

Aug. 9th .

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open your hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; 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): Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Ches, Ethel & Lisa Barfitt; David & Carol Bartlett; Rev. Ed & Debbie Bonnell; Cecile Bradbury; Dr. Greg & Lisa Brown/Lake and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda – The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda – Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda & Bishop of Shyira.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Pouch Cove, Rector – The Rev. Emeline Coffin-Strickland and the Parish of Torbay, Rector – The Rev. Eric Squires.

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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broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever .

Prayer over the Gifts:
you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion:
have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer
(this week we remember) Frank Burry; Trevor Burry; Tom & Elizabeth Bursey; Bernice Butler; Wanda Butler and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
Episcopal Church – The Most Revd Mark Strange – Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness .

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College Community: The Corporation, Faculty, Administrative Staff and Students and the Parish of the Resurrection, Rector – The Rev. Canon Gerald Westcott..

Provincial Prayer Care
Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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Aug. 9th and Aug. 16th , 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 Sunday coming, August 9th, is a reminder to us of how quickly Summer is going by, and, with that a reminder of how long our lives have been disrupted by Covid-19, it's been approximately 5 months since we held the last regular Sunday service inside our church building. It will also mark the 19th Sunday that we have been doing our Sunday services in the parking lot. It is our hope to be able to reopen the building, of course adhering to the public health guidelines in place, after the Labour Day weekend. Our committee is working toward that goal and, God willing we will soon ask the Bishop's permission to reopen. We will only do so if we are completely satisfied that every precaution has been taken to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone, especially given that a large percentage of our congregants are among the elderly and vulnerable. Speaking of our Bishop, please remember him and his family in your prayers as they celebrate the long life of his father, the late Ralph Peddle, who passed away earlier this week at the great age of 98 in Mount Pearl. In these past 5 months we can say that we have been in one of the major storms of life because of Covid-19, many in our nation and globally have been infected and many of them have died. Our provincial, national and global economies have been devastated, many have become unemployed, and our country has taken on an unprecedented amount of debt. It gives us all cause for great concern, and, we know that much of it will be inherited by our children and grandchildren. This year we will have all 3 of our sons (Kirkland, Dylan & Adam) attending Memorial University at various levels, and, certainly my wife and I are mindful of what lies ahead for them and their generation. Like every storm so too the storms of life will come to pass, and there has never been a greater call for

faith and prayer. The gospel reading for this Sunday (Mt. 14: 22-33) is that beautiful story of Jesus sending his disciples ahead of him to the other side of the lake, while he dismissed the crowds that he had been teaching and feeding. He then goes alone up the mountain to pray. While the disciples are crossing the lake in boat a great storm overtakes them, the water is beating against the boat, and they are terrified. Like all of us they became terrified and afraid of drowning. Then in the midst of the storm comes Jesus walking on the water toward them, at first they think it is a ghost until Jesus speaks to them to reassure them it is he. Peter, at the call of Jesus, steps out of the boat into the water and is walking toward Jesus, until he took his eyes off Jesus and looked at the raging waters, then he begins to sink and is terrified again. Jesus reaches out and catches Peter and together they step back into the boat, then the storm stops. Jesus says – *"you of little faith, why did you doubt?"* It is true in many of the storms of life that we find ourselves in, when we take our eyes off Jesus, when we look toward other things, we begin to sink. We can certainly say we are still in a major storm of life, and, with our church buildings closed and many ministries of the church on hold, we have to be extremely careful not to take our eyes off Jesus. So, I implore all our people to really make the extra effort to nurture and feed ourselves spiritually. Take out your prayer books and bibles (prayer book can also be downloaded online from the Anglican Church of Canada website), and, if possible join with us on Sunday mornings for worship outside, or listen to our Facebook post each Sunday. These extraordinary times call for creativity and ingenuity even in our spiritual lives. I am also available at any time for conversation and/or private prayer. It is my hope that very soon we will be able to let you know that St. Philip's church is open again, but until then stay safe and well.

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.

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

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 to do so, however, we must insist that everyone continue to maintain the principle of physical distancing by remaining in the vehicle at all times.

Our parish task force is in place to work toward the reopening of our church building. We are gathering necessary items such as; hand sanitizer, disinfectants, masks, cleaners, etc. We must ensure all the protocols are addressed before we can reopen. We want to take every care to make sure that as we open again we will do so safely and not put any of our parishioners at risk.

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 in which we can all engage.

What is the status of parish hall rentals? At this time The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is not available for any rentals. In September, we will make the hall available to our major renters, The Ballicatters and Eastern Health group, as long as they have documentation from Eastern Health

showing their start-up plan. Even this will need diocesan permission.

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 foot radius.

Baptisms and weddings are still being done inside the church building. We must still adhere to the maximum number of 50 persons and sanitizing the building after each use. If you need to book a baptism or wedding please call Rev. Randy.

We offer sincere condolences to our bishop, on the passing of his father this week. *The late Ralph Peddle* died at Mount Pearl at the age of 98 years. Rest eternal grant unto him O' Lord and let light perpetual shine upon him. If you would like to offer your personal condolences please email the synod office at: adminassistant@anglicanenl.net or mail it there at 19 King's Bride Road, St. John's NL A1C 3K4

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

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<i>I will wait for the Lord; in his word is my hope.</i>	<i>Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.</i>
Epistle & Gospel	Epistle & Gospel
1st Reading Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28	1st Reading Genesis 45: 1-15
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45c Pages: 845-848	Psalm 133 1-5 Pages: 890-891
2nd Reading Romans 10: 5-15	2nd Reading Romans 11: 1-2A, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 14 22-33	Gospel: Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28

THE BULLETIN
FOR THE WEEKS OF
AUG. 9TH AND AUG. 16TH
IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF
GOD AND IN LOVING
MEMORY OF:



Myrtle Mercer
(Aug. 20, 1929 – Apr. 26, 2016)

*A Wonderful Mother,
Grandmother, and
Mother-in-law*

*Forever in our hearts and fondly
remembered by her
loving 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.

With Summer upon us in the midst of this pandemic we urge all our parishioners to be regular in your financial support of the parish. It may very well be that some of our diocesan churches might not be able to emerge from the loss of parish revenue during this time of shut-down, especially as we continue on to Labour Day before they reopen. So far, we are holding our own, of course we have suffered a loss of revenue but we are managing to keep it all going. Please, if you can't make it to our outdoor services on Sundays drop off your offering during the week in the office or do an etransfer. Your faithful support is indeed vital to the financial health of our parish. Thank you for all you do!!

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

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>

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.

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 Chuckle

When 2 young girls whispered and giggled throughout much of the sermon, the girl's older brother said "You're not supposed to talk in church", the little girl replied, "Why – who is going to stop me?" The brother pointed to 2 men standing at the back – "Those guys - the Hushers"!

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Christians have a responsibility in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed, namely – the resources of: Treasure, Time & Talent!

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.

the parish, it was well needed and also improves safety for those using the building after dark.

church office to get the form.