates our hearts and enables us to have a new understanding of ourselves or a situation or a relationship or how we are relating to God as we journey through life. It is God who reveals His presence and speaks, and we are the recipients of that revelation. God spoke to Samuel in the temple and he heard God's voice after the third utterance, and he was told by Eli the Priest to say, “speak, your servant is listening” (1 Sam. 3:10). Jesus also heard the voice from heaven, you are my beloved son with you I am well pleased. (Mk 1:10-11) Although a lot has remained hidden and not yet revealed, much has been revealed and made manifest to us. This can be experienced as we encounter the Lord in the Holy Eucharist and discern the “Real Presence of Christ” who abides with us. In the season of the Epiphany, we are assured of the reality of the Lord's presence, guiding us with His word and the light of His presence, as we face the uncertainties of this life.

Genesis declares that out of the nothingness of the dark void, God uttered the Word, “Let there be light” and the separation of light from darkness started the dawn of time, the cosmos, the world of day and the wonderful and intricate landscape of living things; there was a reshaping and creating by the light and power of God's voice and word. “God's creation of light brought order for a harmonious world, so the light of God's redemption can lead us into ways that make for harmony among us and peace within.” (New Proclamation, James M. Childs, Jr) It is through Jesus, the light of the world, that the darkness of human sin is penetrated and dispelled by the unlimited and inexhaustible forgiveness of God's love and grace.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today, especially The Board and Members of Staff of Jamaica Red Cross, at the 10:30 a.m. service.

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The following persons were duly elected to constitute the Church Committee for 2018:

Miss Janna Patel	-	Lay Rep to Synod & Secretary to Church Committee
Mrs. Donna Evelyn	-	Lay Rep. To Synod
Mrs. Ruby Anderson	-	Rector's Warden
Dr. Nigel Elliott	-	People's Warden
Mr. Desland McKenzie	-	Treasurer
Mr. Phillip Clarke	-	Deanery Representative
Mr. Ludlow Bowie		
Mr. Claude Campbell		
Mrs. Ena Dallen		
Mr. Fontain Jones		
Mr. Dwayne McKenzie		
Mrs. Twanya Sutherland		
Mrs. Tanya Watson-Francis		
Mr. Adam West		

The Selection Committee comprises the Wardens and Mr. Claude Campbell. The Alternate Lay Representative to Synod for Mrs. Donna Evelyn is Mrs. Ena Dallen and the Alternate Lay Representative to Synod for Miss Janna Patel is Mrs. Twanya Sutherland.

Dr. Vincent Lawrence and Mr. Alvaro Casserly as members of the Incorporate Lay Body are ex-officio members of the Church Committee. The Hon. Michael Fennell as Chairman of the Financial Committee is an ex-officio member of the Church Committee.

The Theme for the year 2018 is ***“A call to Intentional Discipleship sustained by the Holy Spirit.”*** The Wardens and the Church Committee are responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the Strategic Plan.

Intentional Discipleship Prayer of the Diocese

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have awakened Your church to hear again, the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him and learn from Him. Grant that as we say ‘Yes’ to his call to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all the areas of our lives to his service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if He were in our place; in His

name and for His sake we pray. **Amen.**

Epiphany V

February 4, 2018

The Prayer of Intersession

Leader: We give thanks to you O Father for the light that shines in our lives through Christ our Lord. Fill your church with that light that it may be a light to light all nations, that we may proclaim your presence and your glory. We pray for all visionaries and contemplatives for all who patiently wait upon you. We pray for the baptized and all who have dedicated their lives to you, for all who work in the ministry of your church today. We pray for the growth of the church in our generation. We pray for the clergy for John, Archbishop; Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops, for Serrano, Olando, Andrea, and all church workers.

Light of Christ

All: Scatter the darkness from your world.

Leader: Lord of the nations, we pray for our country and for our leaders; for Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Peter, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; all Members of the House of Representatives and the Judiciary, that they may serve justice and protect and safe-guard our human rights.

Light of Christ

All: Scatter the darkness from your world.

Leader: We pray for the nations who have difficult decisions to make and are not sure which way to turn. We pray for all who strive to bring in justice, to free the oppressed, to share with the hungry, to house the homeless and to care for the poor. We pray for leaders who feel they are working in the dark. Give wisdom to those who lead in the Financial Sector, Industry, Commerce and Agriculture.

Light of Christ

All: Scatter the darkness from your world.

Leader: We pray that the dark places of our hearts, and all dark deeds, will be done away. That the darkness may be dispersed from our communities, that sin and vice, greed and violence may be done away, that our homes may be places of peace and light, forgiveness and reconciliation. We pray for our inner-city community and for neighborhoods that crime may be done away
Light of Christ

All: Scatter the darkness from your world.

Leader: We pray that all who walk in darkness and in the shadow of death may see your light. We remember all who have lost hope, all who have ceased to trust. We pray for all captives for the hungry and the homeless. We pray for our Tuesday Charity Ministry. We pray for all who are sick, especially ...
Light of Christ

All: Scatter the darkness from your world.

Leader: We give thanks that life is eternal. We remember loved ones who have gone before us and are in the fullness of light in your kingdom. We pray that one day we may all walk in that light. We remember the departed ...

Silence May Be Kept

God of grace, God of glory, guide us by your goodness, that we may walk in your ways, seek to do your will and worship you always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Daphne Goodison	Fay Jenkinson	Phyllis Brown
Myrtle Gordon	Beatrice Lovelock	Veril Blake
Heron Wright	Ilene Henry	Ilene Thomas
Linnett Allen	Victoria Mightly	Atheline Mantock

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?

According to Rabbinical sources, the First and Second Temples were built on the same foundations, at the same location somewhere on the Temple Mount. In 70 AD the second temple was destroyed, and in 638AD, the Al Aqsa Mosque was built on this site on the Temple Mount. In 1099, the Crusaders captured Jerusalem and the Temple Mount, and converted the Al Aqsa Mosque into a palace and the Dome of the Rock, (which is a shrine built over the foundation stone), into a church. Saladin (a Muslim and political leader) recaptured Jerusalem in 1187 and restored the mosque. (Ben-David, L. *Jerusalem Centre for Public affairs*, 2018)

Quote for Reflection

God is saying to you today, “Everything will work out. I am in complete control. I know what the medical report says. I know what the financial situation looks like. I see the people who are coming against you. I know how big your dreams are. Now hear me clearly; I will not fail you.” (*Spiritual Inspirations*, n.d.)

Question for Reflection

What challenges are you facing in your life that you need to converse with God about?

Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and Spiritual Direction by appointment with the Rector

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Feb. 4 - 10

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.	Moreton Park
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	3:00 p.m.	Women’s Auxiliary
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Property and 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

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Merriel O'Brien 05/02, Babra Archer 06/02, Arlene Bell, Kathryn Thompson and Nicole Davis 08/02, Myrna Brown 10/02.

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

Congratulations to Earl and Scenona Minott on their 55th wedding anniversary on the 8th.

The funeral service for Arthur Robert Saunders will be on Friday February 9, at 11:30 a.m.

SAPC Legal Advisory will meet in the courthouse on Saturday, February 10th from 10:00 a.m until noon.

The Fellowship Groups will be having their Annual Service on February 18, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.

St. Andrew Deanery Day will be held at The Karl Hendrickson Auditorium, Jamaica College, 189 Hope Road, February 11, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. **There will be NO 8:00 a.m, 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. service.**

Holy Baptism will be held on Sunday the 25th at the 10:30 a.m. service. Baptismal preparation will be on Wednesday the 21st.

Please bring in the Palm crosses that were distributed on Palm Sunday. These will be burnt and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday.

Envelopes for 2018 are available. Members without, please write your name on the paper provided on the table at the back.

The Altar Guild - have packets of notelets for only \$700. These are available at the Church Office.

Intentional Discipleship Lenten Bible Study booklets are available at the Church Office at a cost of \$200. All members of the congregation are encouraged to purchase a booklet.

Sigma Run will be on February 18, please be aware of the traffic change-

Chalice Bearers and Lay Readers will meet on Saturday February 17, 2018 in the conference room at 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 4, 2018 - Year B

A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Sustained by the Holy Spirit

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament Isaiah 40:21 - 31 Douglas Folkes
Psalm 147: 1-12, 21c **Refrain:** (All sit) Sing praises to the Lord, all
BCP page 662 the earth. Alleluia.
Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:16 - 23 Faith Harker
Gospel Mark 1:29 - 39
Prayer of Intercession page 4

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 390
Old Testament Isaiah 40:21 - 31 Adam West
Psalm 147: 1-12, 21c **Refrain:** (All sit) Sing praises to the Lord, all
BCP page 662 the earth. Alleluia.
Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:16 - 23 Tanya Watson-Francis
Gradual 564 (Children leave for Sunday sch.)
Gospel Mark 1:29 - 39
Sermon Canon Kitson
Prayer of Intercession page 4
Creed
Offertory Hymn 740
During Communion 625, 569, 461.
2nd Collection I just want to follow Jesus
Recessional 391

10:30 a.m.

FESTAL MORNING PRAYER

Programs provided

6:00 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST