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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

***A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Sustained by the Holy Spirit***

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Living in the twenty first century is coloured by technology, the cell phone, Lap top, I-Pad (Tablet) have become the centre of attraction. They facilitate communication, entertainment, networking and information all in real time. As an event is unfolding, it can be viewed instantly as the impact resonates and connect through sight, sound, images and reaction. We are brought into any incident or event anywhere in this global village. What happens anywhere is viewed everywhere. While there is scorching heat and wildfire on one continent there is flooding on another. Despite the ever presence of signs of technology, there are signs that there is an uneasiness that pervades in our world, our lives and our hearts.

We live in a complex world filled with suffering and pain as well as joy and hope. Does our faith make any difference in all the complexity of this world? Our faith is rooted in the life and person of Jesus Christ who faced a hard-hearted and hostile world with the certainty of being crucified, with a resolve to trust God. "Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work." (John 4:34) This expressed the faith and trust of Jesus in the eternal mission of God; the reconciliation of humanity and the transformation of creation. Our journey in life presents us with two options, either fear or faith. A person of fear will seek for false certainty in life's tangibles, while a person of faith will seek to live with life's uncertainties and trust in the certainty of the power and presence of the God of hope. This God of hope awakens us each day to the light of His glory, as the God who "on the first day of creation brought light and life into being," (BCP, Page 130) and on the first day of resurrection, for our salvation, raised Jesus, victorious over death.

At the centre of our faith is the affirmation of our trust in God's continuous action in the past, His activity among us and within us in the present, and His assurance to be with us to the end of age. This demands a heart to discern and recognise God's presence at the centre of life."... not when we are at the end of our resources; it is his will to be recognised in life, and not only when death comes; in health and vigour, and not only in suffering; in our activities, and not only sin.

The grounds for this lies in the revelation of God in Jesus Christ." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison) Our faith is rooted in the crucified Jesus who lived with a firm and steadfast trust in God. The God who is faithful and full of compassion, patient, and forgiving; the God of hope and healing, who acts with mercy, grace and love to us and all persons created in His image.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors worshipping with us today, especially the members of the Lions Club of St. Andrew. *Sirrano* 2.

Psalm 1 Metric - (Tune Walton)

Psalm 1 (tune Walton)

1. Happy are they who have not walked

With the ungodly of the land,
Nor lingered in the sinners' way,
Nor sat with those who mock
God's hand.

2. Happy are they who love the law
And find in it their chief delight;
They meditate continually
Upon his law both day and night.

3. Like fruitful trees by flowing streams
With leaves that never fade or fall,
Are those who serve God day and night;
They find prosperity in all.

4. The wicked are not so, they seem
like chaff the wind will blow away;
They have no place with the elect
Nor can they stand on Judgement
Day.

5. Then praise our God who knows
so well
The way in which the righteous go;
The path which the ungodly walk
Shall perish; this God's people know

6. All glory to the Father, Son,
And to the Holy Spirit be;
As from the first it was, is now
And will be for eternity

Prayer

Have you struggled with prayer? Does prayer seem like an exercise in eloquent speech that you just don't possess?

Prayer is not a mysterious practice reserved only for clergy and the religiously devout. Prayer is simply communicating with God - listening and talking to God. Believers can pray from the heart, freely, spontaneously, and in their own words. If prayer is a difficult area for you, learn these basics principles of prayer and how to apply them in your life.

1. What Does the Bible Have to Say About Prayer?

The Bible has a lot to say about prayer. The first mention of prayer is found in Genesis, chapter 4.

Genesis 4:26

And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD.

2. What is the Correct Posture for Prayer?

There is no exact or certain posture for prayer. In the Bible people prayed on their knees (1 Kings 8:54), bowing (Exodus 4:31), on their faces before God (2 Chronicles 20:18; Matthew 26:39), and standing (1 Kings 8:22). You may pray with your eyes opened or closed, quietly or out loud - however you are most comfortable and least distracted.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
September 23, 2018
The Theme for September
“Healing and bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit”

Leader: Lord we give you thanks and praise for your life-giving and life extending love. May your church help others to extend their lives and rejoice in your world. We pray for healing of body, mind and spirit. We pray for all who are working for social and economic justice; for all who seek to bring food to the hungry and comfort to the lonely. Lord as you raise us up, help us to lift others out of their distress. We pray for the clergy, for Howard, Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon, Suffragans, Sirrano, Mark, Craig, Andrea and all church workers. Lord we come to you.

All: You alone can make us whole

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; members of the House of Representatives and for all members of the judiciary that they may serve justice, safeguard human rights and promote the well-being of our people. Lord we come to you.

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: We pray for troubled areas of our world; people broken by tyranny and oppression, societies fractured by violence and conflict; nations torn apart by civil strife and by war. O Lord strengthen the bonds in the community where we live; direct all who have dealings with groups or the care of individuals. We pray for the victims of seasonable weather and that we may be protected from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought and flood. Lord we come to you.

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: We pray for our schools, teachers and all students at this time of a new school year. We give you thanks for the wholeness and the wholesomeness you offer through a loving family life, through being loved and accepted. We pray for families where there is a breakdown of love or trust, for homes under stress. Teach us to forgive and to accept forgiveness. Heal the minds that are full of resentment and anger. Lord we come to you.

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: We pray for all who are over-anxious, for the desponded, the depressed and the despairing, for all who are suffering from

afflictions. We pray for all who are no longer coping on their own. We come with our own burdens and needs, and we pray for our sick and shut-ins. Lord we come to you.

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord our God, you have opened for us the kingdom of heaven. We remember before you the whole company of saints, and pray for our loved ones departed. Lord we come to you

All: You alone can make us whole

Silence may be kept

All: Praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for you forgive our sins and heal all our infirmities; you are our Redeemer and you save our lives from destruction. All that is within me praise your holy Name; through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit 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

Barry Soares - Priest	Iris Johnson	Linda Mahon
Alton Tulloch - Priest	Heron Wright	Eva Waugh
Tony Martin - Priest	Jean King	Cynthia Bonner
Dede Welsh	Muriel Smith	Millicent Williams
Phyllis Brown	Reva Williams	Paul Brown

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 command and promise of Jesus on which the Christian healing ministry is founded are not found in an isolated corner of Scripture. I now see the Bible as *primarily* concerned with healing, not just physical healing but healing which can touch humankind at every level - body, mind, spirit, attitudes, relationships, personal life, corporate life, healing in time and healing for eternity. (**The practice of Christian Healing, Roy Lawrence**)

Quote for Reflection

Living your God-given life involves remaining faithful to your true self. It entails distinguishing your true self from the demands and voices around you and discerning the unique vision, calling, and mission the Father has given to you. "It requires listening to God from within yourself and understanding how he has uniquely made you. Knowing your personality, temperament, likes and dislikes, thoughts, and feelings all contribute to your discovery. John Chrysostom, the golden-mouthed preacher and archbishop of Constantinople, described our work as follows: "Find the door of your heart, you will discover it is the door of the kingdom of God. (**Healing your Heart of Painful Emotions**—David A. Seamands)

Question for Reflection: What are our expectations as we pray for healing?

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Sept. 23 - Sept. 29.

**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 Communion to the sick & shut-in (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Reception Committee
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Brotherhood of St. Andrew
	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

Readings for Sept. 30, 2018: Ester 1:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9: 38-50.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Robert Martin, Serae Spence-Pallas, Aston Daley, Lola Murphy, Daryan Pallas and Berl Francis 23/09, Vincent Lawrence and 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, and Garrett Gayle, Connor James, Trevor Johnson and Dawn Edwards-Taylor 29/09.

Condolence is extended to the family of William McConnell. His funeral service will be on Friday 28th at 11:00 a.m. To Avis Clarke and family on the passing of her brother Rupert Mullings.

Confirmation class began on September 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Mothers' Union - Will be having a 'Take out' lunch on September 28th in the Old Court House at 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Contribution \$1,200.

A Retreat for Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers will be on Saturday, September 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Tickets are now available for "Men Perform for Christ" - Date: September 30, 2018 at St. Andrew Parish Church Hall, Ellesmere Road.
Time: 5:00 pm. **Performers:** Fab 5, Ken Boothe, Boris Gardener, Wayne Marshall, Dwight Pinkney, Nicholas Laraque, Michael Abrahams and more.
Tickets: \$2,500 adults; children: \$500.

The Parish Planning Retreat will be on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the Church Hall commencing at 9:00 a.m.

The Harvest Supper will be on November 16. The Committee is inviting members and their families to utilize advertising space in the 2018 Harvest Supper Magazine. Tickets are now available at a cost of \$1,600.

Choirs for October - October being Choir Festival Month

- Oct. 7 SAPC Choir
- Oct. 14 Webster Memorial United Church
- Oct. 21 St. Hilda's Diocesan Choir
- Oct. 28 Kingston College Chapel Choir

Baptismal commitment for 2018

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 23, 2018 - Year B; Proper 20

A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Sustained by the Holy Spirit

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament

Proverbs 31: 10 - 31 Alfred McPherson

Psalm 1

Refrain: (All sit) *"Happy are they whose delight is in the Law of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia"*

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Epistle

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7 - 8a Karen Buchanan

Gospel

Mark 9:30 - 37

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8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Altar Guild)

Processional

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Old Testament

Proverbs 31: 10 - 31 Andrea Tinker

Psalm 1

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Epistle

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7 - 8a Andrea Young-McIndoe

Gradual (Sequence)

536 (Children leave for Sunday School)

Gospel

Mark 9:30 - 37

Sermon

Sis Andrea Taylor-Smith

Prayer of Intercession

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Offertory Hymn

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During Communion

628, 522, 851,

Sunday School

658

Recessional

465

10:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST, SERMON & BAPTISM

Processional

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Old Testament

Proverbs 31: 10 - 31 Gregory Lawrence

Psalm 1

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Prayer of Intercession

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During Communion

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Recessional

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5:30 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER