

Feb. 6th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Don & Sandy Stevens, Derek & Ellen Stevenson, Duanne & Jackie Strickland, Edna Strowbridge, Gary Sullivan and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of Ireland.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Parish of Bonavista (2 Congregations) – Rector – The Rev. Valerie Gillam and Associate – The Rev. John Gillam; Parish of Bonne Bay North (3 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge – The Rev. Wilhelmena Green .

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Central Newfoundland and Labrador; Bishop John Watton, Archdeacon Terry Caines and Synod Office Staff.

Feb. 13th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty and everliving God whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through 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) Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) God of tender care in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We as this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families - this week we remember: Ronald & Thelma Sullivan, Wilbert & Laura Taylor, Rick & Linda Thomas, George Tilley, Abner & Fanny Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Nippon sei Ko Kai.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Bonne Bay South (3 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge – The Rev. Dcn. Francis Elgar; Parish of Botwood (3 congregations) – Rector – The Rev. Cindy Graham and Deacon – the Rev. Donald Brett.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Central Newfoundland and Labrador; Bishop John Watton, Archdeacon Terry Caines and and Synod office staff.

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Feb. 6th and 13th, 2022 (Year C)

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: As I reflect today (February 3rd), we are 26 days away from the beginning of Lent (Ash Wed. March 2nd), though presently still in the season of Epiphany, Christmas seems but a distant memory. Christmas 2021 occurred about a week after our church went into pandemic lockdown again, prohibiting us from gathering together as we traditionally do on Christmas Eve. For many of us the highlight of the Christmas season is gathering with our families on Christmas Eve to celebrate the peace, hope, joy and love we have in our lives that comes from the humble birth of our Saviour in Bethlehem. We did provide virtual and parking lot worship, but nothing compares with coming together and filling our pews, and singing those traditional Christmas carols with great excitement and anticipation. My prayer is that Christmas of 2022 will be a post-pandemic one and we will once more greet and welcome everyone as they come through the church doors on Christmas Eve.

Now we have moved far enough away from Christmas to be thinking about Lent, Holy Week and Easter. You will remember that during the whole of Lent last year (2021) we were also in lockdown mode, doing only virtual and 98.5 FM services. We were able to return to in-person worship on Palm Sunday under strict protocols, including very limited seating capacity. We rejoiced in that we could at least celebrate Eucharist inside the building for Easter. Little did we know that a year later we would still be stuck in this global pandemic, surrounded by much uncertainty as to what our churches will be permitted to do.

As I referenced already, we are a people of great hope, we are never defeated, because we know the one whom we serve and worship. When we entered this time of a world-wide pandemic two years ago, and if someone had the foresight to tell us what we would have to endure for all that time, we would never have thought it possible to get through it, either as individuals or as the body of Christ – the Church. Yet here we are, not only getting through, but doing so gracefully and with optimism and hope. That strength of endurance comes from a source beyond our own power, it comes from a God who loves us and provides us with the measure of grace and strength we need each day. It might well be that some churches (of various denominations)

may not emerge intact from this pandemic, in fact some may not be in a position to continue on, but we give God thanks that, thus far, we have been blessed with resources necessary to keep our parish vibrant and healthy. This is the case because YOU, the people of this parish, are able to see past the present pandemic challenges, to a time when once more we will be able to meet together for worship and fellowship without the cumbersome restrictions of the past two years. You understand that this pandemic will come to pass and you have determined that your faith will not shrink in the face of adversity. Once the pandemic is over we will have to rebuild important parts of our parish life and ministry, we will have to seek out and welcome back some that we have not seen for a long time, there will be much to do. God has brought us this far and God will not abandon us now. The message we want to deliver strong and clear to all our parishioners and friends, is that St. Philip's parish is alive and well, and we are thankful to God for all the blessings received, and that we want each and everyone to feel welcome in this place. God is calling us together as the body of Christ, to be fed and nurtured in this place, for the strengthening of faith and the ministry within the parish and beyond into the wider community.

We are not just "The Anglican Parish of St. Philip's", we are the body of Christ in the world, welcoming anyone that comes among us. Sometimes when we label our buildings with our denominational stickers we give the impression that this is a place for Anglicans, or Pentecostals, or Roman Catholics, or whatever the case might be, and others feel that they are not welcome. Of course we are proud of our Anglican heritage, we want others to know who we are and what we believe, but I wish we could also deliver a message that others are welcome, that we are all on the same journey, that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Maybe sometime in the future we will redesign our church signs to be more inviting to others as well, especially here in St. Philip's where we are the only church in this part of the town. Being welcoming, warm and inviting is a necessary ministry in every church.

I think we are beginning to arrive at a place in this pandemic where we can begin to look beyond it to a safer and more exciting time in the life of the church again. I look forward to what God may have in mind for us as we begin the work of rebuilding and strengthening our parish, and indeed our diocese, as we move forward in 2022.

Rev. Randy

Help at recycling is needed. For many years now our men's group (ACM) has been involved in a parish recycling program. We have a trailer where recyclables are carried after they have been picked up from various locations, and a group of parishioners gather most Monday nights to sort and bag them. When enough has been collected then they are taken to the depot and turned into cash that mainly ends up in the parish budget each year. The pandemic has really hampered this work, and some of our men have not been able to get back at it yet. The other reality is that some of our helpers are not as young as they once were when the program was started. We really do need to have extra help on Monday nights in order to be able to continue this vital work, which is a service to our environment and a bonus to our budget. Seven or eight thousand dollars each year comes from this program. If you have time to help out some Monday nights please let our ACM group know or speak to the rector.

If you would like to receive Rev. Randy's weekly email please provide your email address. Periodically, the Rector sends out emails to all those in the parish whose email he has on file. Please provide him with your email address by emailing him at lockyerrandy@gmail.com.

As of February 6th the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is once again available for small rental groups. With the rising cost of operating our facility, and the lack of rental income during the pandemic, this year (2022) there has been a slight increase in our rental fee structure. When booking the Centre through Donna and Janice they will provide all the information regarding the rental cost. Our rental fees are still well below comparable facilities in the area.

Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, and continue every Wednesday during Lent at 7:00 pm. This year we will use a Lenten series titled "Facing the Cross", the weekly themes will be, *Sins, Temptation, Fears, Worldliness, Suffering*. We invite you to make the Lenten journey with us. Beyond the Ash Wednesday service the other weekly services will be 30-40 minutes in duration.

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.**

The Ballicatter After-school program still has openings for children that need this service. The pandemic has made it difficult for them to keep their numbers up, especially when so many parents were working from home. This program has been a tremendous benefit to our parish budget bringing in \$20,000 annually in rent. Please, if you know of any parents needing afterschool care for their children tell them about this great program we have right here in our parish centre.

Fundraisers and parish hall rentals continue to be down because of the pandemic. This has created a decline in our overall parish revenues to date. Our regular envelope offerings are up but what we budgeted from other sources are down. We want to stress the importance of all our parishioners helping us to meet our financial obligations as we enter 2022.

Maintenance envelopes in your box of envelopes are very important. So far this year we have noted a decrease in maintenance offerings. Your maintenance offering helps to pay our outstanding parish loan (cost of the geothermal heating system) of \$653.93 per month and other items of regular maintenance around the church. We look forward to retiring this outstanding loan in a couple more years and we ask all our parishioners to consider using the maintenance envelope each month.

Regular Sunday services have now resumed inside the building at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. We continue to maintain physical distancing and masking protocols. All attendees must be fully vaccinated.

The 98.5 FM frequency is always in use whenever we are gathered for worship. If our numbers inside exceed the permitted numbers, there is still the ability to listen to the service through your car radio while in the parking lot of the church.

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. We do encourage parishioners to go online at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

Would you be interested in volunteering with Sunday School? Our Sunday school ceased when we entered the pandemic two years ago, however, it is time for us to try to get reestablished again. At the present time we have two volunteers, Jayde Strickland and Luke Fowlow, a young couple who recently moved to the area. Jayde's grandfather (Gordon Jackman) is a member of St. Philip's Parish and Luke is the grandson of Bishop Don Young. If we can get a few more to add to the list we can get going in the new year with restarting Sunday School.

Thank you to parishioners who contributed to the food bank boxes in the foyer in 2021. Several times over the past year the food boxes were filled and the food taken to St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry, where it was used in food hampers for those in need. We will continue to collect food in the coming year and remind everyone that the food collection boxes will remain in the foyer.

Sunday School we also would like to see up and going again. This will require several volunteers to do so. We are now looking for teachers and leaders to help with this. The date we resume will not be known until we have our volunteers in place. This is a vital part of our parish life that got sidetracked during the pandemic, that we hope to get up and going again soon. Please speak to Rev. Randy if you have an interest in getting our Sunday School up and going again.

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF

Feb. 6th and Feb. 13th

IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

IN LOVING MEMORY OF :

Leila Tulk

Given by:
Tom, Renee, Jerred and Alexis

And

Harvey Sharpe

Given by:
Mary, Cheryl & Beverly

St. Philip's parish is set up to receive E-Transfers. These days many of us do online banking and send etransfers, 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.

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.

Our parish website can be accessed now through a **QR Code** (Quick Response Code). By scanning the code with your cell phone, tablet or some other compatible device you will immediately be taken to the parish website. We are also in the process of updating our website so it can be current. Here is the QR Code:



NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

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Vestry meeting this Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00 pm. Meeting will be held in the main part of the church for safe distancing.

February 27, 2022 - Annual Congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, February 27th, following the 10:30 am morning worship. All year-end reports for 2021 will be provided, and the proposed budget for 2022 will be presented for adoption.

New Vestry members are invited to replace those who will have fulfilled their term of office by the time of the annual meeting. Vestry normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September to June. If you would like to put your name forward for election at the annual meeting please speak to the wardens or rector.

There are still several boxes of 2022 church envelopes in the foyer awaiting pickup. If you have not yet received yours please drop by the office to get them. If you have not been receiving envelopes but would like to have a box to make regular offerings please drop by the parish office to get them.

In 2022 we hope to replace the office computer system. The system is not very efficient anymore, it's rather dated and was donated about 4 years ago used. A new computer system will enable our bulletin secretaries, as well as our rector to do their work more time efficiently. We will not budget for it but if there are parishioners that would like to donate throughout the year for a new computer please speak to the rector.

Notes

Updated Covid-19 protocols. With new measures in place, worship services are being conducted by Rev. Randy each Sunday morning at **10:30 am** from the foyer of the church. Services can be viewed online through Facebook/Facebook Live or in person from church parking lot by tuning into the 98.5 FM radio frequency (must be in church parking lot to get channel).

When do I stand, sit or kneel? Some call this "Anglican Calisthenics"... sometimes people are confused especially when others around them are kneeling, standing or sitting. But feel free to follow your preferences. Our goal is worship and not conformity, so, whatever you choose to do is right for you. For some members of our congregation, it may be difficult to stand as long as others because of mobility issues, we encourage them to please sit if that is more comfortable for them.

Queen's College Sunday: Sunday, February 13th is *Queen's College Sunday* throughout all three dioceses of Newfoundland & Labrador. A time to draw attention to the long history of Queen's as a learning and training college for theological education in our province. Did you know that Queen's College was first established by Bishop Aubrey Spencer, first bishop of Newfoundland, in 1840? At that time it was specifically to train men for ordained ministry in Newfoundland; however, over the past 178 years Queen's College has become more than that. In addition to training both men and women for ordained ministry, it also provides theological education to many lay people. Every parish in NL, and many in other parts of Canada and beyond are or have been recipients of clergy trained and sent from Queen's College. Please make the ministry of Queen's College a regular part of your prayers and financial support. There is an envelope in each bulletin for February 6th, if you need more than one please take another from the foyer table.

Scriptural Readings for our worship as appointed in our BAS Lectionary.

Feb. 6th

**The 5th. Sunday
after Epiphany**

**Scriptural Sentence
(Page 353)**

*I am the light of the
world, says the Lord.
Those who follow me
will not walk in
darkness, but will have
the light of life.*

**1st Reading
Isaiah 6: 1-8**

**Psalms 138
Pages 895 & 896
(Allie Wheeler)**

2nd Reading

**1st. Corinthians 5:
1-11
(Glenda Winter)**

**Gospel
Luke 5: 1-11
(Deacon Bonnell)**

Feb. 13th

**The 6th. Sunday
after Epiphany**

**Scriptural Sentence
(Page 355))**

*Rejoice and leap
for joy, for behold,
your reward is
great in heaven.*

**1st Reading
Jeremiah 17: 5-10
Psalm 1
Page 705
(Lori Gosse)**

**2nd Reading
1st. Corinthians 15:
12-20
(Reegan Gosse)**

**Gospel
Luke 6: 39-49
(Deacon Bonnell)**

Church Chuckle

Notice in church magazine: ' A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by Mr. Jones in memory of his wife.'

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Some people say, " Given till it hurts". But God recommends that we give until it feels good. God loves a cheerful giver.

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2021 official tax receipts are now available for pick-up. You will find them on the table in the foyer. If you can take them for your neighbors, friends and family members, that will be very much appreciated