

June 19th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) O God our defender, storms range about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, 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) Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Ann & David Lambert, Calvin Lamswood, Paul & Deanna Lander, Bernadine Lawlor, Cynthia LeRoux, Rev. Randy & Ada Lockyer and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Isle aux Morts/Fox Roost/Margaree (2 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Edward Colema and Associate Clergy – Rev. John Billard (Deacon) and the Parish of Pasadena/Cormack (2 Congregations) – Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Amy Richter and Associate clergy, Rev Joseph Pagano.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern NL – Bishop Samuel Rose; Archdeacon Charlene Taylor, and Synod Office Staff. Also for Archdeacon Julie Brace and the Archdeaconry of Labrador and for Bishop Rose’s Episcopal visit to Labrador.

June 26th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength, 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 wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one another in freedom. We ask this in his name. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. We ask this in his name. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Winnie Lynch, Joe MacRoberts, Todd Martin, Nina Martin-Sheppard, Emily McDonald and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Labrador West, Labrador City – Rector, Rev. Robert McLean and the Parish of Lake Melville (2 congregations) - Rector, Rev. Nellie Thomas.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern NL – Bishop Samuel Rose; Archdeacon Charlene Taylor, and Synod Office Staff. Also for Archdeacon Julie Brace and the Archdeaconry of Labrador and for Bishop Rose’s Episcopal visit to Labrador.

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June 19th and June 26th, 2022 (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:

With summer about to begin officially, it is a very exciting time of year for everyone of all ages. Children and young people are looking forward to a couple months of hiatus from schools, colleges and university, those in the work force are anxious to take holidays, after a long and stressful year, and many retired folks look forward to travel, visits from family, gardening, and so much more. It is a time of rejuvenation and renewal of mind, body and spirit. I hope that whatever your plans might be for the next couple of months, you will find it a time of feeling blessed, and may you know the presence of God's love in all of creation.

Our lives become so busy sometimes that we don't take advantage of opportunities to slow down. We find these words in psalm 96: 11-12, *"Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it roar!! Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate! Then all the trees of the forest too will shout out joyfully.* The story of creation is one that speaks of God's great love, that God would take something as insignificant as *the dust of the earth* and breathe life into it and call it man and woman, certainly tells of God's original masterplan for the world and humanity. In that first place of habitation, the Garden of Eden, there existed just two people, Adam and Eve, and their lives were perfect, they had no need for anything, God had provided everything necessary for a happy and successful life. Then, like any masterplan, it ran into trouble when these two original human beings, ignored the one rule God had given them, to not eat the fruit of one tree in the garden, the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil*. The garden was full of trees, Adam and Eve could have ignored that one tree and it would have been fine. It was the first blatant disregard for God's rules, it was the beginning of Satan's presence, polluting God's perfect creation. We know the story, God was angry that the first human beings created in perfection had now allowed evil to creep into their lives, they were expelled from paradise and the world has never been the same. It is what theologians refer to as *Original Sin*, that as a result of humanity's fall from grace, human beings ever since are born into a tainted world of sin.

Even when we strayed from God in sin, God continued to love us, and that love was made manifest by the Incarnation, God coming to live among us as one of us in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is often referred to as *the new Adam*, giving back to us all that was lost by Adam and Eve. The Incarnation provided another opportunity for humanity to be redeemed and given new hope and promise. Jesus became *Immanuel*, which literally means *God with us*, and that's what we celebrate every week, the reality that sin no longer has the power to enslave us and separate us from our God, the one who loves us more than we can imagine. Sin is still the greatest threat to humanity, it still has the power to destroy us, it still causes much pain, sorrow and darkness in our world. The more we try to live in relationship with God, through Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, the harder Satan works to disrupt that relationship, and, his biggest tool is that small three letter word that we call *sin*. It's a small word but is the biggest destructive force in our world ever since Adam and Eve were deceived by the devil in Paradise.

How can we be better prepared to fight against this destructive and dark force? What are the tools we need that will enable us to stand strong in the faith in the face of temptation and adversity? St. Paul says *be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power... put on the full armour of God so that you can stand against the devil's schemes... put on the belt of truth...the breastplate of righteousness... your feet fitted with readiness that comes from the gospel of peace... take up the shield of faith to fend off the flaming arrows of the evil one... take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God, and pray in the spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests. Be alert and keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

This is powerful language, and Paul does a masterful job of using the tools of a soldier in a way that speaks not of violence and death, but rather of love, peace and hope. In a way that does not speak of military might and power, but the power of God's love to transform human beings into a new creation. We all face the evils of the world, we all fall prey to the arrows of the evil one, but the good news of salvation is that God has given us a way to stand again, make a new start, turn from the old to the new, and it was made possible by Jesus' death and resurrection. If anyone sin, *we have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins*, is the beautiful words of 1st St. John found in the BCP Holy Communion service. The message of the Church to a broken world, a broken people, is that there is always hope, there is always redemption, there is always a place for God's people in God's Church. The last two years have been difficult years for many, both inside and outside of the Church, and indeed we live in a time where most churches are trying to find its footing, to understand its mission in the world, and resources to carry it out. We might even say that it's an ideal time for Satan, as he tends to strike at our weakest time. But we are always a people of hope, never defeated, but focus our eyes on Jesus Christ and go where he leads us. For our part, I hope our parish will play a vital role in providing a place of refuge and spiritual growth for those that are presently in the church and those that will come later. We have a number of things planned to do this coming Fall, in hopes of being obedient to the call of Christ to reach out to others and share the good news of the gospel. To begin, I have designated Sunday, September 18th, as **Welcome Back To Church Sunday** in our parish. After the break of Summer, it will be a call to everyone to return to prayer and worship, and it will also be an invitation to others to join us, for we are a parish that welcomes everyone to join us around the table of the Lord. Mark that date on your calendar and may that Sunday be a new beginning for us all. Have a blessed Summer, and keep in mind that St. Philip's church is open every Sunday morning for worship at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Stay safe and enjoy!

Rev. Randy

Our Parish Vestry is engaged in the area of Mission. In accordance with diocesan direction, we want to look at ways in which we can ensure our parish remains viable and sustainable well into the future. Vestry met for a brainstorming session this past Thursday, and we hope to be able to focus on some areas of parish life that we can strengthen and enhance. In accordance with our parish mission statement, we want to also look at ways we can be the church to the wider community. The mission of our parish is of importance to all of us, so we want to hear from any of our parishioners that might have ideas to share, that will grow our parish and enable us to do effective ministry in the church and in the community. If you have ideas to pass along to us, simply write them down and pass them along.

St. Philip's Mission Statement: God's people in the parish of St. Philip, in a covenant relationship with God, through baptism, are called:

- To be fishers of people, in response to the call of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- To be a House of Prayer.
- To be a Centre for Christian Teaching.
- To be Disciples in Learning.
- To be a fellowship of Loving and Sacrificial Service.
- To be witnesses to our Lord's love through word and example.

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.**

Congratulations to our own Canon Don Morgan today, as he celebrates 62 years of ordination. On June 19th, 1960, Canon Don was ordained a deacon in Christ's Church at the Cathedral. We give thanks for his faithful service, and for his commitment to the parish of St. Philip's.

Our Summer student beings work this week. Thanks to a government grant we will have a young person working in the parish for the next 8 weeks or so. The student hired is Kaiden Dove, a resident of St. Philip's, who will be going into his final year of high school in September. Like last year, his major focus will be working in the cemetery, especially as we get ready for the annual Flower Service on July 24th, though he will be working around the building as well.

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.

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 enter 2022.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Anglican Life tri-diocesan church paper has a new website. You can visit it by going to anglicanlife.ca You can read or download the current issue; you can share your favourite articles with friends by email or on social media; you can read or share past issues from the archives; search by author or diocese for stories you want to read. The paper will also continue to be printed with the full 10 issues per year. If you want to subscribe to receive the printed paper monthly or make a donation toward the cost of the paper, you may do so by mail at Anglican Life, 22 Church Hill, St. John's, NL A1C 3Z9 or call The Rev. Fred Marshall at (709) 727-4346.

Sunday, September 18th, has been designated as Welcome Back To Church Sunday. After the months of Summer when many people are away, it will be an opportunity for us all to get back to regular prayer, worship and fellowship. During the two years of the pandemic many of our parishioners have been absent, and understandably so, we hope that this will be their opportunity as well to return, for we have missed them very much. Mark this date on your calendars.

Rev. Randy is now accepting names for the 2023 Confirmation class. The date for Confirmation next year has not been determined yet, however, we will begin the classes in October. If you have someone to be confirmed please speak to the rector.

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.

July 24th – Our Annual Flower Service will be held on Sunday, July 24th at 3:00 pm.

Happy Fathers Day to all the dads of our congregation today. We also celebrate those who have been like a father to children. We are also very mindful of our fathers that are no longer present in our lives but who live on forever in our memories. May this be a family day today to be thankful for fathers and all paternal bonds that reflect love and honor.

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. 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:



A lovely story of St. Philip's parishioners assisting Ukrainian refugees. Kent & Sheila Osmond (Rev. Russell & Joan's son and daughter-in-law) have a small apartment in their home, which they offered to a young Ukrainian couple, who recently arrived in the province from their war-torn nation. They graciously offered them the apartment rent-free until September, to give them an opportunity to settle in and find work. They also found a way to furnish the apartment for them, thanks to generous donations of items. Kent & Sheila (and their son Aiden), are very thankful for the outpouring of support and generosity. At the moment the couple has everything they need, and the young man is working already. We have offered assistance from our parish if it should be needed. Thank you, Kent and Sheila for your kind-hearted and thoughtful generosity, it truly is a Christian expression of love.

A Journey of Pilgrimage and Discovery for Young Adults

- May 1-12, 2023 The Canadian Companions of Jerusalem, in partnership with the Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, is hosting a program of immersion and learning in the biblical lands in the Easter season of 2023. Young adults (ages 20-26) from across the Anglican Church of Canada are invited to apply to participate in a **12-day multinarrative pilgrimage** to the land of our sacred history. This journey will include particular emphasis toward meeting with the "living stones" of the local Christian community to:
- Experience the sacred story of Christian faith through visits to places of spiritual significance, blending scripture, archaeology and devotional practices of silence, prayer and Eucharistic life.
- Be changed in ways that will nourish your faith and call you to action.

For more information please visit the Anglican Church of Canada website.

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.

The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is once again available for all rentals. With the rising cost of operating our facility, and the lack of rental income during the pandemic, this year (2022) there has been a slight increase in our rental fee structure. When booking the Centre through Donna and Janice they will provide all the information regarding the rental cost. Our rental fees are still well below comparable facilities in the area.

It is our hope that we will be ready to resume Sunday school and bible study this coming Fall. We still live in very delicate times when it comes to Covid-19, but, God willing we hope to be able to get back on track at that time. We will need more volunteers to come forward to help with Sunday School, and once that is achieved we will make available registration forms. Maybe you and/or someone you know might be interested in this important ministry of the church?

Rev. Randy would like to organize a parish concert in support of Ukrainian refugees. If you would like to participate by sharing your gift and talent of music and song, please let him know. We have no doubt that there are many in our parish that play instruments and sing. This would be a one-time concert, and we invite individuals and groups. It might even be a family group. A date and time will be set once we have a list of volunteer participants.

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF	<u>June 19th</u>	<u>June 26th</u>
<i>June 19th & June 26th</i>	2 nd After Pentecost	3 rd After Pentecost St. Peter and St. Paul
<i>Is dedicated in Loving Memory of:</i>	Scriptural Sentence (Page 363)	Scriptural Sentence (Page 364)
<i>Phyllis Sharpe July 2, 1956 - July 1, 1990</i>	<i>My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.</i>	<i>Speak Lord, for your servant is listening: you have the words of eternal life.</i>
<i>"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven : A time to be born, and a time to die...". (Eccles> 3.1)</i>	1 st Reading 1 st Kings 19: 1-4, 6-15a	1 st Reading Ezekiel 34: 11-16
<i>Lovingly remembered by her family - Forever in our hearts.</i>	Psalm 42 & 43 Pages 758-760	Psalm 87 Page 821
.....	(Lori Gosse)	(Todd Martin)
<i>Fathers - Hubert Mercer Charles Puglisevich</i>	2 nd Reading Galatians 3: 23-29	2 nd Reading 2 nd Timothy 4: 1-8
<i>Brother - Derek Mercer</i>	(Reegan Gosse)	(Betty Lewis)
<i>Given by: Val, Karen and Family</i>	Gospel Luke 8: 26-39	Gospel John 21: 15-19
.....	(Deacon Bonnell)	(Deacon Bonnell)
<i>Hubert Mercer October 27, 1925 - April 26, 2011</i>		
<i>A wonderful Father, Grandfather and Father-in-law.</i>		
<i>Forever in our Hearts Ruth, Karen, Carol & Families</i>		