

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families. (This week we remember): Mac & Sandi Tucker, Margaret Tucker, Margaret(Robert) Tucker, Margaret Rose Tucker, Mark & Sharon Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Kyushu – (Japan) The Rt Revd Luke Ken-ichi Muto.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of of Upper Island Cove (3 Congregations), The Rev. Christine Lynch, Rector; the Parish of White Bay (4 Congregations), The Rt. Rekv. David Torravile, Priest-in-Charge and the Parish of Windsor/Bishop's Falls (2 Congregations), The Rev. Jeff Blackwood, RD, Rector.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the National Indigenous Bishop and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Bishop Mark McDonald.

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Dec. 30th. , 2018 (Year C)

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: At this time, we still find ourselves in the middle of the Christmas season, but the big rush of shopping, decorating and preparing for Christmas day is behind us, and, we might even breathe a sigh of relief. I hope that, despite the stress and anxiety of preparation, you were still able to truly appreciate the essence and magic of Christmas. It truly is awesome to realize that the whole miracle of Christmas is God becoming one of us by being born to a human mother in a lowly stable in Bethlehem. The story of the Incarnation is one of tremendous love by God, that would take it upon himself to become a vulnerable little baby so that we might come to know the greatness of that love. The fact that nothing before Jesus' birth nor since has changed the world so much is made obvious every year at this time when billions of Christians around the world celebrate Christmas, it never loses its majesty and luster. So, I hope this Christmas was and is extra special for you and your family and that the glory of God shone all around and upon each of you. Tomorrow will be New Year's Eve, a time to reflect upon the year that is nearly behind us and to welcome the

new year that lies ahead. For many people 2018 was a year of great sorrow, for others it was a year of great celebration, for most it may have been a mixture of both. We can rest assured that 2019 and every year after will have its share of both, that's just the way the world is, but we can be thankful that, whether it be sadness or joy, God is there for us. May each one of us take the time to be thankful for the blessings of 2018, and, even if we were caused to sorrow, let us be thankful that we had others in our lives to help us through it. God, I have no doubt, puts people in our lives, whether it be family, friends, and, yes sometimes even strangers, to help us bear the burden of grief and sorrow. We are thankful above all else for the hope and comfort we take from God's promise to be with us always, even to the end of the age. I take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous support of your parish in 2018, and offer to you my prayer for you and your family, that 2019 will be a year of much health, happiness and prosperity for each of you. My wife, Ada, our sons, Kirkland, Dylan and Adam join me in wishing you all A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Rev.Randy

A reminder to those who find themselves as patients in our local hospitals, that hospital chaplains are available for pastoral care. Please don't assume that the chaplain will automatically know you are there. As we know, hospitals are very diligent in protecting the privacy of all patients, so it may be that your name will not be on the visitation list unless you specifically ask for it to be there. When you are admitted please be very clear that you want the Anglican chaplain to visit you if that is your wish.

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.

As we approach the end of another year,

your rector and vestry are hoping that we will end the year at least financially on target as a parish. As we try to adhere to the diocesan expectation of parishes to be more ministry and mission minded going forward, we will need to put a special emphasis on envelope givings and less on fundraising. A financially healthy parish is one that meets at least 80 – 90 percent of its annual budget by free-will givings in the offering plate. Many of the folks that do fundraising in parishes are the ones that are getting older and just don't have the energy to keep up with it. We would like to arrive at a time and place where fundraising activities will be used for outreach ministry more than meeting parish budgets out of necessity.

When do I stand, sit or kneel? Some call this “Anglican Calisthenics”... sometimes people are confused especially when others around them are kneeling, standing or sitting. but feel free to follow your preferences. Our goal is worship and not conformity, so, whatever you choose to do is right for you.

Our church band will begin early in the new year! Rev. Randy will meet with those who have signed up, Dr. Greg Brown, Kenny Brown, Trevor Eddy, Dr. Keegan Au and Cathy Squires as soon as possible. Others are invited to be a part of this band as well.

Notices

December 31st will be the last day to get your 2018 contributions into the church. All contributions received after that will be recorded on your 2019 statements. Thank you for your ongoing support of the parish.

Our regular Wednesday evening bible study will resume on January 16th at 7:30 pm in the board room. All are welcome to join with us.

Rev. Randy is accepting Confirmation registration for 2019. Once everyone is registered (hopefully by the end of January), we will begin Confirmation preparation . The date of the Bishop’s visit for Confirmation in 2019 is Sunday, December 1st. Registration is open to any young person that will be at least 11 years of age by Dec. 1st, 2019.

2019 CHURCH CALENDARS are also available for purchase at \$5.00 each. Only 50 calendars were ordered so they may not last long.

2019 calendars are still available to purchase at \$1.00 each. The calendars were **donated by Skinner’s Oil Company**, for which we are very appreciative. There is a big variety of themes and each calendar has very lovely pictures. **You will also have the last calendar with the company name (Skinner’s Plumbing Heating & Oil) on it**, as the company has been sold, so it can be a keepsake also. The calendars are located in the foyer.

The 2019 church envelopes are now available for all parishioners. If you have not already gotten yours, they are located on the table in the main entrance. If you are new to our parish and have not requested a box yet please speak to our envelope secretary, Charlie Gosse (895-0585) or Rev. Randy.

Thank you to the family of the late Audrey Picco for a donation of \$1000.00 toward the cost of the new choir gowns. Thank you as well to both our ACW & ACM church groups for their contribution of \$1500.00 (\$750 each) toward the cost. The gowns have arrived and we look forward to our choir being adorned with them tomorrow at the Christmas Eve service.

As we approach the end of another year, it is always a time of anxiety for our rector, wardens, treasurer and vestry, as we wait to see if we were successful in meeting our parish budget. The church depends entirely on you, it’s members, to reach our budget annually. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider what he/she can do to help us end the year with everything paid. We take great pride in the fact that, the people of St. Philip’s parish care very much about their parish, and, each year it is reflected in what was contributed. Thank you for all you do!

Church Chuckle

A No-NO - When you take sermon material from one writer, it’s plagiarism; but when you swipe it from many writers, it’s research.



The church is on Facebook

Take a look!

www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning.

Stewardship thought For the Week

Be charitable before wealth makes thee covetous.

Yearly Budget for Envelope giving for 2018 - \$95,000.00	
Needed Monthly - \$7,916.67	
Needed Weekly - \$1,979.16	
Rec’d Dec. 23 rd . & 24 th .	\$ 4,425.00
Regular Giving	\$ 490.00
Maintenance	
Rec’d Year to Date Regular Giving	\$ 83,612.00
Maintenance	\$ 12,727.00
Total brought in for Dec. 23 rd . & 24 th .	\$ 11,174.85

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary
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Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

1st Sunday after Christmas - Dec. 30th.

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – Marianne Baker

**10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &
Sunday School**

**Eucharistic Assistants – Harve Hisscock &
Carol Bartlett**

Counters: Susan Powell & Karen

Puglisevich

Sidesperson: Don Morgan

**Altar Duty: Jeanette Osmond, Phoebe
Parrill & Joan Osmond**

**Second Sunday after Christmas –
The Epiphany of our Lord - Jan. 6th.**

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – TBA

**10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &
Sunday School**

Eucharistic Assistants – TBA

Counters: John Parraell & Gloria Earle

Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich

**Altar Duty: Jeanette Osmond, Phoebe
Parrill & Joan Osmond**

**The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for
Today – 1st. Sunday after Christmas**
Dec. 30th.

Scripture Readings

1st Reading – Numbers 6: 22-27

Psalm 8, Page 711-712

(Debbie Collis)

2nd Reading – Gelatioans 4: 4-7

(Gary King)

Gospel: Luke 2: 15-21

(Deacon Bonnell)

In fond and loving memory of our

Parents:

Warwick & Blanch Tucker

Randell & Sadie Tucker

Sister – Winnie Gosse

Brother – Alex Tucker

Sister-in-law – Joan Tucker

Neice – Janet Tucker

And all our departed loved ones.

Given by Gil & Greta Tucker

OTHER NOTES

“We carry the Christ into the world of our time.”

(Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur)

In looking over a vast array of images for a Christmas Greeting this year, I was particularly drawn to this one – a donkey tethered to a pile of rocks on some hillside in the Land of the Holy One. The photo was taken by Canon Richard LeSueur, a Canadian priest who is renowned as a lecturer at St. George’s College in Jerusalem and as a guide for hundreds and hundreds of people on pilgrimage to the Land of Jesus’ Birth, Death and Resurrection. That lone donkey brings to mind the words of the prophet Zechariah concerning the coming of the Messiah, “Rejoice greatly, o daughter Zion! Shout aloud, o daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; Triumphant and victorious is he, Humble and riding on a donkey, On a colt, the foal of a donkey.” (9:9)

Reflecting on that text, I find myself recalling the census decreed by the Emperor Augustus and overseen by Quirinius the Governor (Luke 2:1-2). Among the hundreds of people on the move are Mary and Joseph. (Luke 2:4-5) The very sight of them on route to be registered moves me to remember the lovely medieval French carol, “The Friendly Beasts” sung with such delight by children and adults alike. One by one, each of the animals speaks of what they offer to the Child.

“I said the donkey, all shaggy and brown,
I carried his Mother up hill and down,
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town,
I said the donkey all shaggy and brown.”

I see Mary nursing her Child contented in manger to lie. I see Joseph guarding them with a quiet protective love. Once again, I am enveloped by the holiness of this night, the song of the angels, and the coming of the shepherds “to see this thing that has come to pass”. (Luke 2:15) Deeply immersed in Luke’s lovely narrative of The Nativity of Jesus I yearn to linger here, singing with countless others, “O come, let us adore him”.

Once again, I am enthralled by the coming of the magi, their homage of the Christ Child and their sacred gifts of mystic meaning. I remember that “warned in a dream not to return to Herod they left for their own country by another road.” (Matthew 2:12) I remember Herod’s fury and his slaughter of innocent children and the terrible wailing because they were no more.” (Matthew 2: 16-18)

I remember too, how Joseph had been warned in a dream to take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt. Into this world we are called to carry the Christ and his promised reign of grace and peace among all peoples. May this call give us pause to think about the work of the Church in the name of Him whose Nativity we celebrate. With prayers for a Holy Christmas and Blessings for the New Year

Archbishop Fred (Primate)