

Nov. 1st

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Lord of Hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and forever. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Carol Mercer, Ernest & Barbara Mercer, Mildred Mercer, Millicent Mercer, Ronald & Lori Mercer and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa, The Most Revd Dr. Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart – Primate & Metropolitan, Church of the Province of West Africa; Archbishop of the internal province of West Africa and Bishop of Liberia.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, St. John's – Rector, Rev. Jonathan Rowe and the Parish of St. Peter, Upper Gullies (CBS) – Rector, Rev. William Strong.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

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Nov. 1st, and Nov. 8th, 2020 (Year A)

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WHO ARE WITH US TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

From the Rector's desk:

Today, November 1st, is known on our church calendar as *All Saints Day*, which is a very appropriate day to hold our annual Flower Service. Our traditional Summer service in the cemetery got cancelled because of Covid-19 restrictions, which prohibited public gatherings in our cemeteries this year. We hope, and God willing that, next year this pandemic will be relegated to the pages of history and we will once more return to a sense of normalcy, and be able to hold our service in the cemetery. However, because this service of remembrance is so very important in the lives of our people, I did not want the year to end without an opportunity for us to come together to celebrate the lives of our departed loved ones. We have records of nearly 1300 people buried in St. Philip's cemetery and there are probably others that we have no known record of. The records date back to the turn of the 19th century, so more than 200 years ago. When we reflect on the history of the church in this community we are reminded that we continue to build on the foundation of faith laid by those gone before us. All Saints Day is an opportunity for the Church to remember and give God thanks for the lives of all the saints gone before us, known and unknown, and to be reminded that there may be many saints known to God alone. The Anglican Church has a tradition of remembering the saints as we go through the church year, such as our own patron Saint, St. Philip, whom we commemorate on May 1st. It is impossible to know all the saints of God, and, it is entirely possible that some of those whom we remember and celebrate today are among God's saints. We are an Easter people, we believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that death is not the end of our existence. When we have funeral services for our loved ones the liturgies reflect our hope and faith. We never gather in despair because we know they are gone to be with the Lord, and when our journey is over we will be reunited with them in company with Jesus, the angels, the archangels and all the saints of every generation. When we come together, as we do in our annual service of remembrance, in a real way it's the meeting together of heaven and earth, where our spirits are connected

Wherever they might be resting. So, as we meet together on All Saints day, may we rejoice in the joy and hope we have in the resurrection, that makes it possible for us to remember with thanksgiving those gone before us in the knowledge that they are alive in Christ and we will see them again in glory. The following is an All Saints sonnet:

Though Satan breaks our dark glass into shards

Each shard still shines with Christ's reflected light,

It glances from the eyes, kindles the words

Of all his unknown saints. The dark is bright

With quiet lives and steady lights undimmed,

The witness of the ones we shunned and shamed.

Plain in our sight and far beyond our seeing

He weaves them with us in the web of being

They stand beside us even as we grieve,

The lone and left behind whom no one claimed,

Unnumbered multitudes, he lifts above

The shadow of the gibbet and the grave,

To triumph where all saints are known and named;

The gathered glories of His wounded love. (Author unknown)

(Rev. Randy)

Baptisms and weddings are still being done inside the church building. For now, baptisms are still taking place outside the normal worship times. We must still adhere to the maximum number of 100 persons and sanitizing the building after each use. If you need to book a baptism or wedding please call Rev. Randy. We can do these as long as we abide by the government and health regulations around Covid-19. If you have a child to be baptized please call Rev. Randy to set up a time.

We are still checking out the possibility of an FM frequency at St. Philip's. Thanks to Vestry member Tom Tulk we know that such a system will cost approximately \$2500. Vestry must now decide if this cost is affordable in these difficult times of Covid-19 when parish income is dramatically down. If it is something anyone would like to donate in memory of loved ones please speak to Rev. Randy. The system would allow for outdoor services being broadcast via your car radio instead of having to lower your windows, especially on a cold wet day. It would also be good for the cemetery services for those who have mobility issues. The system is usable within a 500 feet radius.

The 8:30 am worship services have now resumed. Anyone attending the service will have to register the same as for the 10:30 am service, and adhere to the diocesan and medical officer's restrictions.

Dismissal Song

**Go now in peace;
never be afraid.
God will go with you
each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith,
steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all
you do.**

**Go now in love
and show you believe. Reach
out to others so all the
world can see.**

**God will be there
watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith
and in love.**

with those we celebrate. As our congregation is made up of parishioners from many other places, the service of remembrance is not only to remember those actually buried in St. Philip's cemetery, but also for all our loved ones

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

THE ANNUAL FLOWER SERVICE will take place this Fall. Because of Covid-19 restrictions we were prohibited from gathering in large numbers in our cemeteries this Summer, hence Flower Services were cancelled throughout the diocese. This service is a long standing tradition here at St. Philip's, because we believe in the importance of gathering to remember and celebrate the lives and faith of our loved ones. The service will be held **Sunday, November 1st** (All saints day) at **10:30 am** inside the church building. We are still limited to gatherings of no more than 100 but if we surpass the registration numbers a second service will be held in the afternoon at 3:00 pm. Please remember the second service will only take place if we have more than 100 register for 10:30. So please register with Donna and Janice soon by calling 895-3581 or by email: dandjspurrell@nl.rogers.com.

Rev. Randy is considering our options for Christmas Eve worship. We are reminded that Christmas is not far away, and that we will probably not be able to worship in the same way as previous Christmas Eve services. This year our Sunday School was unable to start up again because of the pandemic, therefore, we will not be able to have the traditional Children's Program. We likely will not be able to accommodate the number of worshippers at 4:00 pm as before. Right now the maximum number of people allowed in the church building at one time is 100, we don't know what the number will be by Christmas (could be more and it could be less). We will monitor it as we get closer, but it may be necessary to add an additional service, there likely will be a registration list needed as well. Rev. Randy would love to hear from any of our parishioners, no matter the age, who might be interested in participating in the Christmas Eve services, perhaps to sing????

Flu shots are now available at various pharmacies, clinics and other places. We are asked to remind our parishioners of the importance of receiving your flu shot this year especially in light of Covid-19. It seems that this year the flu season will be at the same time as the pandemic, so anything we can do to prevent the flu will be extremely important.

ACM Salmon Dinner Takeout will be held on **Saturday, November 21st at 5:00 pm.** Because of Covid-19 restrictions there cannot be a sit-down dinner. The cost of tickets is \$20.00 each. This dinner was planned to go ahead months ago but had to be cancelled when everything closed down in the pandemic. If you purchased a ticket back then and did not get a refund your ticket is still good for this dinner. Dinners will be available to be picked up at the door beginning at 5:00 pm. Please wear a mask and maintain the principle of physical distancing as you pick up your dinner.

Diocesan Electoral Synod will be held on Saturday, **November 28th,** to elect the next bishop to lead our diocese. Bishop Peddle will retire from this position on December 31st. In addition to Rev. Randy our other delegates are Moses & Linda Tucker, and Brady Snow is our youth representative. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we chose our next bishop. This will be a different Synod from the past as it will be all held virtually.

ACW meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 pm. This will be the first meeting since the beginning of the pandemic and any ladies that wish to attend are welcome. Please maintain the Covid-19 rules of masks and physical distancing. We look forward to meeting together after an absence of more than 7 months, so that we can pick up on some of our ideas and plans that were put on hold. We are still mindful of our limitations but look forward to the fellowship together.

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF

Nov. 1st. & Nov. 8th.

IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Thomas Skinner Sr. & Thomas Skinner Jr.

**Given by:
Barb & Derek Skinner**

And

**Wilmeth Collis
April 26, 1931 – Nov. 6, 2000**

**Given by:
Debbie, Marie, Randy & Nicole**

And

**Departed Loved Ones
Always and Forever Remembered**

**Given by
John & Phoebe Parrell**

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
as appointed in our BAS Lectionary.**

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They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.

Epistle & Gospel

1st Reading

**Revelation
7: 9-17**

**Psalms 34
1-10, 22
Page 744-746**

**2nd Reading
1 John
3: 1-3**

**Gospel:
Matthew
5: 1-12**

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Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming

Epistle & Gospel

1st Reading

**Joshua
24: 1-3, 14-25**

**Psalms 78
1-7
Page 806**

**2nd Reading
1 Thessalonians
4: 13-18**

**Gospel:
Matthew
25: 1-13**

Notes

Please check our parish Facebook page as well as our website for weekly updates. Any information we want to get out to our parishioners will be shared and please pass it along to others that may not be using this technology.

St. Philip's building is now open for public worship. After much preparation, our bishop has given us permission to reopen at this time based on our following all public health and diocesan guidelines. We are excited to once more, after 6 months, be able to gather together inside our building. Things won't seem the same for some time, but at least we can be together.

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. Presently, because of Covid-19 restrictions, outside of regular worship there are not many other activities to report on. A limited number will be available on Sunday mornings, however, we do encourage parishioners to go online at stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund World of Gifts - Are you thinking of gift giving for friends and family? Why not check out World of Gifts! Go to gift guide online at pwrdf.org/worldofgifts and make your purchases 24/7. These gifts can truly change lives! As Christmas may look much different this year in terms of family getting together from away, and many of the traditional gift-giving ideas will not take place, maybe this venue with PWRDF may be a great way to give a gift to a family that will make a meaningful difference. Check out the site and see how cheap it is to provide a family with a gift of a goat, or chickens, or a donkey to carry water, or to provide PPE equipment to keep clinics safe. You can truly give the gift that gives life.

If your church can be of any help to you during this time of Covid-19 please let us know. We recognize that maybe some of our seniors may not be able to get out to purchase their groceries, or fill prescriptions, etc., if you are in need of someone to do these things for you please call the church office and we will ensure that someone comes to help you. Please call 895-0715 and leave a message or call Rev. Randy directly at 693-8537.

ANGLICAN ALLIANCE BIBLE STUDIES - FAITH IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS. As we continue to worship at home perhaps the following link will be useful to you. Go online and give it a look: <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/sqe-anglican/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/22143718/COVID-19-Bible-studies-FINAL.pdf>

Let's call one another – we are probably home! Many of us are missing those we are so used to seeing on Sunday morning in church. Why not pick up the phone and give them a call, no doubt it will make their day and reassure them that they are not forgotten. This is a real ministry of the church in which we can all engage.

What is the status of parish hall rentals? At this time The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is not available for general rentals. As of September, we made the hall available to our major renters, The Ballicatters and Eastern Health group, as long as they had documentation from Eastern Health showing their start-up plan.

Remember (when things get back to normal) that the first Sunday of each month there will be coffee/tea, juice and other refreshments served prior to the 10:30 am worship service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and welcoming everyone that comes. Thank you to Lisa for organizing it each month and to the youth that help her to serve. Anyone wishing to sponsor refreshments for a future time please contact Lisa Lake (Brown).

St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry will continue to operate during this difficult time. As you can imagine, there are a number of vulnerable people in our community who are in need. We are anticipating an increased demand for the pop-up pantry and as such we are asking those of you who are able, to continue to donate. Donations may be dropped off between 10 am and 1pm Mondays and Tuesdays at St. Lawrence's Anglican church. Please note that we now accept frozen items as well. Though it is at St. Lawrence's church it is a community venture supported by other churches and community organizations including our own parish of St. Philip.

Even though our church building is now open for worship services E-Giving is still a good way to make regular offerings. The form for this is available on the church website with all the relevant information. This is an excellent way to give because even if one cannot get to the church the offering is still given. We do have a number of people making their

Church Chuckle

What kind of fur did Adam and Eve wear?

Bare skin!

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Empty pockets never held anyone back. It's only empty hearts that do it.

St. Philip's parish is now setup to receive E-Transfers. With the church building closed some people are looking for ways to make their weekly, biweekly or monthly contribution to the parish. After being closed down now for 7 Sundays the parish really does need those offerings. These days many of us do online banking and send e-transfers, so this is another way to make your contribution to the parish. Simply go online and use the parish email address as follows: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com and please enter your name and envelope number (if you have a number) into the message box. The parish will receive your offering instantly and a message will be sent to our treasurer and she will ensure the amount gets added to your envelope offerings for tax purposes. It's very easy and convenient.

contributions bi-weekly or monthly in this way.
You can also call the church office to get the
form.