

Feb. 19th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) – Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son. Hear our prayer for all our sisters and brothers in faith who suffer for truth, justice and freedom. Strengthen their witness and keep them, with us, under the protection of your wings. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.895

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) – Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) – Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in His name. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Raymond & Sharon Tucker, Victor Tucker, Walter & Susanna Tucker, William & Rebecca Tucker, William & Rhonda Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Brooklyn (8 congregations), Rector – Rev. Isaac Hutchings; and the Parish of Buchans (2 congregations), Serviced by Grand Falls Deanery Clergy.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the diocese of Fredericton, Archbishop David Edwards, Bishop and metropolitan and Synod Office staff.

Feb. 26th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) – Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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 our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to His likeness. We ask this in His name. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison). Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in His name. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Adele-Chris Tucker-Tibbo, Thomas Tulk, Kevin & Joyce Whelan, Jeff & Faye Williams, Mark & Glenda Winter and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church of South America.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Burin (3 congregations), Rector - Rec. James Spencer, RD and Deacon – Rev. Maxine Abbott; the Parish By the Sea (4 congregations), Priest-in-charge – Rev. Elsie Rose and Deacon – Rev. Brenda Strickland; The Parish of St. James Carbonear, Vacant.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Fredericton, Archbishop David Edwards, Bishop and Metropolitan and Synod office staff.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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Feb. 19th and Feb. 26th, 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:

We were coasting through Winter, doing so well, dreaming of a snow-free season that would catapult us into Spring, and the flowers would burst through so much faster because there would be no snow keeping the inside the earth, and, the February month came along, and...well you know the rest of the story. Like everything in life, things are viewed through our own individual lens, based on our perspectives. As a child growing up in a small outport community, like many children of that era, I thoroughly enjoyed Winter, the stormier it was the better I liked it. Often, a storm would close the school down for two or three days, not because it was any worse than a modern Winter storm, though I remember some really bad ones, but because the equipment used to keep the roads open were not as efficient as what is used today. In my early school days the roads were plowed by a large tractor, and, as we can imagine they weren't able to move very fast, therefore it might take several days to get all around. I often wonder why it took so long to realize that a plow blade on a truck would be so much faster and easier. Oh, the fun we had playing in that snow on a stormy day...fast forward 50+ years, now I dread seeing the first snowflake. Our lives are constantly changing, and, as we get older so does our interests, attitudes and outlook on life. Perhaps that might be a good exercise for us all, to look back over our lives and note the differences at various stages of life. I suppose the reality is that things never stay the same, the world is constantly changing, and the lens we view it through also changes. The church too, because it is impacted by the world around it, will also change, simply because it has no choice. As we look back over our lives we might note a mixture of good and bad change. The rapid rate of technological change, especially in computers and phones, is very much embraced by our children, but what about us? I remember picking up the telephone to make a call and there would already be people talking, because we shared a line with another household. It was frustrating having to wait sometimes for long periods of time to make that call. We were so pleased to finally get our own personal line, no waiting to use the phone, and no worries about nosy neighbours listening in. I don't think our kids today would appreciate the rotary phone. That being said, there are times when I sort of miss the simpleness of life growing up in the 60's and 70's, life was, in my view, more wholesome. Again, that is through my personal lens, no doubt many more will sing the praises of all the modern-day stuff we have around us now.

How do we embrace the present while holding to that which is healthy, wholesome, life-giving and has nurtured our spiritual lives from the time of our childhood? As we look through the lens of our childhood, what is there that we can hold to that is still able to nurture us? Do that at every stage of our lives, and try to resurrect the parts of our lives that once brought joy, contentment and fed our spirits. If we are able to reclaim some of these pieces of our lives maybe they can still do wonders for us. Reflect and remember, and don't be afraid to allow yourself to be a child again, or a young man or woman starting out in life again. Obviously we cannot live in the past, the present is all we have, with great hope for the future, but we can still catch inspiration from our past, that will enhance our present lives.

Lent is a good time to do much of this reflection and reminiscing, taking stock of our spiritual lives, to see where we were, where we are, and where we would like to be in our faith journey. Each step of our journey through life, whether we knew it or not, was taken with God. God is the author of life, our creator and sustainer, who promised to never leave or forsake us. Invite you to journey through Lent with us here at St. Philip's. We start next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm and we will have a midweek service every Wednesday of Lent, with additional services in Holy Week and Easter. Make it a real exercise of reclaiming the things in our lives that strengthened our faith and relationship with God, and seeing if these pieces of the past still fit today. Why not come and join us for a Holy Lent?

Rev. Randy

Today we welcome into the church, and into the family of God, through the sacrament of baptism, **Bennett Robert Glynn**. It is always a special event in the life of a family, and in the life of our church family, to welcome new members of the church. Please pray for Bennett and his family, that he may grow daily in God's grace and love. The next scheduled baptism service will be Sunday, March 26th.

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 has 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.

Sunday School has now started. We encourage the children of the parish to register. We could use extra help, so we are accepting volunteer names as well.

February 22 - Lent begins this week. 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 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.

Maintenance Fund: *We continue to ask our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us lower our debt on the heating system. We borrowed the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan, we are happy to say will be completely paid off this coming November. Following that we will need to keep paying into our maintenance fund on a regular basis because within the next couple of years we will probably need to replace the roof shingles, among other necessary jobs to be done. Your support of the Maintenance Fund is extremely important to the parish.*

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

February 21 – Pancake Supper will be held thi 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 this Tuesday 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 next 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.

February 27 - St. Lawrence ACW of Portugal Cove invites St. Philip’s ACW to a night of fellowship on Feb. 27th. At 7:30 PM at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. An invitation is also being extended to the Bell Island and Pouch Cove ACW’s. You will find a sign-up sheet in our church foyer. If you wish to attend, please be sure to sign your name before the February. 23rd deadline.

The ACW will be doing their Lenten Sock project again this year. The socks are now available, and, as in past years, if you take a sock please try to return them to the church when you have included your contribution in them. Simply drop them into the offering plate and they will be passed on to the ACW. Your support enables our ACW to raise their annual church contribution each year.

There will be Confirmation class today at 2:30 pm. However, because of the annual meeting of the congregation next Sunday (Feb. 26th) there will not be a class at that time.

All annual reports for next week’s annual meeting should now be in. All the reports will be printed and made available at the meeting for those who wish to attend.

Church Chuckle

“I understand your vicar has gone to the Holy Land for a month”.
‘Yes that’s right.’ “For a holiday, I suppose?”
‘Yes, the bishop decided that we were entitled to one.’

Feb. 19th

Last Sunday after Epiphany/
Transfiguration of the Lord

Scriptural Sentence

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

(Page 418)

1st Reading
Exodus 24: 12-18

Psalm 99
Page 837

(Chess or Ethel Barfitt)

2nd Reading
2nd Peter 1: 16-21

(Canon Shirley Gosse)

Gospel
Matthew 17: 1-9

(Deacon Bonnell)

Feb.26th

1st. Sunday in Lent

Scriptural Sentence

We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

(Page 286)

1st Reading
Genesis 2: 15-17
Genesis 3: 1-7

Psalm 32
Pages: 742-743

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2nd Reading
Romans 5: 12-19

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Gospel
Matthew 4: 1-11

(Deacon Bonnell)