

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison) Let us pray, Silence is kept God of mercy, may the radiance of your redeeming love rise in our hearts, lighting the way from the shadow of darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts:** (In Unison): God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison): God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families. (This week we remember): Abner & Fanny Tucker, Carol Ann Tucker, Darcy & Winnie Tucker, Darlene J. Tucker, Douglas & Judy tucker and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), Falkland Islands (Parish of) – (Canterbury, Falkland Islands) The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Central Newfoundland Synod Office Staff: The Rt. Rev. John Watton, The Ven. Terry Caines, Ms. Ada Fudge & Ms. Lori Wheaton ; Diocesan Wellness Officer: The Rev. Harvey Bullen ; Tri-Diocesan Officer: The Rt. Rev. Donald Young.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Geoffrey Peddle.

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA.**

Primate: The Most Rev. Fredrick Hiltz

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Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> , 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:** As we continue our journey through the season of Advent, in great anticipation of the birth of our Saviour, we reflect on the profound love of God for us, and, for all humanity, that he would come into the world as one of us in human form, to show us the way back to him. That is the essence of the Incarnation, God taking the form of a human being in Christ to lead us back to the light, after humanity had wandered far away from him. I like the story I read many years ago, which, in a very delightful way, describes the Incarnation. *"mother and children were heading out to church for the Christmas Eve service, father decided to remain at home and keep the fireplace burning ,as it was a very cold, snowy and windy evening. As he settled down to read in front of the fireplace, he heard several loud thumps on the window, he went to look and saw that it was some very small birds being blown around in the wind against the house and barn. In his compassion for them he put on his hat and coat and went out to open the barn door to afford them shelter from the wind and snow. As much as he tried to entice them into the comfort of the barn the birds would not enter. The thought entered his mind that if only he could become a bird he would fly into the barn and lead them safely inside. In that instant the story of the Incarnation became amazingly clear to him – God became a human being to lead us safely to his love and grace."* That is really what the Christian Church is all about, and, it is what all

of us are about as Christians, leading others to the light of Christ; God has the door always open, and we are the ones leading others to him. We might feel ill-equipped for such a task, but never-the-less it is what we are expected to do. In the gospel we quickly realize that God chooses the most unlikely messengers... a desert wild-man dressed in animal skins and eating locusts and wild honey... a poor shepherd, shunned by polite society, keeping watch in the fields... or today perhaps a school teacher, a waitress, a doctor, a plumber, a lawyer, a janitor, a laborer... or even a ...child. Jesus comes, not just to those of us in St. Philip's parish, but to those in New York city, Beverley Hills, Syria, Africa, North Korea... and anywhere else where God's people are to be found. Jesus comes to us in the words of a preacher, in the song of a choir, in the receiving of the Eucharist, but also in the siren of an ambulance, in a kind letter opened in a prison cell, in a visit to a nursing home, in a basket of food given to a family in need, in a pair of boots given to keep the feet of a child warm as he/she plays in the snow, and in the smile –or cry – of a child. As God often calls the most unlikely of people to do his work in the world, to shine the light of Christ in the darkness of the world, to give hope in the face of despair, let us ask ourselves the question – *what might God be calling me to do this Christmas and all the time?* What gifts do we have that can be a blessing to others? We all have something to give and to share with others, think about it and then let's do it! (Rev. Randy)

**What is PWRDF?** Have you ever wondered what those little blue monthly envelopes in your box of envelopes are used for? The **Primates World Relief & Development Fund** is described by the national church as the *Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. Through the support of Anglican parishes across Canada, PWRDF makes financial and human resources available to partners around the world working to improve health, food security and livelihoods for vulnerable people.*

"Working towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world." – Micah 6:8

In an age where we want to ensure that our charitable donations get used for their intended purposes we can rest assured that practically every dollar given to PWRDF is used to make a difference in the lives of others in need, whether that is a neonatal clinic in Burundi saving the lives of babies, or providing resources to help families all over Africa become self-sufficient by farming, or making health care more accessible to poor people in Mozambique, to name a few. This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PWRDF making a difference in the world. This is made possible because you and others make a generous contribution each month in that little blue envelope, or make regular contributions online. Please keep giving so that PWRDF can continue to make a difference.

## **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.

**Time to get moving with our band!** Rev. Randy would like to meet briefly 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

**Next Sunday we welcome our bishop** as he comes to lead us in the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have 14 young people that will kneel before the bishop and renew their baptismal promises and receive the laying on of hands, as the bishop prays for the Holy Spirit upon them. It is the responsibility of the whole Church family to be there as well, supporting and encouraging them as they rededicate their lives to Christ. Please! Please make the effort to be there to celebrate with the young people and their families next Sunday at 10:30 am.

**Congratulations to Canon Don Morgan** as he celebrates tomorrow (Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>) 57 years as a priest in the Church of God. Canon Morgan was ordained a priest at Holy Cross church, Eastport, on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1961. We wish him continued good health, and our gratitude for his ongoing ministry in our parish.

**Christmas Eve services** will be as follows this year – we will have our family worship and children’s Sunday School program at 4:00 pm and our service of Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm.

**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.

**Join the CLB Regimental Band** on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for the annual Christmas Sing-Along at the CLB Armoury! The band will be playing Christmas Carols and many other holiday favourites. There may even be an appearance by a jolly special guest dressed in red! Admission is free but donations for the [VOCM Cares Foundation](#) Happy Tree are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations and children's Christmas gifts will be accepted. Donations of non-perishable food items will also be accepted for local food banks. We hope to see you there!

**Next Vestry Meeting** will be held this coming Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. at 7:30 pm.

**A reminder to the young people preparing for confirmation** and their parents that there will be a rehearsal on Friday coming, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. It will be important to attend as we prepare for the service next Sunday.

## Church Chuckle

Noah’s remark as the animals boarded the ark, “Now I’ve herd everything.”



**The church is on Facebook**  
Take a look!

[www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch](http://www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch)

**Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning.**

### **Stewardship thought For the Week**

When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.

<b>Yearly Budget for Envelope giving for 2018 - \$95,000.00</b>	
<b>Needed Monthly - \$7,916.67</b>	
<b>Needed Weekly - \$1,979.16</b>	
<b>Rec'd Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Regular Giving Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 2,935.00 \$ 550.00</b>
<b>Rec'd Year to Date Regular Giving Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 75,655.00 \$ 11,491.00</b>
<b>Total brought in for Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.</b>	<b>\$ 4,891.95</b>

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship**  
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary  
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***The Spirit of the Lord God is upon  
me, because the Lord has anointed  
me to bring good tidings to the  
afflicted.***

**Second Sunday of Advent - Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eucharistic Assistant – George Sharpe  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &  
Sunday School  
Eucharistic Assistants – Debbie Collis &  
Harve Hiscock**

**Counters: Viola Squires & Susan Powell  
Sidesperson: Todd Martin  
Altar Duty: Margie Tucker & Martina  
Tucker**

**Third Sunday of Advent - Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eucharistic Assistant – Marianne Baker  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &  
Sunday School  
Eucharistic Assistants – Carol Bartlett &  
Lori Gosse**

**Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas  
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe  
Altar Duty: Margie Tucker & Martina  
Tucker**

**The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for  
Today – Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Scripture Readings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Malachi 3: 1-4  
Canticle 19 (Luke 1: 68-79  
(Canon “Don Morgan)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Philippians 1: 3-11  
(Ethel Or Ches Barfitt)**

**Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6a  
(Deacon Bonnell)**

**The Bulletin today is given in memory  
of:**

**Leslie McDonald**

**Dear Father**

**Given by:**

**Cindy Leroux & Mary-Lou Quilty**

**&**

**Edwin Collis**

**Dec. 8, 1930 – Mar. 28, 2015**

**Given by: Debbie, Marie, Randy & Nicole**

## **OTHER NOTICES**

**Pot-Luck lunch for the whole congregation  
next Sunday**, following the Confirmation  
service. Confirmation is about the family of  
God, the Church, so it is very appropriate that  
we all join in this celebration. Please bring  
along something for the lunch, we will need  
casseroles, desserts, rolls, etc. It will also be a  
good time to greet your bishop and wish him  
a Merry Christmas.

**Next Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, will be the last  
day to return your information sheets for the  
Christmas Tree of Remembrance, as the list of  
names needs to be compiled for the event on  
Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Christmas Tree of Remembrance** will be lit on  
Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. If you would  
like to have a bulb lit on the tree in memory of  
loved ones, there are some forms in the foyer.  
Simply fill in the information, and, place it with  
your donation in the offering plate by December  
16<sup>th</sup>. That evening we will gather around the tree  
outside the main entrance, Rev. Randy will read  
the names of loved ones, a prayer of  
remembrance will be prayed, and the tree will be  
lit up. The Christmas tree will remain lit  
throughout the Christmas season, both as a  
remembrance of our loved ones, and, as a symbol  
of the light of Jesus in our world. Light  
refreshments will be served in the Canon EB  
Cheeseman Parish Centre, followed by the singing  
of Christmas carols.

**St. Michael and All Angels Choir** presents An  
Advent Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols  
Sunday, 9 December at 7:30 pm St. Michael and  
All Angels' Church 73 Kiwanis Street A peaceful  
candlelight service to contemplate the true  
meaning of Advent and Christmas A free will  
offering will support the Choral Scholarship  
Program. Please come and bring a friend.