

Oct. 31st

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him the family of the earth is blessed, give us faith like his, that in us your promises may be fulfilled; 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) God of freedom, accept all we offer you this day. May we embrace the law of your service and know the glorious liberty of the children of God. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Heavenly Father, bring to perfection within us the communion we share in this sacrament. May the unity we know this day live in our community and family. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Lloyd & Jeanette Osmond, Rev. Russell & Joan Osmond, John & Phoebe Parrell , Clayton & Cathy Parsons, Lorraine Parsons and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Michael & All Angels, St. John's – Rector, The Rev. Jonathan Rowe and the Parish of St. Peter, Upper Gullies, CBS – The Rev. William Strong.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for Archbishop David Edwards, Metropolitan. The Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer on her installation as the new Provost of Queen's College.

Nov. 7th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) William & Judith Parsons, Jim & Barbara Pender, Carl & Ann Picco, Louise Picco, John & Winnie Piercey and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church in /Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Philip, St. Philip's – Rector, The Rev. Randy Lockyer and the Parish of St. Thomas, St. John's – Rector – The Rev. Gail Coley - MacDonald

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for Archbishop David Edwards, Metropolitan. The Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer on her installation as the new Provost of Queen's College.

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Oct. 31st and Nov. 7th , 2021 (Year B)

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 reflect today (October 29th), I am aware that we are only four weeks away from the season of Advent, and only eight weeks from Christmas. For nearly two years our focus has been on Covid-19 and the global pandemic, which is very important, and will remain important for some time to come yet. However, as we live our lives cautiously and safely, mindful of the presence and potential harm from Covid-19 and its variants, we must still be living full of hope, faith and optimism. One of the real dangers of living our lives in this pandemic is its ability to rob us of joy and hope, and replacing it with despondency, negativity and a sense of futility and brokenness. I ask each one of us to think about and reflect on the negative affects this pandemic have had on our lives, has it changed our outlook on the world around us, has it impacted our relationships with others and with God? Apart from living our everyday lives in the world around us in an unfamiliar and unwelcome way all these months, I venture to say that in either clearly evident or subtle ways it has affected our relationship with God and with others. Christians are not meant to live in isolation from each other, but in the context of community with likeminded people we call "the family of God". For nearly two years our family has been battered and bruised. For many months our buildings were closed altogether, and even when open, we were not able to come together in the same fashion as before, which we all understand, because keeping one another safe is both vitally important and our Christian responsibility. Rebuilding our faith communities is well underway, but takes much time, as we have to do it with the utmost care and caution. Building back our community of faith, our family of God, is the task we all are called to participate in; I long to see (hopefully very soon) all of our parish family reunited, and those pandemic pews filled with God's people once more singing the praises of the One who has brought us out of darkness into a glorious light. As we near the season of Advent (which means 'coming') it is a marvelous opportunity for us to grab hold of our faith in a powerful and tangible way, and really come alive with the themes of Advent – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

The Advent wreath is always a reminder to us of the steadfast love of God, like a circle that has no beginning and no end, so is the eternal love of God. Each week we light a candle to remind us of who we are as God's children, and what is expected of us as followers of Jesus in an often dark, dangerous and difficult world. At no time before has it been more important to be reminded of the fact that we are children of God, that no matter what may come God will never forsake us. We look always to Jesus as the author and perfecter of our faith, knowing that his life, death, resurrection and ascension reassures us that we are never alone, never without hope, and we are loved by One who knew the pain of being deserted, treated cruelly and experienced an horrendous death on a cross. So, Advent is a time of hope, a time of rejuvenation, a time of spiritual reflection, a time to erase whatever is dark in our lives and replace it with His glorious light. It is a time of preparing our hearts and lives to celebrate the most powerful and beautiful gift ever bestowed on humanity – the gift of Jesus, the gift of God taking our human flesh and form to bring us hope, peace, joy and love. I look forward to the season of Advent, I hope you will join me and all of us at St. Philip's church, Sunday by Sunday, as we prepare ourselves to receive anew this glorious gift again.

Rev. Randy

Congratulations to Rev. Russell on the 30th. Anniversary of his ordination to Priesthood on Oct. 28th.

**THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK OF
Oct. 31st & Nov. 7th
IS GIVENTO THE GLORY OF GOD IN
LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Claudine Gillingham
April 20, 1937- November 18, 1997

Given by
Gloria, David, Christopher, Mark and Alexa

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Wilmeth Collis
April 26, 1931 – November 6, 2000

Given by
Debbie, Marie, Randy and Nicole

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Parents-in-law
Edgar Clark Sr.
Nov. 11, 1976

&
Gladys M. Clark
Oct. 22, 1995

Given by
Daughter-in-law
Joyce Clark and family

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**Llewellyn & Gertie Dyke, Samuel & Susie
Brown, Elsie, Leo, Walter Parrell , Jose &
Louise Cordova & Lucy
And Departed Loved Ones**

Given by
John & Phoebe Parrell

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

ACW fundraiser this Fall is selling tickets on a very large Christmas stocking that will be drawn for just before Christmas. Again, because of pandemic restrictions they are limited as to what they can do for fundraisers, so we ask for your generous support by purchasing tickets. Whoever wins the stocking will have a very big Christmas stocking filled with all kinds of items including gift cards, gift certificates, and so much more.

In addition to selling tickets on the Christmas stocking the ACW will also be selling tickets on a gift-card tree as well. In canvassing local businesses to find gifts for the stocking the ACW had so much success that they surpassed what they needed so now they will have three projects. Please support them by purchasing tickets from them.

Dawn Cheeseman will be selling Christmas cards with the picture of St. Philip's church on them later. This is a fundraiser Dawn is doing on behalf of the ACW. She is in the process of designing the card and having them printed right now but they will soon be available for purchase. When they become available we will let everyone know.

Fundraisers and parish hall rentals continue to be down because of the pandemic. This has created a decline in our overall parish revenues to date. Our regular envelope offerings are up but what we budgeted from other sources are down. We want to stress the importance of all our parishioners helping us to meet our financial obligations as we near the end of 2021.

The first Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, November 14th at 2:00 pm. This will also be the last opportunity for anybody new to register. The date for Confirmation in the new year has not yet been determined, because of the uncertainty of the bishop's calendar, but we do expect it to be in the early months of 2022.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance official lighting will take place on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. As before, we will assemble near the tree, the names of loved ones in whose memory we light the tree will be read, a prayer offered, then the tree will be lit. It will remain lit until the end of the Christmas. Following the lighting hot chocolate and Timbits will be served in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. All are welcome! If you would like to participate by submitting names of loved ones the forms are available in the foyer and can also be downloaded from the parish website.

John & Phoebe's Land and Sea episode has been rescheduled. It was originally scheduled for Sunday, October 31st, however, the host of Land & Sea (Pauline Thornhill) informed Rev. Randy that it will now be aired on Sunday, November 7th, at 11:30 am.

Updated diocesan Covid-19 protocols. Currently the mandatory mask rule has been reinstated, and must be worn by everyone. We are still very much aware that there is Covid-19 in our province, so we must still be very cautious when we gather for worship. Masks must be worn when not sitting in the pews and when coming forward for Eucharist. We will still respect everyone's private space by maintaining distance also. We are encouraged by the high number of vaccinations in our province but we are still not quite where we would like to be in relaxing all the restrictions, especially in light of recent outbreaks of the virus in parts of the province.

The Canon E.B. Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rental for birthday parties, showers, etc. We will still need to exercise care and caution when using the parish centre, and we are not yet at a point where we can rent it out for maximum occupancy, as we must still observe the rule of physical distancing. If anyone is interested in renting the Centre please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell and they will be able to inform you of the current rules around its use. These rules can change at any time based on direction from our Chief Medical Officer and/or our Diocesan Covid team.

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:



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.

Our Food Bank boxes are still in the foyer and we welcome donations of non-perishable food items to be dropped into them. Once they are full we take them to the Pop-Up Pantry (food bank) at St. Lawrence's church.

Who is an ACW member or an ACM member? The short answer is, every woman of our parish is an ACW member and every man is an ACM member. We would love to get the numbers of active members up that attend regular meetings. Contrary to what some might think, it's not always about meetings and planning fundraisers, it is also about fun and fellowship together. We would love to see more of our ladies and gentlemen meeting together, getting to know one another better and growing our parish.

The first Sunday of showing proof of vaccination went very smoothly (Oct. 24th) We are very appreciative that everyone cooperated so well and had their vaccine passport or papers with them. We are governed by public health regulations, and will have to abide by this protocol until notified otherwise. It is by stringently heeding all the rules and advice that our churches have remained safe places to be in this pandemic. We look forward to a day when none of this will be necessary, but for now we ask everyone to be patient and cooperative.

The Ballicatter After-school program still has openings for children that need this service. The pandemic has made it difficult for them to keep their numbers up, especially when so many parents were working from home. This program has been a tremendous benefit to our parish budget bringing in \$20,000 annually in rent. Please, if you know of any parents needing afterschool care for their children tell them about this great program we have right here in our parish centre.

Hospital visitation is limited to only the appointed chaplain. Whenever any of our parishioners are admitted to hospital, parish clergy are prohibited from visiting because of Covid-19 guidelines. So please ask for the Anglican Chaplain, and, he will be most happy to visit you regularly during your hospital stay.

The Next Vestry Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9th. at 7 PM

The 98.5 FM frequency is always in use whenever we are gathered for worship. If our numbers inside exceed the permitted numbers, there is still the ability to listen to the service through your car radio while in the parking lot of the church.

Parish Finances is always a concern for us as we endeavor to keep up-to-date on our commitments. Last year (2020) turned out to be an excellent year for the parish financially, as all of you, parishioners of St. Philip's parish rallied to ensure the bills could be paid in the midst of the pandemic as our building was closed. We are very grateful for that, and, not many parishes in the diocese had this experience, and it happened here because of your faithfulness to God and your devotion to this parish. We are now coming to the end of the first quarter of 2021, and we want to remind everyone that the challenges of the global pandemic are still with us, our building continues to be closed down for inside worship and fundraising is non-existent at the moment. We ask everyone to be mindful of our situation and to help us keep up financially by being regular in your financial support of the parish. God bless you for all you do in the life of our parish.

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>

Notes

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.

Help at recycling is needed. For many years now our men's group (ACM) has been involved in a parish recycling program. We have a trailer where recyclables are carried after they have been picked up from various locations, and a group of parishioners gather most Monday nights to sort and bag them. When enough has been collected then they are taken to the depot and turned into cash that mainly ends up in the parish budget each year. The pandemic has really hampered this work, and some of our men have not been able to get back at it yet. The other reality is that some of our helpers are not as young as they once were when the program was started. We really do need to have extra help on Monday nights in order to be able to continue this vital work, which is a service to our environment and a bonus to our budget. Seven or eight thousand dollars each year comes from this program. If you have time to help out some Monday nights please let our ACM group know or speak to the rector.

Sunday School we also would like to see up and going again. This will require several volunteers to do so. We are now looking for teachers and leaders to help with this. The date we resume will not be known until we have our volunteers in place. This is a vital part of our parish life that got sidetracked during the pandemic, that we hope to get up and going again soon. Please speak to Rev. Randy if you have an interest in getting our Sunday School up and going again.

Notice from Anglican Life. Many parishioners stopped receiving a subscription to Anglican Life / Anglican Journal at the end of 2019 as they were requested to "confirm" their subscription in order to continue receiving the paper. We continue to re-build the subscribers list for Anglican Life with much success in 2020, thanks to your assistance. Anglican Life / Anglican Journal is available FREE to all Anglican in Newfoundland and Labrador. All anyone needs to do is contact the Editor, Ms. Emily Rowe @ anglicanlifeni@gmail.com or call Rev. Fred Marshall @ 709-727-4346

Religious exemptions from vaccines apparently have been asked for in some Anglican dioceses in Canada. The following is a note from our diocesan office from Archdeacon Charlene Taylor: "*There is neither legal nor doctrinal authority within the Anglican Church of Canada or any of its ministers to issue the requested religious vaccination exemption*". Our position, as the Anglican Church of Canada, is that there are no religious reasons not to be vaccinated. There may be medical reasons but not religious ones, and this has been researched in depth.

As part of the Columbarium beautification area of the Cemetery we are going to purchase **2 matching Garden Benches**, as those there now are getting the worse for wear. The benches we plan to purchase are made of recycled plastic, are very durable and heavy and can withstand harsh weather. They are approximately \$600.00 each plus tax (\$690). One of the benches is being donated by Ruby, Donna and Janice Spurrell. If there is a family or individual in the congregation who would like to donate the other one, please speak to Rev. Randy or one of the church wardens. Memorial plaques can be attached if desired.

Maintenance envelopes in your box of envelopes are very important. So far this year we have noted a decrease in maintenance offerings. Your maintenance offering helps to pay our outstanding parish loan (cost of the geo-thermal heating system) of \$653.93 per month and other items of regular maintenance around the church. We look forward to retiring this outstanding loan in a couple more years and we ask all our parishioners to consider using the maintenance envelope each month.

Thank you from the ACM on the great response once more to the Jiggs Dinner takeout held on October 23rd. About 110 dinners were served, and \$2200 raised, after expenses they will have approximately \$1800 to contribute to the parish budget from this event. The rector and vestry also extend thanks to both our ACM and ACW for all the hard work they do each year to raise parish funds. They are to be commended for a job well done!!!

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

Oct. 31st

23rd Sunday
after Pentecost

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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.

1st Reading
Ruth 1:
1-18

Psalm 146
Page: 905

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading
Hebrews 9:
11-14

(Joyce Keeping)

Gospel
Mark 12:
28-34

(Deacon Bonnell)

Nov. 7th

24th
All Saints Sunday or 24th
Sunday after Pentecost

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Blessed are the poor in
spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

1st Reading
Wisdom of Solomon 3:
1-9

Psalm 24
Page: 732

(Rev. Russell Osmond)

2nd Reading
Revelation 21:
1-6a

(Joan Osmond)

Gospel
John 11:
32-44

(Deacon Bonnell)

Church Chuckle

Headline in a parish magazine: "I upped my planned giving – up yours!"

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Stewardship thought for the Week

*It's not what you'd do with a million
If a million were your lot
It's what you are doing at present
With the dollar and quarter you've got.*

St. Philip's parish is set up to receive E-Transfers. 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.

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.