

Feb. 5th

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: Gerry & Joanne Tucker, Greta Tucker, Gordon & Margaret Tucker, Joan Tucker, Moses J & Linda Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Bonavista (2 congregations), Rector – Rev. Eli Cross; and the Parish of Bonne Bay North (3 congregations), Priest-in-Charge - Rev. Wilhelmena Green.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the diocese Quebec, The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers – Bishop, The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton, Vicar General & Archdeacon and all Diocesan staff.

Feb. 12th

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, 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 ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – Karen J. Trucker, Lillian Tucker, Margaret Tucker, Mark & Sharon Tucker, Blair & Martina Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of South India (United).

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Bone Bay South 3 congregations), vacant; the Parish of Botwood (3 congregations), Rector – Rev. Cindy Graham, Deacon – Rev. Donald Brett.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Quebec, the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers – Bishop, The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton, Vicar General & Archdeacon and all diocesan Staff.

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Feb. 5th and Feb. 12th, 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:

Greetings from the parish. Last week I emailed a document titled, **Set Sail – Charting The Course For Christ's Church**. I hope you had an opportunity to read this document, because over the next couple of years it will be a guide to reshaping the ministry of our diocese, and our parish. The document comes from the November 2022 session of Synod, where our bishop kicked off a strategic planning process, based on his vision for our diocese. The resulting document, which is before us now, sets before us 6 strategic goals that, God willing, will help us achieve our vision. The objective for 2023 is to make all parishes in our diocese familiar with the outlined goals, and take actions to adapt them to our own parish circumstance and reality. Next year, 2024, each parish will be asked to prioritize the first 2 "ships" of the vision (Deepening Relationships and Transforming Discipleship), so that we, as Anglicans, can continue to grow and develop who we are as faithful members of the church. In 2025 the diocese will place the emphasis on the last 2 "ships" of the vision (Renewing Stewardship and Engaging Partnerships). This 3 - year strategic plan has the potential to both grow our own individual faith, and to grow the church into something transformational.

Today, I want us to do something very basic, to simply look at the graphic on the cover of the strategic plan. You see a ship, with sails and a church, riding the waves of the sea. That ship, with the church – which includes all of us, as the body of Christ, holds much symbolism. I think about the story of Jesus asleep in the boat, a storm comes and the disciples are in fear of their lives, in a panic they awake Jesus, and he calms the waters (Mark 4). The reality of our human lives is that sometimes we do indeed face some terrible storms, both literally and figuratively, and we are surrounded by water on this island we call home. In our province of Newfoundland and Labrador, sometimes church buildings were strategically located in communities so that they could be landmarks for fishing boats navigating stormy waters and finding safe refuge in the harbor. I like to think that they sometimes guided these ships in and thereby saved the lives of those on board. We think of the early apostles, many of them called by Jesus were fishermen (or today we would say fisherpersons), they knew the dangers of the sea, and the importance of a strong and sturdy ship to earn their living and keep them safe. The image of a ship has always been important to the church, even in church building architecture. Many traditional church buildings, if you were to vision them flipped upside down, would look like a ship. That's why we often refer to the part of the church where the congregation sits, and the worship occurs, as *The Nave* (from the word Navy). Think about the

sails on the ship as well, how important they are to guiding the ship to its destination, and what do they need? They need wind to move it forward, and wind can be both our friend and enemy. Wind will cause the storm to be dangerous, but it is also absolutely vital to propelling the ship forward. In a storm it is a skilled captain that can harness the wind to direct the ship where it needs to go. In some ways, in the last few decades, and more especially during the last 3 years of a pandemic, the church has been caught in some very strong storms, as it struggles to be faithful to the call of the gospel, while seeing declining membership and resources. In all that time we have never questioned the call of God on the church, but we have struggled with interpreting the call in the present age. The church that many of us were born into and grew up in, has been gone for some time now, and, though we long for *the good old days*, we know we can't spend our time looking in the rear-view mirror. Think of a car, we are moving forward but sometimes we do need to glance back in the rear-view mirror. Now if we kept our eyes stuck in that mirror, in all likelihood we would soon crash into another vehicle or go off the road. The church can't forget its past, we need to honor it and, to a point, be partially guided by it, but we can't spend our time trying to relive it. The church is a living entity, it needs to be visioning and planning, it needs to be excited about the future. That's my prayer for our diocese, and, more pointedly for our parish here in St. Philip's. I invite you to be part of the vision of this parish, to join us on the exciting journey of discovering where Christ is calling us to go, and what he is calling us to do and to be. You might even say that this is a personal call to you to join with us in the vision and ministry of our parish. Now that we are emerging from a 3 year pandemic, I call on everyone to participate in the life, worship and ministry of the Parish of St. Philip.

Rev. Randy

The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rentals. If you would like to book the hall, or would like information about rental costs, please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell at 895-3581. Because of costs, earlier this year Vestry made a slight increase to rental rates. It was a very minimal increase and the facility is still the least costly venue in the town.

A message from our hospital chaplains – whenever you are admitted to one of our local hospitals, and would like to receive a visit from one of our Anglican chaplains, please register as "Anglican" and indicate at that time that you wish to see a chaplain during your stay. Unless you do this the chaplain may not know you are there.

More help is needed with the ACM recycling program. Did you know that over the many years our ACM has been collecting recyclables they have brought over \$250,000 into the parish? Each week the recyclables are picked up from designated drop off bins in town, taken to the sorting and counting location, and counted and bagged on Monday nights. Once there is enough collected, they are taken to the recycling depot in St. John's. There is a need for more help in doing this work. If you would like to be part of this very important work, and can spare a couple of hours on Monday nights, please speak to Gary King or John Parrell.

Envelope drop-off box in the foyer. The box formerly used to collect Canadian Tire money, has now been repurposed to receive weekly envelopes. This box is accessible most days of the week (Monday – Friday) in the afternoons, when the main doors are open. If you have church envelopes to drop off to the church during the week, and the office is not open, please drop them into the box next to the nursery room door. This box will be checked at the end of each day and any envelopes inside will be transferred to the office safe until monies are counted on Sundays.

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 & 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.

Parish will have Stella's Circle cleaners back again. We had been using this service prior to the pandemic, but dropped it when the churches were closed down. Three years later, and because our group of volunteer cleaners have dwindled in numbers or gotten older, it is necessary again to avail of this service. Like everything else, the cost of this service has increased greatly, and we will determine its affordability as we go. The contract now will be from February 3rd until March 31st, then we will evaluate as to whether it meets our needs and is affordable. Our snow clearing costs have also increased this year (first time in over 20 years) as well, so we will need the full financial support of all our parishioners to keep up with the additional costs.

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.

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 to read the bulletins.

New information brochures for Planned Giving is available in the foyer. Kevin Smith has been the Planned Giving diocesan officer for many years but will be retiring from the position in June. He is currently going around the parishes to update the brochures. If you are interested in how you can be part of this program please take a brochure, it is also posted on the parish website.

We are hoping to get Sunday School up and going. If you have children or grandchildren you would like to register for Sunday School, please submit the names to us. We will be starting slowly and hoping to have both an adequate number of children and leaders.

Our ACM (Men's group) held their annual meeting and election of officers recently, and there was no change to the executive for this year. Gary King is President, Deacon Bonnell -Vice-President, Moses Tucker – Treasurer, Harvey Hiscock – Secretary. We ask for your full support of our ACM in the coming year as they undertake various activities of fellowship and fundraising.

Our ACW held their annual meeting this past week and election of officers. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: President – Bernice King, Vice-President – Barb Skinner, Secretary – Ruth Hiscock, Treasurer – Susan Powell, Altar Guild – Margaret Tucker, Family Life – Viola Squires, Social Concern – Pheobe Parrell, Flower Convenor – Linda Tucker, Members at Large – Dawn Cheeseman & Betty Lewis. Many thanks to outgoing president, Betty Lewis for a great job done in 2022. A Communion Breakfast and installation of officers for both the ACW and the ACM will take place in the next month or so.

February 22 - Lent will be here in a couple of weeks! It seems like Christmas was just here and now we are already thinking ahead to Lent & Easter. We begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, with our service of Ashes & Holy Eucharist. Following that we will have our mid-week Lenten service every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. This year we will follow a program called *The Parables of Lent*. We had started this program in Lent 2020 but was interrupted by the global pandemic and the closing of churches, so we will pick it up again. We hope you will journey with us through Lent.

Please keep our building secure. We have had no recent security issues, but from time-to-time it is good for us to remind everyone entrusted with a key to the building that it is the responsibility of that person to safe guard the key, and to ensure the key is never given to any unauthorized person. Please ensure that all lights are turned out, garbage placed in the outside box, the door securely closed and locked. If a person receives a key for a specific duty and that person is no longer in that role the key must be returned so it can be given to the new person in that role.

A call for musical talent is going out to all our parishioners. As we all know, there are a lot of people in our congregation with gifts of music and/or song, which we would like to incorporate into our worship from time-to-time. Rev. Randy hopes to hold a Memorial Hymn-Sing in March, and draw on some of our parish talent to participate in addition to our choir. This service will be held on a Sunday evening on a specific date to be determined later. If you or anyone in your family would like to prepare a hymn(s) or gospel song(s) please speak to Rev. Randy. It is our hope to be able to occasionally do some services to involve members of the congregation in this way.

Many thanks to Charlie Gosse for the fine work he did for the past 14 years as our Envelope Secretary. We really appreciate all that he did and his faithfulness in always being present at Vestry meetings to present his reports. We are also **pleased to welcome Marie Chafe** as our new Envelope Secretary.

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

Sunday, February 12th is Queen's College Appeal Sunday in our diocese. There will be appeal envelopes provided in next Sunday's bulletin, so that parishioners have an opportunity to support the work of Queen's College in training men and women for ordained ministry, as well as programs and degrees for lay people wishing to enhance their theological education for lay ministry. St. Philip's, like all parishes in NL have relied heavily on Queen's College for clergy trained there. Please support the college with your prayers and regular support.

February 21 – Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 pm in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. A signup sheet will be available soon for those who wish to attend. Pancake Day is known as Shrove Tuesday, also known as Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras (in French) and by many other nicknames. It's the big hurrah before Christians start Lent, a season of prayer, penance and fasting in preparation for the Easter season. Why are pancakes being served? There are various answers to this, but one historical answer is It started when Pope St. Gregory prohibited Christians from eating all forms of meat and animal products during Lent around A.D. 600. He told St. Augustine of Canterbury, a founder of the Christian church in southern England, to enforce those same fasting rules in England. So, Christians made pancakes to use up their supply of eggs, milk and butter in preparation for Lent. Our pancake supper on February 21st will be our preparation to celebrate a Holy Lent. Pancakes, Sausages, tea/coffee. Cost \$10.00. Children six and under free. Anyone wanting to donate items for the supper, such as sausages, pancake mix, etc., your donation will be greatly appreciated.

February 26 - Annual meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, February 26th, following the morning worship. We hope this year to get back to a more normal time by having a pot-luck lunch before the meeting. All reports to be copied for the meeting should be passed on to the Rector by February 15th. If you would like to serve on vestry, please submit your name for election at the meeting.

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF:

Feb. 5th and Feb. 12th

IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In Loving Memory of

Our Dear Mother

Phyllis Naomi Squires

July 23, 1923 – Jan. 17th, 2009

Given by: Canon Shirley & Charlie Gosse

and all the family

Bob Halfyard

Passed away Jan 26, 2022

Given by: Lorraine & Susan

Leila Tulk

Nov. 29th 1957 – Feb. 7th, 2019

Given by: Tom, Renee, Jerreed & Alexis

Feb. 5th

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptural Sentence

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.

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1st Reading

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Psalms 112: 1-9

Pages: 860-861

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading

1st Corinthians 2: 1-12

(David Earle)

Gospel

Matthew 5: 13-20

(Deacon Bonnell)

Feb. 12th

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptural Sentence

Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple.

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1st Reading

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Psalms 119: 1-8

Pages: 868-869

(Lori Gosse)

2nd Reading

1st Corinthians : 1-9

(Reegan Gosse)

Gospel

Matthew 5 : 21-37

(Deacon Bonnell)