

June 14th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in his name. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Rick & Linda Thomas, Mark & Didi Todd, Jason & Krista Trask, Abner & Fanny Tucker, Carol Ann Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Province of Myanmar (Burma) – The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of The Holy Spirit (5 congregations); Rector, Rev. Beverly Buffett; the Parish of The Holy Trinity (6 congregations) - Rector, Rev. Lisa Payne; Parish of Indian Bay (4 congregations) - Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Daphne Parsons.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

June 21st

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Darcy & Winnie Tucker, Darlene J. Tucker, Douglas & Judy Tucker, Edith Tucker, Edmund Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) – The Most Revd Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba, Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Isle aux Morts/Fox Roost/Margaree (2 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Nathan Cutler and the Parish of Pasadena/Cormack (2 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge – Bill Belamy.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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June 14th and 21st, 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:

This week (writing on June 11th), we saw our province move to level 3 as we go through the Covid-19 Pandemic. This means that gradually some restrictions are being lifted or eased, and, some businesses and services are being reopened, albeit very cautiously. For example, this morning my wife and I went out to breakfast, I got a haircut, and dropped her off to her hairdresser's salon, where she will be for a few hours now (she longed for this day). So, life as we knew it pre-Covid 19, is gradually coming back, but it remains to be seen if it will ever be what it was before. At breakfast I asked the waiter if they have been busy so far this week, to which he replied that many people are still afraid to come out for fear of the virus. After 3 months in relative isolation there is still fear within us that holds us back from enjoying life a little more. We can understand that, and, I believe some of that fear is inside each one of us. It has been a difficult 3 months, and, we are still in a fragile state, because one person traveling into our province can unknowingly spread the virus again, thus returning us to level 4 or 5 again. This has, and, continues to be very difficult on everyone, the last thing we want is to see another outbreak that would set us back, and, God forbid that it should attach itself to the elderly and other at risk people in our society. So, until a vaccine is put in place to control Covid-19 we must proceed cautiously and optimistically, we must look after one another and keep everyone safe. The damage this terrible virus has done to our world, and the impact on all our lives has been astronomical. Not a part of our lives that have not been affected in some way, even our worship and spiritual lives. In an online meeting with our bishop last evening I commented that I hope and pray that when our churches can finally open again, that all of us will have a new and deeper appreciation for our freedom to gather in worship, that our churches will be fuller than before. I believe we will see a resurgence of interest in worship and spiritual matters post-Covid 19. The bishop hopes to soon reveal a plan that our diocese is putting together for the eventual reopening of our church buildings. I say "church buildings" because the church has been very much open and active throughout this pandemic. One of the great concerns we have of course is the very real possibility that there will be a second wave of the virus before a vaccine can be available to the public. This has to be a concern for all churches because a large percentage of our parishioners are among the elderly and most vulnerable. A plan for reopening will include all possible precautions and safeguards to protect our people, both parishioners and visitors. It is not known yet how or when this reopening of church buildings will begin and what "worship" will

look like in the initial opening. It may very well be going into Fall before we even get there. I will update you on this as more information becomes available. One of the major concerns we have as a diocese is the financial impact of Covid-19 on our parishes in the diocese. Many parishes have seen their income level decrease to the extent that the diocese has to dip into its reserves in order to keep these parishes afloat. It is estimated that, if the present scenario continues, the diocese will not be able to afford this beyond the end of 2020. Thus far, the parish of St. Philip's is faring much better than some others, but we do need the continued financial support of everyone to ride out this pandemic. There are several ways our parishioners can ensure their weekly or monthly offerings can get delivered. Some people bring them Sunday mornings, and, following the parking lot worship service, drive by and drop them in the collection plate. Some drop them into the office during the week. They can be mailed to 20 Coady's Road, PCSP A1M 1L1. Recently we registered for Etransfer givings which can be done by using the email address:

stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com

You can leave a note in the message box, and, it will get added to your regular givings and on your annual church receipt. Your offering will ensure our parish continues to be financially sound. We all look forward to a time of being together again here at St. Philip's church, and, it will happen in due time. The most important thing we can continue to do is pray, and, support one another from a distance. I am always available here at the office if you need to speak to me, I can pray with you over the phone if you want. I will continue to post an abbreviated service to Facebook each week, and, stand outside the front door of the church at 10:30 am to lead worship as you park a safe distance from each other to listen and pray along with me. The "church" we are part of cannot be contained only in buildings, Christ cannot be contained in buildings. The gospel today (Mt. 9:35 – 10:8) gives us an account of the calling of the first disciples to go out into the ripened vineyard to call and to minister to God's people. Not to worry how this is to be done, for the God who calls them will supply them with all they need to do it successfully. We too are trusting that, if we remain faithful to God's call, God will supply us with everything we need to bear witness in the world around us. So, we must never lose hope, and, we must never be overwhelmed in the storms of life, for the same Jesus who calmed the Sea of Galilee, and restored peace to his disciples in that boat, is with us in these rough and troubled waters we are now in. Have a blessed week, and, keep safe as we continue to make our way through this Pandemic. Please pray for your parish as well during this time as we approach 13 weeks of our building being closed. The office is open at various times most days if you need to speak to me, or call 693-8537. Blessings!

Rev. Randy

We received a grant from the Anglican Foundation to help with the plans we have for the cemetery space around the columbaria. Given the difficult year it is shaping up to be for investments we are very fortunate and grateful to receive this grant of \$2500. When we start and complete these beautifications will depend on the lifting of restrictions around Covid-19. Our parish supports the work of the Anglican Foundation, and, our own Debbie Collis is a member of the Foundation.

We honor our high school graduates. This has been a difficult year for teachers, students and parents. We are especially sorry that the grade 12 graduates did not get to have the traditional graduation ceremonies and celebrations that they have been looking forward to for several years. From St. Philip's parish – congratulations on your achievement, and best wishes for a bright future ahead of you!

If you would like to receive Rev. Randy's weekly email please provide your email address. Periodically the rector sends out emails to all those in the parish whose email he has on file. Please provide him with your email address by emailing him at lockyerrandy@gmail.com

Anyone desiring to have children baptized, please speak to Rev. Randy. We can do baptisms as long as we abide by the government and health regulations around Covid-19.

If anyone is going through a difficult time and in need of food because of the Covid-19 closedown please contact Rev. Randy by calling the church office at 895-0715 We have been reminding people that the church is here to help, and, if someone is in need of food we will do our very best to help with that.

Rev. Randy is available for prayer – during this time of separation and isolation many people may be feeling lonely. If you would like prayer please contact the office (895-0715) and Rev. Randy will pray with you on the phone.

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.**

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

Congratulations to Deacon Ed and Debbie Bonnell on becoming grandparents this past week. Their daughter Sarah Basle gave birth to *Joel Zeke* on June 7th. Congratulations to Sarah and Zack on the arrival of their little boy.

Congratulations to Canon Don as he celebrates his 60th anniversary of being ordained a Deacon in the Church on June 19th. What a wonderful milestone, and, we celebrate with him.

June 21st is Father's day. We take this opportunity to wish all the Dads of our Parish a very Happy Father's Day. It is also a time to reflect and give thanks for our Dads no longer with us.

Rev. Randy plans to post another short worship service on Facebook every Sunday. Please share it widely with others once you see it. It will also be on the parish Facebook page.

The past several Sundays Rev. Randy has conducted church services from the church entrance, with parishioners listening from their vehicles. If weather permits we will continue do so, however, we must insist that everyone continue to maintain the principle of physical distancing by remaining in the vehicle at all times.

Cemetery Services in our diocese have been put on hold this Summer until such a time as congregations are able to meet together. Ours was scheduled for July 26th but as of now, the service will not proceed at that time. Please do maintain the graves of your loved ones as you exercise physical distancing.

We received a \$2500 grant from the Anglican Foundation to use toward our cemetery beautification project near the Columbaria. We are grateful for this grant, and, urge everyone to continue to support the work of the Anglican Foundation. Our own parish treasurer, Debbie Collis, is also a member of the Foundation.

Recently all the exterior lighting of the building was replaced at a cost of nearly \$1400.00 We are grateful that this was paid for by a member of our congregation who wishes to remain anonymous. If you are around the area after dark you will notice a remarkable improvement to the lighting all around the building. The lighting is also energy efficient. Thank you for this gift to the parish, it was well needed and also improves safety for those using the building after dark.

As we are now in level 3 of this pandemic the numbers have gone up for those allowed to assemble for weddings and funerals. If you have already made plans, or intend to get married at St. Philip's church, please speak to Rev. Randy about those new regulations.

Let's call one another –we are probably home! Many of us are missing those we are so used to seeing on Sunday morning in church. Why not pick up the phone and give them a call, no doubt it will make their day and reassure them that they are not forgotten. This is a real ministry of the church that we can all engage in.

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship as appointed in our BAS Lectionary.

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The Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel.	The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord; and you also are witnesses.
Epistle & Gospel	Epistle & Gospel
1st Reading: Genesis 18: 1-15 (21: v.1-7)	1st Reading: Genesis 21: 8-21
Psalm 116 v. 1 and 10-17 Pages: 864-865	Psalm 86 v. 1-10 and 16-17 Pages: 819-820
2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-8	2nd Reading: Romans 6: 1b - 11
Gospel: Matthew 9: v. 35 to 10: v. 8 (9-23)	Gospel: Mathew 10: 24-39

THE BULLETIN
FOR THE WEEKS OF
JUNE 14TH AND 21ST
IS GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD AND
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF:

Hubert Mercer
(Oct. 27, 1925 – Apr. 26, 2011)

*A Wonderful Father,
Grandfather, and Father-in-law*

*Forever in our hearts and
fondly remembered by his
loving family*



Robert Tucker
(1934 – 2006)

*A Dear Husband, Father,
Grandfather and
Great-Grandfather*

Always in our hearts

Given by:
Margaret & Family

Notes

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.

Please try to be regular in your weekly offering to the parish. As we now enter into the months of Summer, many people will be enjoying the nice weather (we hope) and travelling around more, or spending more time at the cottage, etc. If you are able to get your envelope offering to the parish that will be a tremendous help to us to keep up with our monthly bills. You can mail them to the parish, drop them off to the office during the week, or you can use our E-transfer (this is new for us). Thank you for your faithful support to St. Philip's parish even through this time of Pandemic.

During this time with our church building closed down a few people are opting to sign up for E-Giving. The form for this is available on the church website with all the relevant information. This is an excellent way to give because even if one cannot get to the church the offering is still given. We do have a number of people making their contributions bi-weekly or monthly in this way. You can also call the church office to get the form.

Rev. Randy will be at the church every Sunday morning during close-down for anyone that would like to come by the church to drop off their weekly offering. The time for this will be between 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Of course you can drop by anytime during the week as well when the office is open, or, you can mail it to the church. It is so important for us to keep up with our regular offerings to the church during this time so that we can keep all the church bills paid.

If your church can be of any help to you during this time of Covid-19 please let us know. We recognize that maybe some of our seniors may not be able to get out to purchase their groceries, or fill prescriptions, etc., if you are in need of someone to do these things for you please call the church office and we will ensure that someone comes to help you. Please call 895-0715 and leave a message or call Rev. Randy directly at 693-8537.

ANGLICAN ALLIANCE BIBLE STUDIES - FAITH IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS. As we continue to worship at home perhaps the following link will be useful to you. Go online and give it a look: <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/sqe-anglican/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/22143718/COVID-19-Bible-studies-FINAL.pdf>

What does the future of the Church look like? In this case of a global Pandemic, and, as we see the situation in our own nation, province and communities presently, the whole Church of every single denomination and faith are in exactly the same position. When this is all over every church will be seeking to find once again its place in the community. When we look at biblical history every desert experience ended with new hope and new life. We pray that as we come through this desert time the church will find that it has been strengthened and given a clear vision of ministry. We pray that there will be a resurgence of living faith and that the church will be bold in leading it.

Remember (when things get back to normal) that the first Sunday of each month there will be coffee/tea, juice and other refreshments served prior to the 10:30 am worship service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and welcoming everyone that comes. Thank you to Lisa for organizing it each month and to the youth that help her to serve. Anyone wishing to sponsor refreshments for a future time please contact Lisa Lake (Brown).

St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry will continue to operate during this difficult time. As you can imagine, there are a number of vulnerable people in our community who are in need. We are anticipating an increased demand for the pop-up pantry and as such we are asking those of you who are able, to continue to donate. Donations may be dropped off between 10 am and 1pm Mondays and Tuesdays at St. Lawrence's Anglican church. Please note that we now accept frozen items as well. Though it is at St. Lawrence's church it is a community venture supported by other churches and community organizations including our own parish of St. Philip.

Church Chuckle

"The maintenance of the church graveyard is becoming very expensive. It would be a great help if church members would do their best to tend their own graves!"



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Stewardship thought for the Week

"The Biblical world view of stewardship can be defined as utilizing and managing everything God brings into our lives in a manner that honours God"

St. Philip's parish is now setup to receive E-Transfers. With the church building closed some people are looking for ways to make their weekly, biweekly or monthly contribution to the parish. After being closed down now for 7 Sundays the parish really does need those offerings. These days many of us do online banking and send etransfers, 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.