



St. Philip's inSPIRE

May 7, 2023

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Shine the Light Capital Campaign Launch

*A letter from Campaign Co-Chairs
Maybank Hagood and Karen Phillips*

Dear St. Philip's Family,

It is with genuine excitement that we announce the Shine the Light capital campaign for our church. By God's grace, St. Philip's congregation has grown, despite legal challenges and a pandemic. Consider these blessings: over 26,000 people attend our worship services annually and an additional 10,000 follow our podcasts. Easter Sunday marked the 300th year that our congregation worshipped at our Church Street property. If you were there, you witnessed a glorious and uplifting service, and you may have noticed that the church was full "to the rafters." While it is beautiful to see a full sanctuary, the growth of our parish and much deferred maintenance during the litigation years have taken a physical toll on our church property.

Throughout St. Philip's history, our parish has often stepped out in faith to rebuild or renovate. In 1835, a raging fire destroyed much of our church, but the congregation was determined to rebuild. Through sacrificial giving and by God's grace, the church reopened in 1838, only three short years later and amid a financial depression. In 1886, a devastating earthquake damaged much of the church, but the congregation again committed to repair and restore. This sacrifice came from a congregation who had lost their own homes to the earthquake and a significant hurricane a year earlier.

It is now our time to do what so many have done before us: restore our property and be good stewards of the facilities that God has given us. In 2020, Jeff Miller and the wardens formed a long-range planning committee to determine repair and renovation needs to our buildings. Chaired by Jim Stelling, this committee examined every brick and mortar of our campus in the hope that St. Philip's would be successful in the litigation and keep its property. This work allowed us to identify the scope of needed repairs and the goals of the campaign. The Shine the Light campaign seeks to raise \$20.5 million. Essential repairs to our Sanctuary, Parish Hall, Ministries Hall, Chapel, State Street property, Tea Garden, and a new Columbarium will cost \$18 million. The campaign aspires to raise an additional \$2.5 million for ministry programs.

Our historic church and properties are not just beautiful buildings; they are Gospel assets which have for centuries drawn souls to God. We undertake this campaign for our church today and for the future generations that will worship here. It is our turn to step forth and create a legacy for those to follow. It is our time to let our light shine.

Blessings to each of you,

Maybank Hagood and Karen Phillips
stphilipchurchsc.org/shine-the-light



Diaper Drive

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
LOWCOUNTRY PREGNANCY CENTER

This Sunday!

What's needed

- Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6)
- Baby wipes

Scan to see
how else you
can help with
this drive!



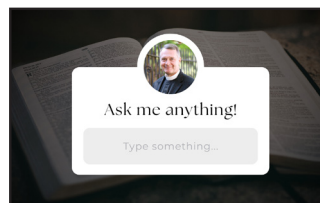
Drop-off options

- Church office through May 5
- Sunday, May 7, at church
- Monday, May 8, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
in front of the church office

Dessert and Q&A with the Rector:

*A Christian Response to Modern Cultural
Challenges Facing the Next Generation*

Tuesday, May 9 ~ 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall



The next generation is facing a different set of cultural challenges from those their parents or grandparents faced. As Christians, we are called to share our faith with those coming along

behind us. These new uncharted waters can make this task seem daunting. Parents, grandparents, and mentors, join the Reverend Jeff Miller for a question-and-answer session and discover how we can engage in these conversations and share our biblical beliefs in a helpful and uplifting way. Visit stphilipchurchsc.org/events to register and submit your questions.



Register by May 8 for the Seniors' Excursion to Millford Plantation!

Friday, May 12 ~ 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You're invited on a special outing with the clergy of St. Philip's to beautiful Millford Plantation in Pinewood, SC!

Schedule: The bus will depart from St. Philip's promptly at 8:45 a.m. and will return at about 4:30 p.m. Parking for your vehicles will be available in the church lot.

Cost: \$145 per person, which includes coach fare, lunch at Summerton Diner, entrance fee for our group's private tour of Millford Plantation, and all gratuities.

While we anticipate most guests will be 60 and over, we will be happy to welcome anyone who'd like to come! Questions? Contact Kittie Mullins at (843) 224-9595 or kittiemullins@aol.com, or the Rev. Bill Christian at (854) 429-1939 or bchristian@stphilipchurchsc.org.



This event is capped at 40 guests. Register now!
stphilipchurchsc.org/events or (843) 722-7734

Spreading the Gospel in Rwanda

by the Rev. Justin C. Hare



Something I didn't know (but probably should have) when I arrived in Rwanda was that it is known as the land of a thousand hills and a thousand smiles. The loveliness of both the topography and the people struck me immediately.

Godfrey Karema and the Dufatanye Organization

I was visiting Rwanda to represent the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina as one of its clergy delegates to the 2023 GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference), held April 17–21 in the capital city of Kigali. However, since I arrived an extra day early, I was able to take a day trip to visit one of St. Philip's own world mission partners, Godfrey Karema and the Dufatanye Organization. The DO began in 2003 with a vision to spread the good news of Jesus and care for those whose lives have been affected by the genocide, HIV/AIDS, or malnutrition, and it has grown into an organization with hundreds of staff with a ministry to eight villages, each with 250 homes.

What I thought was going to be an informal tour of the facilities alone with Godfrey turned out to be a reception and a tour that I will never forget. And everything I saw—the hundreds of children who greeted me with shouts of joy and dancing, the elderly women weaving baskets on the floor, the youth-led Bible studies, the carefully planted vegetable gardens that help to feed each family, the godliness and persistent faithfulness of Godfrey himself, and so much more—showed me that it is one thing to read an article or see pictures of global poverty, but it is quite another thing to witness it firsthand. I have much to share about this life-changing experience, and I welcome you all to join me Sunday, May 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall to hear about it.

My three-hour ride back to Kigali took six prayer-filled hours (that's a story for another time), but I made it back to my hotel in time to get some rest before the start of GAFCON the next day.

GAFCON and a New Season of Anglicanism

The fourth Global Anglican Future Conference brought together 1,302 delegates from 52 countries, including 315 bishops, 456 other clergy, and 531 laity. Roughly 85% of the Anglican Communion was represented for this historic occasion. Each morning began with a time of worship and a sermon from Paul's letter to the Colossians. This letter was fitting to hear read and preached, as many of the issues addressed to the church in Colosse are just as relevant today to the current state of Anglicanism. Many Anglicans in the West have forsaken the supreme authority of the Word of God and the preeminence of Jesus Christ by becoming captive to plausible arguments and "empty philosophy and vain conceit" (Col 2:4, 8). And a commitment to true biblical unity was what GAFCON IV was all about.

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**CLASS OF
2023**

**Is Someone in
Your Family
Graduating?**

Senior Recognition Sunday
May 21, 10:30 service

We will be recognizing our hardworking high school and college seniors on Senior Recognition Sunday on May 21 and in that week's inSPIRE (mailed and emailed May 17). If someone in your family is graduating this spring, please submit the information at stphilipchurchsc.org/events (scan the QR code for a direct link).



ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO
AN ECW SOCIAL

Springtime Celebration
WITH LIGHT BITES AND LIBATIONS

THURSDAY, MAY 11
5:30-7:00 P.M. AT THE RECTORY
STPHILIPCHURCHSC.ORG/EVENTS



*Youth and adult
volunteers needed!*



**Vacation
Bible
School (VBS)**

for current
3K–5th grade students

June 19–22

9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
in the Parish House

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH TEA ROOM 2023

*Thank!
You!*

What an incredible
week! Read more
about it in next
week's inSPIRE!

Recounting Rwanda
with the Rev. Justin C. Hare

Sunday, May 28
9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall



CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter (Diaper Drive)

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy, preacher

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion: Rite I ~ Church**

Usher Briggs Huddleston

Lector Heather Dawson

Chalice Randell Stoney, Heather Dawson

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery (infants–12th grade) ~ Various locations

Christian Formation Greeter Polly Dickson

9:30 a.m. Rector's Forum ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church ~ Parish House

10:30 a.m. **Holy Communion: Rite I ~ Church**

Greeters DuBose Blakeney, Anne Meredith

Ushers Team 9: Cordes Ford, captain

Lector Suzanne McCord

Chalice Clark Hanger, Bill Stafford, TBD

Acolyte Mentor Cordes Ford

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group ~ Parish House, Youth Room

Monday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Final Diaper Drive drop-off ~ Ministries Hall

7:00 p.m. Come Further Up, Come Further In ~ Henry's on the Market

Tuesday, May 9

8:15 a.m. Dads' Drop-Off Study, Justin Hare ~ Parish House Piazza

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

12 noon Men's Bible study, Bob Kunes ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

7:00 p.m. Dessert and Q&A with the Rector ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap ~ Henry's on the Market

Wednesday, May 10

8:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer: 1928 BCP** ~ Chapel of the Good Shepherd

10:00 a.m. inSPIRE mailing preparation ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

5:30 p.m. Wednesdays Alive! Holy Communion: Rite II

6:15 p.m. Fellowship Supper ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

6:30 p.m. St. Philip's Choir rehearsal ~ Ministries Hall, Choir Room

7:15 p.m. C.S. Lewis class, Brian McGreevy ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

Thursday, May 11

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible study, Dana Heikes ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

12 noon Rector's Bible Study ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

5:30 p.m. ECW Spring Social ~ The Rectory (92 Church St.)

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible study, Gottshalk/Keller ~ off-campus

Women's Bible study, Macmurphy/McCord ~ off-campus

Friday, May 12

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Guv Gottshalk ~ Tea Garden

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Group Led ~ Ministries Hall, Parlor

8:45 a.m. Women's prayer group, Marnie Kerrison ~ Ministries Hall, Prayer Room

8:45 a.m. Seniors' Excursion to Millford Plantation ~ Pinewood, SC

6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group ~ Parish House, Youth Room

Sunday, May 14 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Justin C. Hare, preacher

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion: Rite I ~ Church**

Greeters Carol and Sam Robinson

Usher Herbert Sass

Lector Bill Helms

Chalice Lon Burris, Bill Helms

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery (infants–12th grade) ~ Various locations

Christian Formation Greeters Sara Forbes, Kittie Mullins

9:30 a.m. The Rector's Forum ~ Parish House, Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church ~ Parish House

10:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer: Rite I ~ Church**

Greeters Lavinia Thaxton, Tammy Gottshalk, Lauren Gottshalk

Ushers Team 10: Chris Osborne, captain

Lectors Wallace Marshall, TBD

Acolyte Mentor Brendan O'Shea

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group ~ Parish House, Youth Room

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What was especially helpful for me was hearing the history of the last 25 years, going back to the Lambeth Conference in 1998. This was the watershed moment when Anglicans on paper agreed to hold to scriptural teaching, but then immediately after, churches in the

U.S. and England acted as if Resolution 1.10 of Lambeth 1998 were mere ink on parchment. For decades, the majority of the global Anglican Communion persistently and patiently called those who strayed from the Bible's teaching to repentance.

Well, at GAFCON IV, the archbishops/primates of the Global South formally agreed with the Bishops represented in the GAFCON movement to reject the leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury as an instrument of unity within the Anglican Communion. On Friday, April 21, the conference published the finished statement that had been in production the entire week. I encourage you to search and read for yourself "GAFCON's Kigali Commitment" in its entirety (five pages), but let me highlight a few key parts.

The Failure of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Maintain True Communion: *We have no confidence that the Archbishop of Canterbury nor the other Instruments of Communion led by him (the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates' Meetings) are able to provide a godly way forward that will be acceptable to those who are committed to the truthfulness, clarity, sufficiency and authority of Scripture. The Instruments of Communion have failed to maintain true communion based on the Word of God and shared faith in Christ.*

All four Instruments propose that the way ahead for the Anglican Communion is to learn to walk together in 'good disagreement'. However we reject the claim that two contradictory positions can both be valid in matters affecting salvation. We cannot 'walk together' in good disagreement with those who have deliberately chosen to walk away from the 'faith once for all delivered to the saints' (Jude 3). The people of God 'walk in his ways', 'walk in the truth', and 'walk in the light', all of which require that we do not walk in Christian fellowship with those in darkness (Deuteronomy 8:6; 2 John 4; 1 John 1:7).

Successive Archbishops of Canterbury have failed to guard the faith by inviting bishops to Lambeth who have embraced or promoted practices contrary to Scripture. This failure of church discipline has been compounded by the current Archbishop of Canterbury who has himself welcomed the provision of liturgical resources to bless these practices contrary to Scripture. This renders his leadership role in the Anglican Communion entirely indefensible.

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 17 ~ Final Wednesdays Alive! service, class, supper

May 18 ~ Final Rector's Bible Study

May 21 ~ Graduating Senior Recognition Sunday
Final Sunday School, Rector's Forum

June 19-22 ~ Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 26-30 ~ GrandCamp 2023

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Livestream link, printable bulletin:

Visit stphilipchurchsc.org/news on Sunday morning

Questions about the calendar?

Need to reserve a room for a church meeting or event?

Contact Rachel Murphy: rmurphy@stphilipchurchsc.org

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“Resetting” the Anglican Communion: *We were delighted to be joined in Kigali by leaders of the Global South Fellowship of Anglican Churches (GSFA) and to host a combined Gafcon-GSFA Primates meeting. Together, these Primates represent the overwhelming majority (estimated at 85%) of Anglicans worldwide.*

The leadership of both groups affirmed and celebrated their complementary roles in the Anglican Communion. Gafcon is a movement focused on evangelism and mission, church planting and providing support and a home for faithful Anglicans who are pressured by or alienated from revisionist dioceses and provinces. GSFA, on the other hand, is focused on establishing doctrinally based structures within the Communion. ...

Both GSFA and Gafcon Primates share the view that, due to the departures from orthodoxy articulated above, they can no longer recognise the Archbishop of Canterbury as an Instrument of Communion, the ‘first among equals’ of the Primates. The Church of England has chosen to impair her relationship with the orthodox provinces in the Communion. ...

We welcome the GSFA’s Ash Wednesday Statement of 20 February 2023, calling for a resetting and reordering of the Communion. We applaud the invitation of the GSFA Primates to collaborate with Gafcon and other orthodox Anglican groupings to work out the shape and nature of our common life together and how we are to maintain the priority of proclaiming the gospel and making disciples of all nations.

Resetting the Communion is an urgent matter. It needs an adequate and robust foundation that addresses the legal and constitutional complexities in various Provinces. The goal is that orthodox Anglicans worldwide will have a clear identity, a global ‘spiritual home’ of which they can be proud, and a strong leadership structure that gives them stability and direction as Global Anglicans. We therefore commit to pray that God will guide this process of resetting, and that Gafcon and GSFA will keep in step with the Spirit.

What Lies Ahead: *In order to pursue these priorities and to grow the work of the Gafcon movement, we endorsed the establishment of a foundation endowment. We also encouraged the Gafcon provinces to become financially self-sufficient, not only to advance mission but also to avoid being vulnerable to economic manipulation.*

Most importantly of all, we commit ourselves afresh to the gospel mission of proclaiming the crucified, risen and ascended Christ, calling on all to acknowledge him as Lord in repentance and faith, and living out a joyful, faithful obedience to his Word in all areas of our lives. We will explore fresh ways to encourage each other, to pray for one another and to hold each other accountable in these things.

Join me in praying for our beloved Anglican Communion as the sun has risen on the dawn of a new era within it. We pray for biblical fidelity and the good news of Jesus Christ to be boldly proclaimed in every corner of the Earth and that Jesus would indeed draw all men to Himself. There is much to be done but so much we can rejoice in and be proud of as Anglicans who are committed to the Bible’s authority and place in our lives and to the Church for whom Christ laid down His life.



We pray for the sick: Johnny Anderson, Sallie Barrera, Tim Bass, Elizabeth Bowles, Tory Bowles, Diane Christensen, Karen Collins, Cullen Crowley, Sally Fayard, Mary Forbes, Dana Heikes III, Susan Hemminger, Susan Keenan, Marvin Kirkland, Robert Kizer, Thomas Legaré, Libby LeLand Puckette, Wes Lewis, Rena Mack, Rene Meyer, Elaine Pendarvis, Eli Penn, Bill Philipps, Sally Rhett, Becky Riggs, Fran Sanders, Joanna Sparks, Pete Sperr, Margaret Swanson, Jenny White, and Lindsey Wing.

We pray for our expectant parents: Sarah Beth and Devin Angel, Sallie and Sam Barrera, Kimbrell and Bruce Blackwood; Elizabeth and William Bryan; Ainsley and Dominic Monda; and Demontre and Minka Parish.

We pray for protection for those serving in the armed forces: Becca Baird, Graham Blunt, Robert Cale III, Henry Clayton, David Daughtridge, Eric Gaines, Morgan and Mason Herring, Andrew Kane, Quin Kane, Horry Kerrison, Frazier Kulze, John Mason, Zach McFadden, Philip Middleton III, Jackson Miller, Edward Pritchard, Nathaniel Rollings, David Scott, and Joey Villeneuve.

We pray for our home and world missions: Lowcountry Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Star Gospel Mission, Suzy McCall and LAMB, for the medical missions to Honduras, for ministry to victims of genocide and AIDS in Rwanda, for the Persecuted Church, for Anglican Frontier Missions, for Uganda Christian University Partners, for Water Mission and the Global Water Center, and for St. Jean Baptiste, our sister church, and the schools in Haiti.



Collect for Sunday:

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- 1 Peter 2:1-12
- Psalm 66:1-9
- John 14:1-14

**Come Further Up,
Come Further In!**
prayer • teaching
discussion • fellowship
for men of all ages

**MONDAY, MAY 8
7:00-8:30 P.M.**

HENRY'S ON THE MARKET

Theology on Tap

St. Philip's Young Adult Ministry

Conversations About Life and God



**Tuesday, May 9
7:00 p.m.**

Henry's on the Market

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