

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison) – Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Prayer over the Gifts:** (In Unison) – Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison) – God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Mabel Hiscock, Scott & Cherie Howe, Maple Hussey, Gordon Jackman, Jean Janes and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Church in Wales.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Grand Bank – Rector, Rev. Charlie Cox and the Parish of Grand Bay (3 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Faye Coffin.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador – Bishop Sam Rose, Archdeacon Charlene Taylor and Synod Office staff.

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison) – Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; 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:** (In Unison) – God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison) – Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Ernest & Maxine Jones, Canon Edward & Joyce Keeping-Fewer, Bernice King, Georgina King, Selina King, Yvonne King and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Grand Falls – Rector Rev. Robin Trevors, RD and the Parish of Green Island (2 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Canon Vernon Short.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador – Bishop Sam Rose, Archdeacon Charlene Taylor and Synod Office staff.

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**May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (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:**

As we move closer to Summer, with much anticipation of warmer weather and sunny skies, many are already making plans as to how they are going to spend this time. Students, of course, are eager to complete yet another school year, some are already excited by upcoming grade 12 graduations, and, college or university convocations. Teachers are excited to have a much, deserved break from the classroom, to recharge their batteries to take on a new school year. Parents are planning all kinds of summer activities to keep the children busy and entertained, including some travel to vacation places. Some are excited to just drive a few kilometers to relax at the cabin, cottage or trailer. Whatever you are planning to do this summer, some of it is centred around rest, relaxation and the renewal of mind, body and spirit. We cannot overstate the importance of time spent for recreation or "re-creation", without it we cannot function to our fullest potential. During the months of July and August, we also have a little down-time even in the church, as our many committee members, and volunteers, take a little break from the rigours of parish life. It's been an extremely difficult few years for everyone, with a three - year pandemic that we have all fought through, and the challenges of getting back to the routine of our lives, pre-pandemic, in the work place, in our schools, in our families, and in our church. We are getting there, and our lives are nearly back to normal. Here in the parish, over the past few months, we have gotten our Sunday School up and going again, and still a need to get those numbers of children and teachers up, we have gotten back to doing many of the activities that were halted for three years, both fundraising and building church community again, we have seen some parishioners returning that we haven't seen for awhile, we have seen some new people come and make this parish their worshipping community, and some other signs of new life. Like the time it takes us to exit this long, cold Spring, into the promises of new life that we look forward to every summer, we see subtle signs of new life being breathed into our church, and we give God thanks for the hope we have, as we dream new possibilities and work to make them a reality. The purpose of any church is not self-preservation, but rather dreaming a better world, a more united world, a more peaceful world, a world where everyone, regardless of race, gender or status, are afforded the basic human dignities that come from being a child of God. We must dream, but

making dreams into reality is really where the rubber hits the road, so to speak. Over recent years, even decades, we have seen a somewhat divided church, a broken church really, over issues such as remarriage of divorced people, ordination of women, blessing and marriage of same gender couples, atrocities committed in residential schools, and other crimes against indigenous peoples. These are some issues, but there are many others as well, and while we don't minimize the importance of all these things, as these conversations, painful as they are, needed to take place, in some cases they did not serve to draw us closer together as the body of Christ, but further divided us, and weakened our universal call to live the gospel in the wider world. I believe God calls us to something greater than that. Once we acknowledge our brokenness, hear all the voices in the room, and accept the command of Christ to, in the words of the BCP Communion service, *love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.* (Mark 12) Even in matters of disagreement we are called to love, and the greater sin of the church, no matter what the topic might be, is that many times love dissipates into anger, retaliation, and even hatred. If Christian love, in its purest form is allowed to exist in all our conversations, and we hold it before us, and we pray for it, and we are open to the moving of the Holy Spirit among us, and we loosen that grip on self-preservation, I am convinced that we would have a more unified church, and, if we allow that same concept to permeate among nations, we would have a more peaceful world.

I have no doubt that as long as the world remains, as long as churches remain, as long as humanity remains, we will face many challenges toward human dignity, unity and global peace and stability. I just wish we could approach it with hearts of love, knowing that the single word Jesus used, more than anything else was "love". If we can hold before us his call to love one another, I think we can achieve much more than we have achieved so far in the church and in the world. My prayer, as we move forward as a parish in this place, is that we will call to remembrance always the call of our Lord to *love one another, as he has loved us*; and, *that others will know us because of our love.* I believe enough damage has been done to the body of Christ, and now is a time for rebuilding our lives and churches into the image of Christ.

*Rev. Randy*

## ***Mother's Day Hymn***

**Our Father God in heaven  
On whom our world depends,  
To you let praise be given  
For families and friends;  
For parents, sisters, brothers,  
A home where love belongs,  
But on this day for mothers  
We bring our thankful songs.**

**What wealth of God's bestowing  
For all the world to share!  
What strength of heart outgoing  
To children everywhere!  
Our deepest joys and sorrows  
A mother's path must trace,  
And earth's unknown tomorrows  
Are held in her embrace.**

**How well we know the story  
That tells of Jesus' birth,  
The Lord of heaven's glory  
become a child of earth;  
A helpless infant sleeping,  
yet King of realms above,  
who finds in Mary's keeping  
the warmth of human love**

**Our Father God in heaven,  
To you we lift our prayer,  
That every child be given  
Such tenderness and care,  
Where life is all for others,  
Where love your love displays:  
For God's good gift of mothers  
Let earth unite in praise!**

## ***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.*

**More help is needed on the Altar & Church cleaning Guild schedule.** If you would like to help out with the cleaning of the church by being placed on a schedule it would be really appreciated. Please let Rev. Randy or Margie Tucker know.

**Vestry is now seeking an individual to do weekly cleaning.** This would involve about 4 hours per week of ensuring the foyer, Parish Centre, kitchen, washrooms and hallway are cleaned in preparation for Sunday worship. This person would begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone interested in this position, and would like more information, please contact our church wardens. Gloria Earle at 727-8524 or Gary King at 691-3902

**Now that our choir is up and going again** we would love to welcome new members of all ages. It would be wonderful if we could have enough members to fill out the choir pews on both sides of the chancel. In addition to singing to the glory of God on Sunday morning it is also a time of fellowship and fun each week at practice.

**All individuals, church and non-church groups are reminded** that the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre and washrooms are not to be accessed until the after-school Ballicatter group concludes at 6:00 pm Monday to Friday and all children are picked up. This is in accordance with provincial rules that govern the Ballicatter operation. If access to the kitchen is required, please check with Michelle first. Anyone using the facility during the time the program is operating must have a code of conduct letter on file at the parish office, as well as permission from Michelle, the Ballicatter program administrator.

**Sunday School is up and going** and we encourage parents with young children to bring them to the 10:30 am Sunday service so they can be a part of it. If we have adequate numbers of children we can plan some congregational activities as well. We also encourage others to volunteer as helpers.

**Parish is calling for quotes to re-shingle the roof.** In the past year we have had some shingles blow off and in a couple of places we have leaks. At this time, we are looking to get some quotes to give us an idea of what it would cost to replace the shingles (now about 22 years old). Once we have the quotes we will determine if it's something we are

able to proceed with in the very near future. If you know of reputable roofing companies, please encourage them to consider giving us their quote.

**We will soon start our lighting project.** Over the last couple of years, we have replaced most of the lighting in the building with more energy efficient LED ones, except for the main area of the church. This was done at a very low cost to the parish, and we have reduced our carbon footprint. The big job remaining is to remove all the existing lighting in the nave, chancel and sanctuary areas and replace with better lighting, burning less electricity. We are awaiting diocesan approval, and expect to complete this job over the coming months. The cost to achieve this work will be around \$40,000 (tax included) We invite members of the parish to consider financial support. Perhaps a family might consider donating the cost of a light? Total number of new lights will be 36 at an average cost of approximately \$1150. Once this project is complete, we will be a good example of a church building and parish going greener, and being better stewards of the environment. We will have done this not only by the lighting, but also by our Geo-Thermal heating system and our recycling program. Again, we call on the generosity of our parishioners to help out.

**Bishop has authorized the return of the Common Cup.** For three years we have been receiving Eucharist in one kind only (bread), because of safety concerns during the pandemic. As of Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost Sunday), parishes in the diocese, including here at St. Philip's, will once more provide the chalice for those who wish to receive from it. This comes from medical reassurance that it is once more, safe to do so. However, we realize that many people will still be uncomfortable receiving from the cup, and that is perfectly fine, and to continue to receive the bread only is also fine. Prior to the pandemic some people received the wine through intinction (dipping the bread in the wine), the bishop has advised that this practice is not to be used in the diocese, because of a greater concern of fingers inadvertently coming into contact with the wine. So, as of May 28<sup>th</sup>, we can do a couple of things: (1) Receive the bread and drink from the chalice or (2) continue to receive in one kind only (bread). The choice is entirely yours and the validity of the sacrament is real for each one.

**Maintenance Fund:** We continue to ask our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us lower our debt on the heating system. We borrowed the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan, we are happy to say will be completely paid off this coming November. Following that we will need to keep paying into our maintenance fund on a regular basis because within the next couple of years we will probably need to replace the roof shingles, among other necessary jobs to be done. Your support of the Maintenance Fund is extremely important to the parish.

**If you would like to receive the rector's messages, bulletins and other parish information** from time-to-time please provide him with your email address by contacting him at the following address: [lockyerrandy@gmail.com](mailto:lockyerrandy@gmail.com)

**2023 church envelopes are available.** If you don't yet have yours, please check the table in the foyer. If you don't see them there, please speak to Rev. Randy and he will provide them to you. If you are new to our parish and would like to offer regular support, please ask for your box of envelopes as well. If you would like to sign up for regular E-Giving forms for this can be obtained from the parish office or downloaded from the parish website.

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

**Columbarium niches** are still available for purchase. Approximately 31 of the 48 available have been sold since they were first installed in 2016. The cost is still \$3000 (no tax if purchased from the church, funeral home will charge tax) The plan is to install more of them once these are sold, however, the cost of future units will be determined by the cost of purchase and installation at that time. Anyone requiring more information about the columbarium is asked to speak to the rector.

**As we draw closer to Summer,** and as our parishioners think about travel, spending time away at the cottage, etc. please know that we appreciate it when we can keep up with our monthly financial commitments as a parish, which takes the pressure off our parish treasurer. We encourage the use of post-dated contributions, and especially signing up for E-Giving. Quite a few of our parishioners are already giving regularly electronically, if this is something you would like to do, please pick up the proper form from the parish office. We are also set-up for E-Transfer giving by using the parish email: [stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com](mailto:stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com) Regular contributions throughout the Summer really helps us stay on top of our bills, stipend, synod office assessment, etc. and makes it easier when things start up again in September.

**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. [www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch](https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch)

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

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - Teen Challenge Canada**, in support of the Atlantic Hope Women's Centre, presents the 2023 Gala Banquet. This is a dinner, silent auction and program to be held Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol Hotel, 208 Kenmount Road, St. John's. Doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner and auction at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$60 each and can be purchased by calling 709-351-4124 or online at [www.teenchallenge.ca](http://www.teenchallenge.ca)

**May 30<sup>th</sup> - Our Bishop will be holding Information Sessions** throughout the diocese over the next couple of months, to provide information, and to receive feedback on the *Diocesan Strategic Plan – Set Sail – Charting The Course For Christ's Church*. These sessions will be held in parish clusters, and our parish of St. Philip will host one on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm., in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. This session is open to all parishioners and groups from the following parishes: St. Philip's, Holy Innocents (Paradise), St. Lawrence (Portugal Cove), St. Cyprian's/St. Mary's (Bell Island), All Saints (Pouch Cove), St. Nicholas (Torbay). We encourage our own parishioners to please make every effort to attend.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> - The 2023 Annual Flower Service** will be on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm. We want to give everyone lots of advance notice, as some people living away may schedule their visit home around the time of the service.

**Youth Employment Opportunity**

The Anglican Church of St. Philips has received funding to employ: 1 Individual (15 -30 Years of Age) for 8 Weeks, 35 Hours/Week. **Anticipated start date: May 29, 2023** Resumes can be emailed to [gloriajoyearle@gmail.com](mailto:gloriajoyearle@gmail.com) **Application Deadline is: May 15, 2023** Duties to include: Painting of Church Office Spaces and Property Ongoing beautification and restoration of church property and memorial spaces. Assisting with church events and projects. Procurement and distribution of food for local foodbank. Other assigned duties as necessary.

**Thank you to Carol Bartlett** for organizing the recent Dessert Party. It was well attended, and enjoyed by everyone that attended. Thank you also to those who provided the lovely desserts. It was a great success and we look forward to another one next year.

**Congratulations to Rev. Russell Osmond** who celebrates the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his ordination as Deacon on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations to Dawn Cheeseman** on her recent award from the town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's, as "Senior Of The Year". We can certainly attest to all that Dawn does even here in the parish, especially her ongoing work in the beautification of the columbarium area. In the past number of months, Dawn has been part of our efforts to replace the covering on the church pews, along with Harvey & Ruth. Most of the seats have now been completed with just a couple more to do. Thank you Dawn!

**THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**A Dear Mother & Grandmother**

**Clementine MacRoberts**

**(May 3, 1923 - Jan. 30, 2012)**

*From Her Children*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Myrtle Mercer, Carrie Hiscock, Dorothy Walters, Phyllis Sharpe, Hilda Mercer and our Grandmothers**

**Forever Loved & Sadly**

**Missed**

*Ruth, Carol, Karen & Families*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Claudine Gillingham & Alma Earle**

*Given By:  
Gloria & David Earle  
& Family*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Joan Tucker**

*Given By:  
Edmund Tucker & Family*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Olive Sharpe, Grandmothers – Elsie Sharpe & Jessie Brown**

*Given By:  
Sharpe Family*

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Scriptural Sentence  
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*If you love me,  
you will keep my word,  
and my Father will love you,  
and we will come to you.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Acts 17: 22-31

Psalms 66  
8-20  
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**(Lori Gosse)**

2<sup>nd</sup> reading  
1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3: 13-22

**(Reegan Gosse)**

Gospel  
John 14: 15-21

**(Deacon Bonnell)**