



St. Ambrose Anglican Church



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Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Ambrose exists to be servants of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to build up the community of faith so that all may become whole persons in Christ.

The Senior Bishop of The Province of The West Indies/Bishop of Belize

The Rt. Rev. Philip Wright, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., OBE

The Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev. & Rt. Hon. Laish Boyd, B.A., D.D.

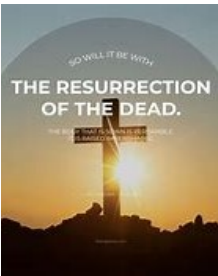
Assistant Bishops

The Most Rev. Drexel W. Gomez, B.A., D.D., C.M.G.

The Rt. Rev. Gilbert A. Thompson, C.M.G., S.Th., M.A., J.P

West Central Bahamas Archdeacon

The Venerable Dwight H. L. Rolle, B.A., S.T.M., J.P.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass

Sunday - 9:30 am Sung Mass

Monday - 6:30pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday - 6:00am Said Mass

Wednesday - 6:30 pm Bible Study



Diocesan 2025 Theme: "Family Matters" (Joshua 24:15)

The Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany

February 23rd, 2025 (ONE SAID MASS AT 8AM)

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, T-SHIRT & YOUTH SUNDAY

Introit

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

CPWI 268

Opening Sentence

BCP 98

The Kyries

BCP 102

Collect

7th Sunday After the Epiphany

BCP 162

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

2025 DIOCESAN COLLECT (Prayed by ALL)

Father in Heaven, whose blessed Son was born into an earthly family: Bless, we pray, the families of our church and our communities that Your love may rest upon us, and Your presence may be felt in every home. Teach us to love our families as you love us; Help us to bear one another's burdens with patience and understanding; and bind us together with cords that can not be broken; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

THE EPISTLE

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in 1st Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CPWI 451

(The following chorus is sung before and after the Gospel)

**Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, They resound with
God's own heart Oh, let the ancient words impart. Ancient words ever
true changing me, and changing you. We have come with open hearts, Oh
let the ancient words impart.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 6: 27-38

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6, beginning to read at the 27th verse.

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you;

and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ our Lord

(The following chorus is sung after the Gospel)

**Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope in this world,
where e'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us home. Ancient words
ever true, changing me, and changing you. We have come with open
hearts, Oh let the ancient words impart.**

The Sermon

The Apostles Creed

BCP 106

Intercessions

Form B

BCP 107

Parish Prayer. O God, who has brought us into the fellowship of your dear Son, lead us all in St. Ambrose ever closer day by day to You and to one another, that we may become of one heart and mind in love toward You; and grant that our common life and work in sacrificial service may help to extend Your kingdom here where we are and in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen`

The Act of Penitence/Greeting of the Peace

BCP 123/124

Birthday Prayer: O Lord, watch over those persons who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when they are discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding abide with them on the anniversary of their birth and marriages, and all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

Do No Sinful Action

CPWI 645

The following is sung during the Presentation of the Offerings

**All things are Yours, no gifts have we; Lord of all gifts to offer Thee.
And then with grateful hearts today, Your own before Your feet we lay.
Amen.**

Censing Hymn	Shine, Jesus, Shine	P&W 194
The Proper Preface		BCP 127
Eucharistic Prayer	Form C	BCP 137
The Lord's Prayer		BCP144
Communion Hymns	And Now, O Father	CPWI 571
	The King of Love	CPWI 476
	O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go	CPWI 458
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 148
Recessional Hymn	Our God Reigns	P&W 22

The Annual General Meeting

NOTICES

VISITORS, we are delighted that you have come to share with us in this worship experience. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. May God richly bless you!

MEMBERS, if you were away, or have returned after an absence, it is good to have you back home, and we give thanks to God for your presence.



Our nation & community, the unemployed, the homeless, the sick and shut-in, the disabled, members who are abroad, those who are travelling, fishermen, farmers, teachers, students, pilots, legal and medical professionals, law-enforcement officers, the lapsed and indifferent members of our church, and all who have requested our prayers.

THE SICK & THOSE RECOVERING

Leannza Beneby, Sabrina Bain, Alinda Bowe, Francis Bowe, Granville Brown, Barbara Chong, Jocelyn Munroe, Florence Pratt, Philippa Robinson, Vernal Sands, Dr. Julian Stewart, Phillip Styles, Alinda Bowe, Leslie Forbes, Trevor Adderley, Alma Albury, Carol Roach, Lisa Butler, Hyacinth Curtis.

SERMON NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SHROVE TUESDAY Potluck Service & Reception will take place on March 4th 2025 at 6:30pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY Services on March 5th are:

6am-Imposition of Ashes only

12noon-Said Mass & Imposition of Ashes

7pm-Said Mass & Imposition of Ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Led by parochial organizations) every Friday in Lent starting March 7th at 6:30pm. (Schedule forthcoming)

***Please remember to return palms for burning by Monday March 3rd!!!**

Tithes & Offerings or Financial Donations can be sent to St. Ambrose Anglican Church, Royal Bank of Canada JFK, Account 1002534, Transit Number: 05165. *For your Building PLEDGE re: Parish Community Center, please send TO FCIB Branch # 09706 A/C # 201044633

PASTORAL CARE OFFICERS FOR 2025

The 2025 Pastoral Care officers are **President**-Norma A. Dean, **Vice-President**-James Albury; **Secretary**-Suzette Hanna; **Treasurer**-Lisa Butler; **Chaplain**-Justina Ferguson; **Event Coordinators**-Claudette Nixon & Cleo Hepburn

ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN ELECTIONS

The A.C.M. will hold their annual elections for 2025 on **Tuesday February 25th at 6:30pm** in the church. All men are encouraged to attend.



The annual **Pauline Bastian Lenten Tea** will take place on **Sunday March 23rd 2025 at 2:30pm**—in the **Emerald Ballroom** at St. John's College. The **Theme** is **"Vogue"**. For further details, please contact co-chairs *Suzanne Simmons and Kenva Mullings*.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

- **Tomorrow Mon. Feb. 24th, 2025**-A.C.W. General Meeting at 6pm in the Sunday School Room.
- **Sunday Mar. 2nd, 2025**-ACW & ACM Anniversary & Installation of ACW President & Executive Members at the 9:30am Sung Mass.

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE BAHAMAS & THE TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

LENTEN MISSION 2025



THEME *Family Matters* **JOSHUA 24:15**
 "AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD."

Night 1 *Night 2* *Night 3*

DATES & LOCATIONS	
MARCH 5TH-7TH	GRAND BAHAMA
MARCH 9TH-11TH	NEW PROVIDENCE
MARCH 16TH-18TH	PROVIDENCIALES
MARCH 17TH - 19TH	GRAND TURK
MARCH 18TH	SOUTH CAICOS

 <i>Marie Roach</i> HEPBURN MISSIONER	 <i>Kirkland</i> RUSSELL JR. MISSIONER	 <i>Deangelo</i> BOWE MISSIONER
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February: 23rd Tori Hepburn, Monique Rolle, Kenya Weech; **24th** Aliyah Rolle; **26th** Adrienne Bellot; **27th** Dr. Julian Stewart, Gerard Brown, Antoinette Turnquest; **28th**-Talbot Sands, Alinda Bowe; **March 1st**-Le'Anita Sturruup.



February 27th-Beauford & Sandra Kelly



8am-Nicara Sands, Hazel Carroll, Monique Rolle, Suzanne Simmons, Sheena Styles, Melinda McKenzie, Sherry Walkine, Bradley Cooper.



8am-Veta Brown, Althea "Bobbi" Adderley, Joel Cunningham

DEATH NOTICE

Heartfelt condolences to Cora Ferguson and family on the passing of her father, **Catechist Harrison Barry** of The Bluff, Eleuthera. May he rest in peace.

Weekly Attendance (Feb. 16th & 19th 2025)

Attendance: 7am — **94** 9:30am — **60** (Sunday School-**30**)
 Wednesday Mass— **10** Bible Study— **18**

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M P	Ps 80; 1 Samuel 16:1-13 1 John 2:18-25	Ps. [120], 121, 122, 123; Ruth 1:1-22; 2 Corin- thians 1:12-22	Ps. 119:145-176; Ruth 2:1-13; 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17	Ps. 131, 132, (133); Ruth 2:14-23:2; 2 Co- rinthians 3:1-18	Ps. 140, 142; Ruth 3:1-18; 2 Corinti- ans 4:1-12	Ps. 137:1-6 (7-9), 144; Ruth 4:1-17; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10
E P	Ps. 33; 1 Samuel 12:1-5; Acts 20:17-35	Ps. 124, 125, 126, [127]; Proverbs 4:1-27; Matthew 5:13-20	Ps. 128, 129, 130; Proverbs 6:1-19; Matthew 5:21-26	Ps. 134, 135; Prov- erbs 7:1-27; Matthew 5:27-37	Ps. 141, 143:1-11 (12); Prov- erbs 8:1-21; Matthew 5:38-48	Ps. 104; Proverbs 8:22-36; Matthew 6:1-6; Col- lect: Last Sunday After The Epiphany

PARISH VESTRY

- Fr. Scott Brennen - **Rector** (801-4037)
- Dr. Ricardo Crawford - **Priest's Warden** (327-2678)
- Mrs. Cleo Hepburn - **People's Warden 2023-2025 / Asst. Secretary** (361-3989)
- Miss Tanisha Brathwaite - **Elected 2023-2025 (Secretary)** (426-0457)
- Ms. Pamela Miller - **Elected 2024-2026 (Treasurer)** (357-5738)
- Mr. Robert Cox - **Elected 2024-2026 (Assistant Treasurer)** (424-3155)
- Mrs. Leja Burrows - **Sunday School Supt.** (676-2341)
- Mrs. Melinda McKenzie - **A.C.W. President** (544-2558)
- Mr. Ethan W. Adderley - **A.C.M. President** (808-5750)
- Mr. Brian Nixon - **Audio Visual** (341-6040)
- Mrs. Terri Bellot - **Legal Advisor** (361-7589)
- Justice Diane Stewart - **Music Ministry** (327-7559)
- Mrs. Norma Dean - **Pastoral Care & Counselling** (364-8635)
- Ms. Frances Dean - **Social Outreach** (327-4031)
- Mrs. Gale Sheryl Forbes - **Ushers** (455-0120)
- Mr. Reno Major - **Elected 2024-2026** (376-6211)
- Mr. Humphrey Simmons - **Elected 2024-2026** (357-8360)
- Mr. James Albury - **Elected 2023-2025** (424-9042)
- Mr. Joel Cunningham - **Elected 2023-2025** (421-2589)
- Mr. Philip Styles - **Elected 2023-2025** (362-1378)
- Mr. John Michael Clarke - **Appointed** (601-5777)