

Dismissal Songs

"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.*

"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.*

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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: We have now bid farewell to 2024 and embraced a new year of 2025. Like every year before it, 2024 was a year of joys and sorrows. Babies were joyfully born into the world, while some families were caused to sorrow as loved ones departed, and the sorrow was even more intense when the circumstances were of a tragic nature. As we look forward to this new year, I expect that some things will remain the same, that's just the way life is, we can control some parts of our lives, others we cannot. That is the reason we are able to place our lives, our destiny, and our fate into God's hands, we are human, we trust that God sees the bigger picture, knows us more than we know ourselves, and loves us infinitely. We don't know how our lives will go in 2025, but we know God is with us, after all that's what we celebrated over Christmas *Immanuel* (or *Emmanuel*) translated means *God with us*. The word appears three times in scripture, twice in the Old Testament book of Isaiah, and once in Matthew's gospel. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, it was the story of the Incarnation, God in human flesh coming among us – *God with us!* So, if God is with us, what possibly can prevail against us if we embrace that truth? The answer is nothing can, even though some very powerful forces of evil are present in the world, with the ability to crush us if we let our guard down, and our faith wavers even a bit.

One might think that believing in God should be sufficient to wither the storms of life that come against us, including those of the coming year, but, like everything in life, we have to work at our faith, putting time and effort into strengthening it, so that we are better prepared to withstand the intense waves that beat against the boat. Archbishop Justin Welby, in his New Year address said these words - *Christian faith doesn't promise us a comfortable life. Christ promises us hope, meaning, peace, purpose and joy – but not comfort!* What do we do to be stronger in faith and more resilient in daily challenges? Like other aspects of our daily lives, we have to work at it, put in the time and effort required to better equip us. For example, teachers often have PD days to learn new things to better teach their students; doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals are always attending seminars, reading information, so that they are better able to care for the sick; carpenters and electricians are always learning about the latest

building codes so that our homes are built stronger. No matter what the trade or profession, anytime we engage the services of professional people in our lives, we want them to be as fully skilled and knowledgeable as possible. If we apply that mindset to our faith and spiritual lives, then it makes sense that we have to do things to enhance and strengthen our relationship with God. One of the greatest things available to us, in addition to personal prayer and scripture reading, is each other, the community, the church. Fact is we need one another, alone we cannot do everything God desires of us, we are in this together. When God sent Moses to free the Israelites from captivity in Egypt, God also sent Aaron, Moses' brother with him; when Jesus sent out his disciples they never went alone; when Paul embarked on his many journeys to set up Christian missions, and spread the good news of the gospel, he took along others like Timothy, Barnabas, Silas, Mark and Luke. They never went alone, the building of the Church required effort by everyone. Again, Archbishop Welby writes - *every time we reach out and connect with someone, it is an act of heroism. Don't underestimate it. It could be someone you know. It could be someone you've always wanted to connect with but never have. It could be someone you really disagree with. Let's go for a heroic New Year's Resolution. Let's resolve to reconnect. To reach out to just one person we don't know, or from whom we have drifted apart.*

Pick one person. Pick up the phone. Send them a text. Meet them for a cup of tea. Make that connection. Let's begin cementing our unity one brick at a time. As we begin this new year of 2025, I invite everyone to be a part of the wider community of faith right here in St. Philip's church, perhaps some have gotten disconnected over the years, it happened especially during the time of the pandemic, and haven't reconnected yet, maybe that can be a wonderful new year resolution to work on. You are always welcomed and valued. On behalf of myself, my family and the vestry of St. Philip's parish, I wish you a wonderful, happy and healthy 2025. Blessings on you all!

Rev. Randy

Confirmation final registration and first meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12th following the morning worship. Then we will determine an appropriate time of the week to meet thereafter, and whether it will be weekly or bi-weekly. We are still accepting names for the Confirmation classes up to and including January 12th. The actual date when the bishop will visit the parish for the Confirmation service is Sunday, May 18th, at 10:30 am. The age requirement is to be 11 years old by the end of June 2025.

Our monthly coffee hour resumes Sunday, January 5th. You are invited to come along a bit early for the 10:30 am worship and enjoy coffee/tea, juice, and refreshments in the foyer. This month's coffee hour is sponsored by Lisa and Greg Brown. If you would like to sponsor a future one on the first Sunday of the month please speak to Lisa or Rev. Randy.

Columbarium niches are still being sold. We are awaiting the new units to be installed, which should be soon. Since 2016 when the first ones were installed, the price increased quite a bit, which meant the parish had to increase the purchase price. The cost is \$4000 each and there is no tax. They can also be purchased through a funeral home if one is making arrangements, however, funeral homes will charge tax, which makes them \$4600 Anyone wishing to purchase a niche is asked to make arrangements with Rev. Randy.

St. Philip's Parish continues it's support of St. Lawrence's food bank in 2025. Since the food bank opened in Portugal Cove we have placed receptacle bins in our foyer, where parishioners drop in non-perishable food items weekly. We encourage parishioners to continue to do so, and we have designated the third Sunday of each month to be *Food Bank Sunday* in our parish. That Sunday we invite parishioners to place their food items on a table at the front of the church. This is to draw attention to the need for donations to the food bank. Please continue to drop items in the bins in the foyer every Sunday.

There are still 2025 church envelopes in the foyer. If you did not receive your box, please check on the table for it. If you did not have a box last year in 2024 but would like to have one for 2025, please speak to Rev. Randy, or our envelope secretary, Marie Chafe.

Our parish is set-up to receive E-Transfers. If you would like to make online contributions to St. Philip's parish by EMT it is very easy to do so. Simply use the parish email as follows: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com and use the message box of the transfer to indicate what your donation is for.

Many parishioners are also set up for automatic E-giving. If this is something you would like to do, please visit the parish office to obtain the proper form, fill it out and return it. Our parish treasurer will then set it up and biweekly or monthly deductions (whichever you prefer) are automatically transferred to the parish from your banking institution.

<p>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.</p> <p>The next scheduled Sunday for baptism is January 12th. Anyone desiring to have a child baptized on that Sunday should contact Rev. Randy immediately in order to do the preparation. Following that the next one will be on Sunday, February 16th.</p> <p>Our Sunday School is available each week. Unfortunately, the numbers of children to avail of it is very low. We invite parents of young children to consider bringing them Sunday mornings for Sunday School, which takes place at the same time as our 10:30 am worship.</p>	<p>From our Coordinating Chaplain, the Rev. David Pilling: "Our Diocese provides pastoral ministry to hospitals in St. John's. Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual care and support to patients, family, and staff. A chaplain is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and provides the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Anointing, as well as, prayer, listening and friendly conversation. We are often called upon to pray with a patient just prior to surgery. The power of prayer is real. It is the chaplain's delight to be prayerful support to you. To access a chaplain; please tell the admitting clerk that you wish to receive pastoral care. To have pre surgery prayers, tell the pre surgery nurse that you wish pre surgery prayers, and the Chaplain will be notified and will respond."</p> <p>Sunday intercessions at St. Philip's are also adapted for St. Augustine's parish. Archdeacon Ed Keeping, though retired, is working part-time in the interim at St. Augustine's parish, where Joyce often leads the prayers. Joyce is still one of the intercessors taking her turn preparing the prayers for our parish, and someone present leads them. Our intercessors list consists of Ruth Hiscock, Joyce Keeping, Gloria Earle, Ada Lockyer, Joan Osmond and Brenda Harding. Each week, when they are scheduled, they prepare the prayers, send them to Rev. Russell for his perusal and suggestions, then they are printed for that Sunday. The prayers are then adapted weekly by Joyce to be used at St. Augustine's parish. Rev. Russell and the group are very pleased to be able to share this ministry with St. Augustine's, and Archdeacon Ed and Joyce are encouraging lay people there to lead them. Here is what Rev. Russell shared with our intercessors -EXCITING NEWS!!! <i>There has been an exciting response to the Intercessions at St. Augustine's. For the first two weeks Joyce led the Prayers, then Rev. Ed got someone for the third Sunday. Rev. Ed is offering a series of Sermons about Christian Stewardship. Last week he spoke about offering Time and Talent. Following his sermon, four people came forward and offered themselves to lead the prayers of the people. That is remarkable! The Spirit is moving! In time, maybe some will be able to even prepare the intercessions. As Joyce said "small steps". It is remarkable about what a spirit of sharing can do. Thank God for this.</i> We join Rev. Russell and our faithful group of intercessors in expressing thanksgiving for this ministry that we are able to share with another parish. It also fits very well with the diocesan program "Set Sail – Charting the course for Christ's church".</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES</u></p> <p>January 5 – Coffee hour</p> <p>January 12 – Baptism Sunday</p> <p>January 12 - Confirmation final registration and first meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12th following the morning worship.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THANK YOU</u></p> <p>Thank you to everyone that helped with the Christmas services. Again, we had a lot of people attend our Christmas Eve services at 4:00 pm (family worship and pageant), 7:00 pm, 11:00 pm and Christmas morning at 9:30 am. Thank you to our cleaners, altar guild ladies, Sidespersons, readers, clergy, organist and choir for all you did at a very hectic time. Thank you to those who attended and participated in the worship. I hope you all found it spiritually edifying.</p> <p>Thank you to the ACW and ACM for their generous contributions to the parish at the end of the year. Both our ladies and men's groups work very hard throughout the year to create fellowship and raise funds to help the parish. Together they support one another, whether it's Sub Sandwich sales, card games, dinners, etc. which is wonderful, some parishes don't have such groups anymore, so we are blessed at St. Philip's. At the end of December, we received \$19,100 combined from them, which is way beyond anything we expect of them. They are successful in large part because our parishioners and the wider community always support their efforts. Thank you all! Our ACM (men's group) would welcome more volunteers to help with their Monday night recycling, and our ACW (women's group) welcome any ladies that would like to get involved with them.</p> <p>Thank you to those who supported the parish in 2024. At a time when some parishes are restructuring, linking up with other parishes to share the services of clergy, etc. because financially it is very difficult to manage alone, we are grateful for your faithful and generous support to the parish. Our treasurer will soon complete her year-end work and give us a final financial statement for 2024, we expect it will show a fairly good year for the parish financially. We hope that the coming year will be a good year as well, and with your continued generosity and support it will.</p>
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THE BULLETIN FOR THE

Month of January

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

Val Puglisevich

(Jan. 27, 1960 to Aug 18, 2024)

**Forever loved and
sadly missed by**

Karen & Family



January 5th

The Epiphany of the Lord

Scriptural Sentence

"We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

1st Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14/Pages: 797-798

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12

(Gary King)

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your 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 – Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion – God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

January 12th

The Baptism of the Lord

Scriptural Sentence

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

1st Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalms 29 / Page 738

(Rev. Russell Osmond)

2nd Reading

Acts 8: 14-17

(Joan Osmond)

Gospel

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – 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 for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion – 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 grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.

January 19th

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptural Sentence

"Jesus manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him."

1st Reading

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 36: 5-10/ Pages 748-749

(Todd Martin)

2nd Reading

1st Corinthians 12: 1-11

(Betty Lewis)

Gospel

John 2: 1-11

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion – God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

January 26th

Conversion of St. Paul

Scriptural Sentence

"This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses."

1st Reading

Acts 26: 9-23

Psalms 67 / Page 788

(Lori Gosse)

2nd Reading

No appointed reading

Gospel

Matthew 10: 16-22

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Paul you caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world. May we who celebrate his wonderful conversion follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 – Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion – God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.