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

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On Ash Wednesday we started our Lenten journey with the imposition of ashes. The use of ashes in the Scriptures signifies, contrition; sorrow for sin and a sign of our mortality, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19). Ashes also is a sign that we as dust, have been raised by the breath of God in order to become living beings to relate to God. By accepting to be signed with the cross through the use of ashes, we are committing ourselves to renewal and deeper conversion. This will demand of us, self-examination, prayer and the reading and meditation on the scriptures. These Lenten disciplines facilitate the work of the Holy Spirit upon the soul, which has been enticed by the false securities of the culture of the world and the false self that finds expression when circumstances challenge our faith. There are many temptations in varied forms with only one goal, the weakening of our resolve to continue on our spiritual journey through Lent and beyond Easter.

Lent is a time for us to examine ourselves carefully with the intention to change and grow so that we can experience the abundant life; the fullness of God in Jesus Christ. Here are some questions that we can pray and meditate on during Lent:

1. Do I have a prayer and devotional life? If I do not, why?
If I do, how is my devotional and prayer life progressing?
2. Am I listening to God and complaining less?
3. Do I feel the power and connection to God and the church in corporate worship? If I do not, why?
4. What are the lurking sins or problems which still tempt me?
5. What aspect of **the faith** do I practice and how do I commend it to others?
6. What percentage of my time, abilities and resources do I give to express my **gratitude** and **love** of God through ministry of the church?
7. Am I **thoughtful and forgiving** of family and others?
8. Do I speak up for the maligned and oppressed?

Our Lenten fast with its disciplines, demands that we deny ourselves take up our cross and follow Christ in preparation for the Paschal Triduum (Easter Mystery); Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Day celebrations.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and friends. May God continue to bless you all.

God loved the world

1. God loved the world, and loving gave
a wondrous gift, the lost to save,
that all who would in Christ believe
should everlasting life receive.

2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;
All who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.

3. If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can
cheer;
Christ Jesus saves us all from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

4. Be of good cheer, for God in
Christ
forgives the flock, by sin enticed,
and justified by Jesus' blood,
your baptism grants the highest good.

We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness

1. We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness
and for your healing touch;
too long have we felt helpless;
our burdens seemed too much.
For getting all pretenses
we make our pleadings heard,
in hope and expectation
await your gracious Word.

2. We long to have companions
who travel by our side,
strong friends to call and answer
with whom we are allied;
as we lift up each other
when struggles lay us low,
community develops;
our faith and caring grow.

3. We need your living presence,
O Christ of Galilee,
a presence that revives us
and sets our spirits free.
No longer are we fearful,
your love pervades each place.
Empower us with courage
to claim your healing grace.

Visioning Prayer of the Diocese

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, and by whose grace we have been called into a goodly fellowship of faith: Send down upon our bishops, other clergy, and all your faithful people an outpouring of your Holy Spirit for the renewal and mission of your Church. Give us a vision of where you would lead your Church, and so discern new things that you are doing in your Church and the world. By your grace, save us from unnecessary distractions, so that we may be able to determine your will for us, go forward perceiving that which is right, and have the courage to pursue the same, to the end that we may utilize the gifts which you have given to each of us for the furtherance of your will in simplicity, confidence and steadfastness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Leader: O gracious Lord, may your church be a home for the weary, a shelter for the fearful, strength to the weak, a place of healing and forgiveness to the troubled and the anxious. We pray for all who are spiritually hungry, for all who have lost faith or who have lost hope, we pray for the clergy for John, Archbishop; Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; for Serrano, Olando, Andrea, and all church workers.

Let your light shine

All: In our hearts and in your world

Leader: We pray for our nation and 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.

Let your light shine

All: In our hearts and in your world

Leader: Lord of life, we pray for the starving peoples, for all without adequate food or shelter, for the homeless and all who do not have a home to call their own. We pray for street children, and all who have no one to care for them. We pray for children and adolescence who lack care and love Lord, bless the work of all relief agencies especially United Way.

Let your light shine

All: In our hearts and in your world

Leader: We come to you, Lord of love. We give you thanks for our homes, our families and loved ones; may we not take their love for granted, may we be sensitive to those with whom we live. In loving each other may we learn of your love for us. We pray for our young adults that they may grow with maturity and grace.

Let your light shine

All: In our hearts and in your world

Leader: Loving Lord, we pray for families where there is misunderstanding, neglect, conflict and apathy. We pray for homes of poverty and fear. We remember all who grieve for the loss

of loved ones this week, all who are caring for loved ones who are ill; for those separated from their loved ones due to sickness.
Let your light shine

All: In our hearts and in your world

Leader: Lord, in love you welcome us home, you come to meet us and lead us to your kingdom. We pray for all who have the joy of your nearer presence, for our loved ones departed.
Let your light shine

Silence May Be Kept

Lord, we seek to make our home in you, for in you is our hope, in you is our peace. May we abide in you as you are in us. Grant, O Lord, in turning to you we may find new vision, new strength and new love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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 discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all 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.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

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| Joan Reader | Heron Wright | Lillet Brown |
| Patricia Rochester | Neville Dallen Sr. | Ingrid Pusey |
| Iris Richards | Carol Lawla | Eulah Stephenson |
| Kerith Foster | Myrtle Smith | Hyacinth Chin |

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.

Did you know?

The Eucharistic Chalice is the cup used at the Holy Eucharist into which the wine to be consecrated is placed. Traditionally made of precious metal, the chalice is goblet-shaped with a stem, it has a central knob for convenient handling and it also has a wide base. The Anglican Church prides herself in the use of the common chalice, as not only does it symbolizes our oneness as members of the Body of Christ, but it also reminds us that irrespective of gender, class or race, we are all equal in eyes of God. (author anonymous, 2018)

Quote for Reflection

“If a living relationship with Christ and, therefore, his Father and the Holy Spirit, does not exist, we have not succeeded in “transmitting “ the faith. The faith has not been transmitted unless the Person and the relationship at the center of the faith have been transmitted. And we can’t successfully transmit the relationship at the center of the faith unless we ourselves consciously participate in that relationship.” *Forming Intentional Disciples, Sherry A. Weddell*

Question for Reflection

In what ways, as disciples, are we transmitting the faith of Jesus, so that through us, those who are in need to be transformed may come to experience the fullness of God’s love?

**Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and Spiritual direction by
appointment with the Rector**

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Mar. 11 - Mar. 17

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

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| Monday | 5:30 p.m. | Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Home for Girls |
| | 5:30 p.m. | St. Andrew Settlement |
| Wednesday | 6:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Care Center |
| Thursday | 5:30 p.m. | SAPC Choir Rehearsal |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Lenten Devotion |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Church Committee |
| 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: Ellonia Gordon, Ruby Myrie and Dania Thompson 11/03, Nathan West, Victoria West, Myrtle White and Minnette Mitchell 12/03, Robert Gregory 13/03, Peter Crosswell 14/03, Loyle Herdsman and Denise Gooden 15/03, Paulette Hollingsworth and Judith Stephenson 16/03, and Ruby Anderson and Denise Warren 17/03.

Condolence is extended to Marjorie Hamilton and family on the passing of her sister Vivienne Batticks in New York. To Jean Ottey and Beverly Ottey-Goffe on the passing of their cousin Franklyn Ottey. His funeral service will be at UWI Chapel, Monday 12th at 2:00p.m.

St. Andrew Settlement will continue their bun sales today and every Sunday between 7:15 - 10:45. They will be having their annual fundraising breakfast **today** March 11, at a cost of \$1,000.

Intentional Discipleship Bible Study Lenten Guide are available from the Office at a cost of \$200.

The **Mothers' Union** will be issuing ribbons today Mothering Sunday.

Fellowship Group's LAST CHANCE! - Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the SAPC Church Hall, 8.30 am - 4.30 pm for the annual **Silent Retreat** – Contact the Church Office by Tuesday, March 13 to Register. Cost \$1,500

Sunday Evening Services will begin at 5:30 p.m. as at April 1, 2018

Midday Reflection 2018: The H.W.T Ministers' Fraternal present "Re-launch Midday Reflection" Wed. March 28, 12:15 -1 p.m. at Webster Memorial Church.

Alpha Program - This is a spiritual experience! Plan to be a part of it. Starting soon! Look out for more up dates for date and time.

Sunday School - Please donate all coins including the red ones in the box at the back.

Lenten Devotion Continues on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Theme PEACE: What does it mean to love our neighbour? Rev. Norbert Stephens.

Baptismal commitment for 2018

1. **Intentional Discipleship**
2. **Interior of Church - Painting and Carpeting**
3. **Birthday Ingathering & Men/Artists Perform for Christ**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2018 - Year B

A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Sustained by the Holy Spirit

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament

Numbers 21:4 - 9 Phillip Clarke

Psalms 19

Refrain: “ Give thanks to the Lord for His love
endures forever. ”

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Epistle

Ephesians 2:1 - 10 Clover Chung

Gospel

John 3: 14 - 21

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8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional

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Old Testament

Numbers 21:4 - 9 Frank James

Psalms 107: 1-3,17-22

Refrain: (stand) “Give thanks to the Lord for He is
good and His mercy endures forever. ”

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Epistle

Ephesians 2:1 - 10 Marie Casserly

Gradual (Sequence)

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Children leave for Sunday School

Gospel

John 3: 14 - 21

Sermon

Andrea Chin See

Intercession

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Offertory Hymn

123 - Tune St. George's Windsor

During Communion

441, 455, We yearn, O Christ for Wholeness

Sunday School

We are marching in the light of God

Recessional

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10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER & SERMON