

## *Dismissal Songs*

### *“May God’s Blessing”*

*May God’s blessing Surround you each day,  
As you trust Him and walk in his way.  
May his presence within  
Guard and keep you from sin,  
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

### *“Go Now in Peace”*

*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.*

### *“Let There Be Love”*

*Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love in our eyes;  
may now your love sweep this nation,  
cause us, Oh Lord to arise;  
Give us a fresh understanding,  
of Christian love that is real;  
let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love.*

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**September 2024 (Year B)**

**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:**

**From the Rector:** Well, where has the summer gone so quickly? No doubt a question we are all asking as the long Labour Day weekend approaches. It seems that, unofficially, summer ends after Labour Day, as students return to schools, colleges and university, even though we often have beautiful Fall seasons. I hope the summer has been wonderful for you, and that you had ample opportunity to enjoy the lovely warm weather we were blessed to have. I hope you had a chance to be renewed and refreshed in mind, body and spirit. Things have been relatively quiet in the life of the parish, with our regular Sunday worship, a couple of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Such is the cycle of life isn't it? As the seasons change on the calendar, so too, we find ourselves moving quickly through the seasons of our lives, and we give God thanks that we are blessed as we do so, what a marvelous God we serve, that nurtures and sustains us throughout our lives. The one constant thing we have in our lives, that never fails, is the steadfast love of God. The book of Lamentations (23:22-23) says it clearly: *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.* We live in a very chaotic and dangerous world, and it is so important for us to remember who we are as Christians and to whom we belong. When we trust in God we have an anchor that will hold in the storms of life; the storms will come and we might even get tossed around, but we have confidence in that anchor to hold in the storm. Hebrews 6:19 says: *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain...* Every day of our lives we are being recreated over and over again by God, every day is a new beginning, shaped by the successes and failures of yesterday. What a wonderful thing forgiveness is, that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Just read this quote

from Romans (8:39) *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.* I think our world would be a much better place if we could all live with confidence in God's love, and express it in ways that build up others in the faith. It has been said that the Church is going through a crisis of faith, leading to a falling away, as people give up in despair and hopelessness. When we lose hope, when we give up, when we doubt the love of Christ, when we question the very existence of God, that's when the devil sows the seeds of evil and division. As we fight this storm of life, this storm of faith, may we try to have confidence in this anchor of hope – Jesus Christ himself, the same one who rebuked the wind on the Sea of Galilee, when the disciples were afraid of perishing, and the seas became calm. We all go through storms of life, we deal with things that often rocks us, such as sickness, death, broken relationships, loss of employment, etc. May we find the faith we need to look to Christ as our anchor, and perhaps, in some mysterious way, we might wither the storm, and find a sense of peace that comes from him.

Remember, you are a very important part of our church community here at St. Philip's, and I hope you will join us in worship and other ministries in the life of the parish as we begin anew this Fall. We support one another, realizing that we are all in this large boat of faith together. There are blessings that come when we pray and worship together as God's family. Bless you all!

**Rev. Randy**

**St. Philip's Vestry meeting** will be held on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in the boardroom at 7:00 pm. On behalf of Vestry and the congregation, we extend heartfelt sympathy to our secretary, Karen, on the recent sudden passing of her husband Val Puglisevich. We give thanks for Val's life and the volunteer work he did in our parish. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen!

**The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre** received a paintjob as well as all new base board this summer. It was long overdue, and we were pleased to get all the work done, plus cover the cost of materials for about \$1600.00 We want to keep the parish centre looking nice going forward, so we ask everyone using the centre to take extra care to see that the walls are not marked or damaged. One of the things that damages paint is sticking tape and pins into the walls. The rule is that **there is to be absolutely nothing put on the walls unless it is placed on the cork boards.** For rentals we will monitor it, and the new rule will be included in rental contracts. If rentals prove to be a concern, we will ask for a damage deposit that will be returned to the renter after inspection.

**We were very pleased again this summer to have a student hired.** For the third straight year we hired Kaiden Dove, and, as before, we were very pleased with his work. Keeping the cemetery looking nice, especially leading up to the Flower Service is a huge part of the student's work, and he did a great job there. We wish Kaiden well as he now returns to his studies at the university this Fall.

**Cemetery Maintenance:** We remind everyone that there are regulations governing the cemetery, so please check with the rector or vestry if you have questions. Please help keep our cemetery, including the columbarium area of it, looking beautiful. Also be safe while doing work on family graves, there may be areas where one could fall or twist an ankle.

**Our Set-Sail: Charting the course for Christ's Church** vestry sub-committee met a couple of times over the summer months, and will be sharing some information, ideas and suggestions with vestry in September, with regards to some things we can do as a parish this coming Fall and Winter.

**This Fall we hope to have new columbarium units in place.** Earlier this summer, we reached the sale of 48 niches, which is all we currently have. Vestry decided to add two more, and diocesan approval was granted, and we are awaiting their arrival. Like everything in our lives, costs have escalated, and vestry will have to determine what the new cost of niches will be. This, hopefully, will be done in September. Once the cost is established, we will be able to proceed with the sale of more.

**Parish Recycling program** is something we are very proud of in our parish. This is a project taken on by our men's group (ACM) many years ago and still going strong. Residents of the town drop off their bottles and cans at several designated sites, our men pick it up and take it to the recycling trailer, where it gets sorted, counted and bagged every Monday night. Once we have enough it's placed on a trailer and taken to the recycling depot in St. John's. In addition to keeping a lot of stuff out of the landfill, it brings much needed money into our parish budget. There is a need for extra volunteers that can spare about two hours on a Monday night (7-9 pm) to come along and help out. If you can do this, please speak to our ACM president, Gary King at 709-895-6239.

**There are several ways that parishioners can give on a regular basis.** We have the forms in the parish office for those interested in giving electronically, where you have the option of having your offering come directly from your bank every two weeks or once per month. One can also give through Email Transfer, by using the church email: [stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com](mailto:stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com) You can include a message in the box to tell our parish treasurer the details of your offering, and she gets notified automatically, and the amount is added to your annual church receipt. There is also a drop-off box in the foyer, next to the nursery room door, where you can drop your envelope into whenever the door is open, or it can be dropped into the parish office. Thank you for everything you do to keep our parish healthy.

St. Philip's parish has received the Christus Rex from the former St. Michael's parish. As you may know, a year ago the diocese and parish of St. Michael made the painful decision to sell their church building and cease to be a parish. Parishioners found other parishes to become members of, including our own parish, when we welcomed into our church family, Father Reuben Hatcher and his wife, Ruth. Our bishop is very pleased that the Christus Rex will be finding a new home in our church. It is also very meaningful to Father Hatcher and Ruth, to see a piece of St. Michael's parish displayed here. What is the Christus Rex? The Latin means Christ The King. The traditional crucifix portrays Christ in all his humanity giving everything to save his people. The Christus Rex, though also showing the crucified Christ, also depicts royalty, that, even on the cross, he was King. The Christus Rex is commonly found in many non-Roman Catholic traditions, such as the Anglican & Lutheran churches, and is high-lighted especially on Christ The King Sunday in November. It reminds us that even in his weakened condition on the cross, the King born into the world, was still King on the cross, and now when we look to the cross, we see it as a symbol of great power and majesty. Once the Christus Rex is in place, our bishop, and former members of St. Michael's parish will be invited to a worship service to officially unveil it. It will be placed in memory of the late Rev Canon Felix Honeygold, who served as rector of the old St. Michael's parish for 20 years (1950's -1970's), and was instrumental in the design of the Christus Rex.



**This Fall Rev. Randy and vestry member Brenda Harding will be reaching out to youth in the parish.** As part of our parish *Set- Sail initiatives*, we will, with the help of vestry, seek ways to revitalize the ministry of young people in our parish. Very soon we will provide details of some plans this coming year.

**Our Food Bank Boxes** will continue to be placed in the main entrance of the church, to receive weekly donations. Once the boxes are full, they are taken to the Pop-up Pantry at St. Lawrence's church, where the food is placed in hampers to help those in need. **The third Sunday of each month will be known as "Food Bank Sunday in our parish"**. On that Sunday, beginning September 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a table placed at the front of the church during the morning worship, and your food bank donations will be placed on the table for a blessing. This will help us draw more attention to the needs that are around us, as more and more families struggle with the high cost of living.

**Now that Labour Day has come, and we all start to settle back into our normal routines,** we hope all our parishioners will be mindful of our need to catch up with our financial obligations. We are very grateful to our supporters, and thus far, blessed to be financially viable and sustainable, especially at a time when many churches struggle, and multiple parishes have to share clergy. With your continued support in the coming months, we hope to end the year and start 2025 on a solid financial footing.

**Our monthly COFFEE HOUR will resume** on the first Sunday of October. If you are interested in sponsoring this one or another throughout the year, please let Lisa Brown or Rev. Randy know. This involves setting up the coffee/tea and providing the morning snack in the entrance prior to the start of the 10:30 am worship. It is meant to be a way where we can spend a few minutes sharing with each other and welcoming visitors.

**Sunday School** for the coming year is something we want to get moving on again. Last year Lori Gosse and Stephanie Smith, with the help of their teenagers, did an excellent job in keeping it going. It is discouraging and frustrating to prepare weekly and then there aren't many children to share it with. They will need extra help this year from other parents, and we will need to have a commitment from parents to enrol their children and brings them regularly. More information will come soon on that.

**The 2025 Church Calendars** have already arrived and are for sale. The exact cost of them this year will need to be set by the ACW at their September meeting, so we aren't sure yet what to sell them for. Each year we have been selling them at \$5.00 which was almost a break-even price, however, this year the break even point for them is closer to \$7.00 This has never been a fundraiser and we will only sell them at what they cost.

**As students return to school in the coming week,** whether primary, elementary, high school, colleges or universities, we want to wish them well in the coming year. We also want to remind motorists on our roads to be extra vigilant as children are walking to school and crossing streets. It seems last year a big concern was cars passing parked buses with stop sign out and red lights flashing, let us all take every precaution to keep our children safe as they go to and from school.

**We are in need of help in our sound room on Sunday mornings.** At the passing of Val Puglisevich, we are in even greater need off help. This is a job that your teenage children or grandchildren could help out with, and, with lots of help we could use our screens more regularly. It could also be a way that senior high school kids could earn volunteer hours that need for graduation?? If anyone is interested in this please speak to Rev. Randy or one of the church wardens.

## **THE BULLETIN FOR THE Month of September**

**IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**Canon Bert Cheeseman**

**July 16, 1927 – Sept. 10, 2016**

***"Always in our thoughts,  
Forever in our hearts"***

**Given by:**

***Dawn, Michele & Family***

## September 1<sup>st</sup>

### Scriptural Sentence

*“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**2 Chronicles 24: 17-21**

**Psalm 71: 1-6, 15-17**

**Page: 795-797**

**(Todd Martin)**

### Gospel

**Mark 6: 17-29**

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

### Collects & Prayers

**Collect** – Almighty God, who called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way, strengthen us by your grace, that as he suffered for the truth, so we may boldly resist corruption and sin, and receive with him the unfading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts** – God of the prophets, receive all we offer you this day, and strengthen us to proclaim your holy and righteous word. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion** – God of righteousness, may we who honour John the Baptist, the greatest of the prophets, always turn to him who takes away the sin of the world, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## September 8<sup>th</sup>

### Scriptural Sentence

*“Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.”*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Proverbs 22: 1–2, 8–9, 22–23**

**Psalm 125**

**Page: 884**

**(Gloria Earle)**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**James 2: 1–10, 14–17**

**(Dave Earle)**

### Gospel

**Mark 7: 24–37**

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

### Collects & Prayers

**Collect** – Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts** – Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion** – Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## September 15<sup>th</sup>

### Scriptural Sentence

*“I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Proverbs 1: 20–33**

**Psalm 19**

**Pages: 725-726**

**(Todd Martin)**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**James 3: 1–12**

**(Betty Lewis)**

### Gospel

**Mark 8: 27–38**

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

### Collects & Prayers

**Collect** – Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts** – Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion** – God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## September 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Scriptural Sentence

*“God has called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Proverbs 31: 10–31**

**Psalm 1**

**Page: 705**

**(Canon Don Morgan)**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**James 3: 13–4: 3, 7–8a**

**(Debbie Collis)**

### Gospel

**Mark 9: 30–37**

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

### Collects & Prayers

**Collect** – Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts** – God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion** – Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## September 29<sup>th</sup>

### Scriptural Sentence

*“Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.”*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Genesis 28: 10–17**

**Psalm 103: 19-22**

**Pages: 842-843**

**(Allie Wheeler)**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**Revelation 12: 7–12**

**(Glenda Winter)**

### Gospel

**John 1: 47–51**

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

### Collects & Prayers

**Collect** – Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts** – God of glory, as you have appointed angels to minister in your presence, so may all our worship bring you worthy praise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion** – Eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of angels. May we who come under their protection, like them give you continual service and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.