

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; 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): God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember): Beryl Grace [Squires], Vic & Loretta Greeley, Robert & Lorraine Halfyard, Warrick & Margaret Hammond, Tony & Melissa Hayward/Hicks and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Australia – the Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier – Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for: the Anglican Military Ordinariate – LCdr, Rev. Canon Jennifer Gosse, Maj. Rev. Dennis Newhook, LCdr. Rev. Beverly Kean-Newhook, Lt.(N) Rev. John Hounsell Drover, Maj. Rev. Canon Shawn Samson (Reserve), Capt. Rev. Canon Kris Gosse (Reserve); Parish of the Ascension – Rector, Rev. David Burrows, Assistant, Rev. Lynn Courage; Parish of Badger's Quay/Pool's Island (4 Congregations) – Rector, Rev. David Cook.

Provincial Prayer Care. We pray for the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – Archbishop Ron Cutler and wish him well as he prepares for his retirement this coming summer.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Primate: Archbishop Linda Nicholls

Metropolitan: Archbishop Ron Cutler

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

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January 12, 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, in the lectionary of the church year, we commemorate *The Baptism of the Lord*. It is especially appropriate that today we have a child to be baptized, *Lucy Virginia Rita Oliver*, and her baptism this morning makes her one with Christ in his baptism, and, part of the family of God. In this age where we are coming face to face with declining church membership across the nation, and, where many have decided the church is not relevant or important to them, it is always refreshing to still have young parents choosing baptism for their children. The baptism of children is always a sign of hope for the future of our church. With so much pessimism and discouraging statistics on church decline in recent times, I refer you to a very hopeful and encouraging article that will be part of the next issue of *The Anglican Journal* titled – "*Green Shoots*": *Community outreach fuels thriving congregations*. In this article it features 5 parishes that are actually bucking the trend, turning things around and beginning to thrive once more. They were parishes and congregations facing the same challenges of declining membership and financial resources that we all face, but, somehow found creative ways to turn things around. In all of these parishes there were some common elements that led to vitality and growth, such as (1) radical change that led to experimenting and taking risks, and, (2) becoming more concerned with the Gospel instead of maintaining institutions, with outreach to local neighborhoods and community. The diocese of Toronto has about one third of its parishes growing, one third staying about the same, and one third in actual decline. The ones growing are those with a fresh vision for the future and a determination to bring the Gospel alive in their community. As our

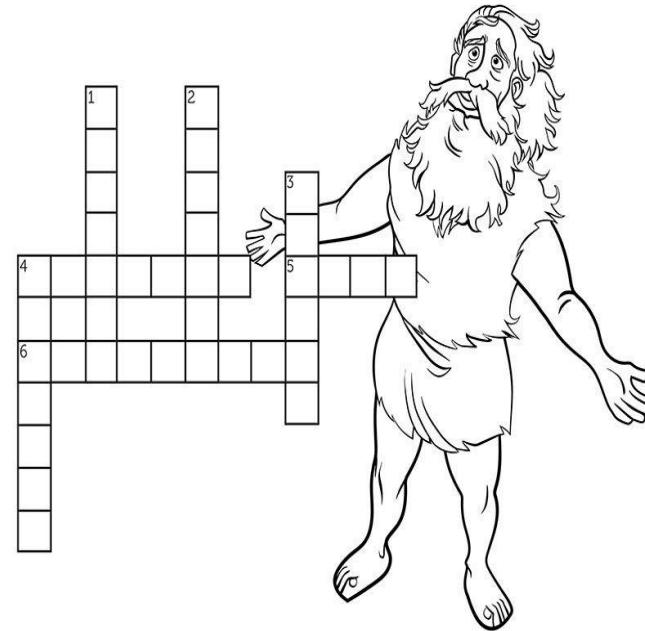
diocese continues to seek ways and means to revitalize our parishes, and, to bring the Gospel more alive in our communities, there will be many challenges, and, it might well be the reality that some parishes and congregations will cease to be, or will exist under a different structure. There are a lot of huge churches that remain near empty on a Sunday morning, and, any life in them is getting sucked away because the few remaining faithful are becoming tired and discouraged from all the hard work of just keeping the doors open. The days of survival for many such churches are quickly drawing to a close. We are in a unique situation here in the parish of St. Philip's that, given much vision and determination, we can be an example to the rest of the diocese of a parish thriving and making a difference in our community. As we begin this new year of 2020, it is my desire that we will find many ways to grow our parish in membership and resources. I hope and pray that we can find ways to reach into our community and engage other people in meaningful and lasting ways. At this time we have a very active, energetic and determined number of people in positions of leadership, and really doing tremendous good work in the parish; however, the reality is that people get older, they grow weary, and eventually can't maintain the same level of energy and commitment, therefore, it is critical that we involve more people in the life and ministry of the parish. This work of *mission* is a collaborative work that calls for work and input from everyone. I hope and pray that by the time we have our annual meeting in late February we will have interest from people in our parish to get involved in serving on a mission committee, geared to finding ways to bring the Gospel more alive around us.

(Rev. Randy)

CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Matthew 3:1-17



Across

- 4. John the Baptist wouldn't be worthy to touch the Messiah's _____.
- 5. When Jesus _____ from the water, the Holy Spirit descended from Heaven in the form of a dove.
- 6. Jesus was baptized in _____ to the Father.

Down

- 1. John the Baptist wore _____ clothing.
- 2. One day, a man from the town of _____ came to be baptized.
- 3. John the Baptist _____ the Pharisees that God would not be fooled.
- 4. John was _____ that Jesus asked him to baptize Him.



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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 Scriptural Sentence for our worship
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary**

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***A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is
my beloved Son with whom I am well
pleased."***

Baptism of the Lord – Jan. 12th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – Dave Bartlett

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Baptism

Eucharistic Assistants – Todd Martin &

George Sharpe

Counters: Ruth Hiscock & Canon Don Morgan

Sidesperson: John Parrell's Team

Altar Duty: Donna Spurrell & Janice Spurrell

2nd After Epiphany – Jan. 19th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – Debbie Collis

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Baptism

Eucharistic Assistants – Harve Hiscock &

Mose Tucker

Counters: Viola Squires & Susan Powell

Sidesperson: Canon Don Morgan

Altar Duty: Viola Squires & Mary Sharpe

**The Collect, Epistle
and Gospel for
Today – Baptism of the Lord**

**1st Reading:
Isaiah 42: 1-9**

**Psalm 29
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(Joan Osmond)

**2nd Reading:
Acts 10: 34-43**

(Rev. R. Osmond)

**Gospel
Matthew 3: 13-17**

(Deacon Bonnell)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 14 - Vestry meeting this Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the board room. We will have our yearend financial report, and, discuss our 2020 parish budget.

Jan. 15 – The next ACW (Annual) meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 pm.**

Jan. 19th - **Baptism will take place again next Sunday,** January 19th. If you have a child to be baptized and have not yet spoken to Rev. Randy please do so ASAP so you can be included in the preparation on Friday evening.

Jan. 21st – The next ACM (Annual/Dinner) meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6:00 pm.**

Jan. 22 - **Rev. Randy's Bible Study – Coffee & Parables** will resume next **Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm.** The next parable to study will be that of The Good Samaritan. All are welcome!

Jan. 28 – **ACW monthly card game – Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 8:00 p.m.** – cost is \$5.00 and lunch will be provided.

Feb. 23 - **As we enter 2020 we now start to prepare for our annual congregational meeting** which will be held on **Sunday, February 23rd,** following a Pot-Luck lunch. We are always interested in welcoming new members to our Vestry as others conclude their three year terms. If you would like to be a member of Vestry please let Rev. Randy know, and allow your name to stand for nomination at the annual meeting.

Today, by way of baptism, we welcome into the church, Lucy Virginia Rita Oliver, infant daughter of Donald & Heather Oliver. We invite the family to become regular participants in the life of our parish. We would love to see Lucy coming regularly – the best time to start bringing children to church is at baptism and every single opportunity thereafter. If we enable them to grow in the church from the time they are babies they will likely always be a part of the church.

Thank you to the ACW and the ACM for a combined contribution to the 2019 parish budget in the amount of \$21,317.11 Each year the Vestry sets a goal of \$7000 from each organization, but, as you can see, they both surpassed this expectation by far. Thank you to both groups and thank you to the members of the parish and wider community for supporting their fundraising efforts. A great job by everyone!

Thank you to those who have donated the food items for our monthly coffee hour. Please note that ordinarily our coffee hour is on the first Sunday of the month, but, because it was in the Christmas season January 5th, we decided to move it to today. Our next Coffee Hour will be on February 2nd. If anyone would like to contribute the snacks for that morning please speak to Lisa Lake (Brown).

Notes

Some names got left off the Christmas flower list. Some of the submitted forms that came in were inadvertently misfiled, and we just discovered them last week. We apologize to all those who gave us the names but didn't see them on the list. We have included all those names on a separate list (located at back of church), and we thank the families for their generous contributions to the Christmas flower fund.

Anglican Parish of the Good Shepherd in Mount Pearl, NL at 111 Richard Nolan Drive want to welcome all men and clergy of our diocese to the winter DAMA dinner, meeting and worship on **Sunday February 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** In preparation for this meeting we would like for anyone to forward any items of discussion to Gary King (president) at gary.f.king@hotmail.com or call him @ 709-691-3902.

Please forward the number of attendees you will have from your parish to me (joe.oquinn@gmail.com) or call 709-727-1122 or Clayton Courtney (clayton_pearl@hotmail.com) or call 709-697-2696. Dinner at 5:00 p.m., Meeting: 6:00 p.m., Worship :7:00 p.m.

Many people are signed up with our Direct Giving Plan, which enables them to make direct offerings through their banking institution on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. That means that if you are away your church is still receiving your regular offerings, which ensures the parish is able to meet its monthly financial commitments. Forms for this are available from the parish office.

Eastern Health's Pastoral Care, Ethics & Bereavement Services Department invites people grieving the loss of a loved one to join an 8-week Bereavement Information & Support Group. There are two timeslots available. The first timeslot meets at Health Sciences Centre and begins **January 23, 2020**. Sessions are held Thursday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The other group option meets at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital and begins February 3, 2020. Sessions are held Monday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For more information, or to register, please contact the Pastoral Care Office at 777-6959 or Scott Parsons at 777-7611 (Health Sciences) or Jenna King-Poirier at 777-5908 (St. Clare's). **(More information can be found on the church bulletin board in the foyer)**

There are still a few 2020 church calendars available. If you would like to purchase one for \$5 please speak to our ACW President (Phoebe Parrell) or check with Rev. Randy in the parish office.

Invitation to be part of our Mission Team. As we enter into a new year (2020) we are going to make mission a big part of our congregational development. As the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador continues to emphasize the need for parishes to do some work in the area of mission, it is suggesting that every parish institute a mission team with goals and objectives to enable growth, including spiritual growth and renewal. If you have an interest in being part of this team we would love to have you join with us.

Envelope boxes are still available for pickup in the foyer. Most of them are already taken but there are still some. If there are any there belonging to your family or neighbors please deliver them. If you did not receive your box of envelopes, or you are new to our parish and would like a box, we have plenty. Call our Envelope Secretary, Charlie Gosse at 895-0585 or the parish office at 895-0715

Memorial bulletin forms are available in the rack in the foyer for anyone wanting to place the bulletin in memory of loved ones. The forms are in the envelope, simply fill in the information, enclose your donation and drop it into the offering plate or bring it to the parish office.

In our efforts to be environmentally friendlier and to have our church more energy efficient all the lights in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre, the kitchen and the foyer have been replaced with energy efficient LED lighting. Many thanks to our warden, Gary King, for taking on this project in two stages and completing it. Our next focus in the coming year will be to study the lighting we have in the main part of the church and see how they too can be replaced. This will be a significantly greater undertaking we expect, but, no doubt as always the congregation will support it. In this time of being more conscious of our world, and trying to ensure that the planet is preserved for our children, grandchildren and future generations yet unborn, the church has a duty to be environmentally friendly. So, we are pleased to do our own small part in that by ensuring we decrease our energy consumption as much as possible, and to be better stewards of God's creation.

Would you like to help out with our Sunday School or Youth group? We are in great need of more help in this important area of church ministry. If you would consider helping please call Lisa lake and talk to her about it or speak to Rev. Randy. In this time of great change and decline in our Anglican church, having strong children and youth programming will be essential to our survival.

Church Chuckle

Funny how we believe what the newspaper says, but question what the Bible says.



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Prayerfully consider your Parish in your Estate planning.

Stewardship thought for the Week
It's not what you'd do with a million if a million were your lot, it's what you are doing at present with the dollar and a quarter you've got.

Yearly Budget for Envelope Giving for 2020 – To be determined	
Needed Monthly - TBD	
Needed Weekly - TBD	
Rec'd Jan. 5 th	
Regular Giving	\$ 1,310.00
Maintenance	\$ 185.00
Rec'd Year to Date	
Regular Giving	\$ 1,310.00
Maintenance	\$ 185.00
Total Brought in for Jan. 5 th	\$ 1,697.25