

Nov. 15th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us through our offering this day, renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Greg & Michele Moss, Barry & Deborah Myers, John & Susanne Myrick, Dianne Neil, Cynthia Oliver and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabay – Bishop of Colombo, The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando – Bishop of Kurunegala

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Timoty, Rigolet, – Rector, Rev. Sarah Baikie and the Parish of All Saints, Stephenville Crossing – Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Norman Cutler.

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

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Nov. 15th, and Nov. 22nd, 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: As I write my reflection this week, for the Sundays of Nov. 15th and 22nd, I am mindful that this is "Remembrance Day", a very special day of the year as we honor our war veterans, those currently serving, and pay tribute to those who gave their lives in the fight for liberty and democracy. In my former parish I served for 8 years as the Royal Canadian Legion Chaplain in Grand Falls – Windsor, and experienced the depth of emotions our veterans experience every November 11th. Unfortunately, with the passing of time, our veterans become increasingly less as they pass away. When we consider that it has been 75 years since the end of World War One and 70 years since the beginning of the Korean War, we can see why the number of veterans would be rapidly declining. However, we must remember that there have been other wars and conflicts since where our Canadian military personnel have served, and many are serving presently in peacekeeping roles. In recent years a lot of young men and women have also given their lives in the same fight for peace and freedom throughout our world, and we have had the sad experience of repatriation back home to Canada following their tragic deaths. As we honor those of major wars such as WW1, WW2 and The Korean Conflict, may we not forget others since and presently that have picked up the torch and carry it bravely and with pride. World peace is something that we pray for all the time, but, thus far I don't think we have ever achieved it in the history of humanity. When we read our scriptures it confronts us there as well. In the Old Testament we read about The battle of Jericho, The Battle of Ai, The Battle Against The Philistines, The War Between Israel and Judah, The Assyrian Siege on Jerusalem, The battle of Megiddo, and The Maccabean Revolt, to name some of them. The sad reality is that sometimes even the Church was deeply involved in "Holy War", which I suppose could be argued to be a contradiction of terms, especially when these bloody wars were unjustified and served no purpose but to increase the power and wealth of the church. We saw a lot of that in the Middle Ages with The Crusades, a series of eight violent and bloody expeditions between 1096 – 1291. Many innocent men, women and children lost their lives in these expeditions sanctioned and led by the church. Isn't

Hitler had been allowed to carry out his plan for world domination. Imagine the lives lost in just that 6 year war, and the devastation left behind. The world has not yet fully recovered from it, and our hearts carry the weight of such human loss and suffering. We pray for lasting peace, and for a time when soldiers and military might will not be necessary to keep us free. Unfortunately it has not come yet, and the need is still there for those who are prepared to defend us from the evil of war. Jesus came as the Prince of Peace, and I think it is still his desire for all of humanity to learn to live together in a world filled with love and peace. That dream can only become reality when we all work toward it. Isaiah 2:4 is perhaps the greatest verse in scripture that sums up what Jesus desired and what we all want: *Then He will judge between the nations and arbitrate for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer take up the sword against nation, nor train anymore for war.* May that be our prayer, and may it start with our own expression of love for one another. When we realize that we are all one human family, created equally in the image of God, we can do much to make that dream a reality.

(Rev. Randy)

This year our Christmas Eve services may be different than past years, however, we want to let everyone know that we will be having services that day (Thursday Dec. 24th). Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 our children will not be doing the usual pageant that day, which we will miss seeing, but we do want our young families to still make the 4:00 pm family service. Rev. Randy will also be offering a 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm service that night as well. It will be necessary for everyone to call up our registrars, Donna and Janice Spurrell (895-3581) to register for whichever service you plan to attend. At the moment our maximum numbers are still set at 100 people at a time. Of course we are still in the grip of the pandemic and things can change quickly, but if all is as it is now we will have three time slots to choose from on Christmas Eve.

Baptisms and weddings are still being done inside the church building. For now, baptisms are still taking place outside the normal worship times. We must still adhere to the maximum number of 100 persons and sanitizing the building after each use. If you need to book a baptism or wedding please call Rev. Randy. We can do these as long as we abide by the government and health regulations around Covid-19. If you have a child to be baptized please call Rev. Randy to set up a time.

We are still checking out the possibility of an FM frequency at St. Philip's. Thanks to Vestry member Tom Tulk we know that such a system will cost approximately \$2500. Vestry must now decide if this cost is affordable in these difficult times of Covid-19 when parish income is dramatically down. If it is something anyone would like to donate in memory of loved ones please speak to Rev. Randy. The system would allow for outdoor services being broadcast via your car radio instead of having to lower your windows, especially on a cold wet day. It would also be good for the cemetery services for those who have mobility issues. The system is usable within a 500 feet radius.

The 8:30 am worship services have now resumed. Anyone attending the service will have to register the same as for the 10:30 am service, and adhere to the diocesan and medical officer's restrictions.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance forms are now available at the main entrance. The lighting of the tree will take place on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. The last day to return the forms with the information will be Sunday, December 13th. Again it is a time to remember our loved ones at Christmas time and to light the tree in their memory. We will

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.**

that the case in all war? Are not the innocent often the ones that pay the highest price? We are thankful for those who have stepped up in times throughout human history to fight against the evils of war. Just imagine the world today if

gather around the tree, Rev. Randy will read all the names, a prayer will be said and some carols will be played over the PA system. If anyone wishes to remain in the cars Rev. Randy will be broadcasting it so everyone can hear.

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

As we quickly draw close to the end of 2020 we want to say thank you for your steadfast financial support of your church over these tumultuous months of the Pandemic. Most of 2020 will have been affected by Covid-19 and perhaps even as we begin the new year, but we are so thankful for the faithful support of our parishioners that have made it possible for us to keep up with all our financial obligations, we have been blessed. Our financial books will close for the year on December 31st, so there is still opportune time for everyone in the parish to get their annual offerings in before that time.

2021 Church Envelopes will be available as of Sunday, November 22nd. Please take yours and any others there for family, friends or neighbors. Some people are set-up for online giving but it is still good for them to have their packet of envelopes so that they can use other special envelopes such as PWRDF, Cemetery Offerings, etc.

ACM Salmon Dinner Takeout will be held on **Saturday, November 21st at 5:00 pm**. Because of Covid-19 restrictions there cannot be a sit-down dinner. The cost of tickets is \$20.00 each. This dinner was planned to go ahead months ago but had to be cancelled when everything closed down in the pandemic. If you purchased a ticket back then and did not get a refund your ticket is still good for this dinner. Dinners will be available to be picked up at the door beginning at 5:00 pm. Please wear a mask and maintain the principle of physical distancing as you pick up your dinner.

Diocesan Electoral Synod will be held on Saturday, **November 28th**, to elect the next bishop to lead our diocese. In addition to Rev. Randy our other delegates are Moses & Linda Tucker, and Brady Snow is our youth representative. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we chose our next bishop. This will be a different Synod from the past as it will be all held virtually.

Advent is nearly upon us and it is also a time for us to prepare for Christmas. We have 4 Sundays to countdown to Christmas, and our Vestry decided that maybe we can invite the congregation to participate in a **countdown project**. Starting on the first Sunday of Advent we will have a collection receptacle in the foyer marked "Food Box", and invite everyone to set aside one non-perishable item each day of the week to be deposited in the food box on Sunday. Once Advent is over the food will be taken to St. Lawrence's pop-up pantry where it will be given as food hampers to those in need. We do hope that as many as possible will participate.

Our ACW is now up and running again after a long 8 month break. Unfortunately they were not able to carry out all their planned fundraisers in 2020 but are doing what they can to contribute to the parish budget. Presently they are selling tickets that will be drawn in December, please support their efforts.

**THE BULLETIN FOR THE
WEEKS OF**

Nov. 15th. & Nov. 22nd.

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

**Thomas Skinner (Husband)
Thomas Skinner Jr. (Son)**

Given by:
Ruby Skinner

And

**Thomas Skinner (Father)
Thomas Skinner Jr. (Brother)**

Given by :
Lorraine Whelan

And

**Claudine Gillingham
April 20, 1937 – Nov. 18, 1997**

Given by:
Gloria, David, Christopher, Mark &
Alexa

Edgar Clark
Nov. 11, 1976
&
Gladys Clark
Oct. 22, 1995

Given by:
Daughter-in-Law
Joyce Clark and Family

And

Margaret Mercer Molloy
Dec. 22, 1905 – Nov. 22, 1997
Never to be forgotten

Given by:
Daughter Rose Mercer

And

Howard Tucker (Special Friend)
April 18, 1926 – Nov. 4, 2001

Given by:
Special friend Rose Mercer

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.

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. Presently, because of Covid-19 restrictions, outside of regular worship there are not many other activities to report on. A limited number will be available on Sunday mornings, however, we do encourage parishioners to go online at stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund World of Gifts - Are you thinking of gift giving for friends and family? Why not check out World of Gifts! Go to gift guide online at pwrdf.org/worldofgifts and make your purchases 24/7. These gifts can truly change lives! As Christmas may look much different this year in terms of family getting together from away, and many of the traditional gift-giving ideas will not take place, maybe this venue with PWRDF may be a great way to give a gift to a family that will make a meaningful difference. Check out the site and see how cheap it is to provide a family with a gift of a goat, or chickens, or a donkey to carry water, or to provide PPE equipment to keep clinics safe. You can truly give the gift that gives life.

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.

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 is the status of parish hall rentals? At this time The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is not available for general rentals. As of September, we made the hall available to our major renters, The Ballcatters and Eastern Health group, as long as they had documentation from Eastern Health showing their start-up plan.

Even though our church building is now open for worship services E-Giving is still a good way to make regular offerings. 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.

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

Church Chuckle

Secretary: "I type by the biblical system."

Deacon: "What is that?"

Secretary: "The 'seek and ye shall find' system."

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Give naught, get same.
Give much, get same.

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 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 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.

<p>Nov. 15th Page 392</p> <p><i>I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.</i></p> <p>Epistle & Gospel</p> <p>1st Reading</p> <p>Judges 4: 1-7</p> <p>Psalm 123 Page 883-884</p> <p>2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11</p> <p>Gospel: St. Matthew 25: 14-30</p>	<p>Nov. 22nd. Reign of Christ Sunday Page 394</p> <p><i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!</i></p> <p>Epistle & Gospel</p> <p>1st Reading</p> <p>Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24</p> <p>Psalm 100 Page 838</p> <p>2nd Reading Ephesians 1: 15-23</p> <p>Gospel: St. Matthew 25: 31-46</p>
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