

**Collect for the Day: (In Unison) God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness. Raise our heads in expectation, so that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. 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): Ronald & Thelma Sullivan, Wilbert & Laura Taylor, Rick & Linda Thomas, Mark & Didi Todd, Jason & Krista Trask and their families.**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury) The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain – (Spain) The Rt Revd Carlos Lopez-Lozano**

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Western Newfoundland Synod Office Staff: The Most Rev. John Organ, The Ven. Edward King, The Rev. David Taylor & Ms. Rebecca Pennell and Executive Director, Killdevil Camp & Conference Centre: Mr. Malcolm Turner.**

**Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for The Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon – Archbishop Melissa Skelton and the Provincial Council.**

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Dec. 2<sup>nd</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:** Today we start another year in our church year and lectionary. As we follow the cycles of A, B and C, we make the transition from one to the other on the first Sunday of Advent. Today we move from year B to year C, and, will use the scripture readings for that cycle for the next 12 months. The three year Common Lectionary allows the whole of the New and Old Testaments to be proclaimed in our morning worship services during that time. Proclamation of scripture is emphasized very much in our liturgies; every Sunday morning we hear an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, a New Testament Epistle and a gospel read. The Anglican Church is known for its emphasis on *scripture, reason and tradition*. As the scriptures are read and expounded upon, we encourage every individual to meditate and apply the spirit of them to his/her life in a way that remains true to its core message (reason). As well, we are guided by nearly 500 years of tradition as an Apostolic Church. As we seek to maintain a balanced equilibrium of the three it's not easy to do so, as there will be times when one or the other gets emphasized over all others. If we look at the three parts, scripture, reason and tradition, and see them figuratively like a three legged stool, we will see that when we emphasize one leg over the other (one leg is shorter or

longer than the others) we get the difficulty and danger of an unbalanced stool. As we approach Advent, we are reminded of the importance of our faith, how we arrived at where we are in what we believe and practice. We are also reminded that our faith is an ever moving and living one, and, as such we are constantly being shaped and reshaped on our journey. God did not stop interacting with his people after the book of Revelation was written, he is still moving among his people, his spirit still moves over the face of the earth. When we are attuned to God's spirit in our lives we are open to new and exciting things God has in store for us; in other words, we are constantly in a state of anticipation and waiting for what is to come. That's the essence of the season of Advent, that we are watching and waiting upon the Lord, for Christ is alive, and constantly breaking into our lives in all kinds of ways. The constant theme we will hear throughout this Advent season is "be on guard, wait, watch, be alert and pray". I think these are good words for us to hold before us daily on our journey with Christ. May this season of Advent be, for all of us, a time of renewal and preparing our hearts and lives for the "Christ", the "Messiah", the "One who has come and will come again" *(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.

**Advent is drawing near.** This Sunday is the last Sunday of Pentecost or *Reign of Christ Sunday*, then the first Sunday of December will be the first Sunday of Advent. Advent, by definition, means to wait for or anticipate something or someone. We have 4 weeks of Advent to wait for the celebration of Christ's birth, so let us each week of Advent prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas. It is also a busy time of year as we prepare for Christmas with the busyness of shopping, decorating, baking and preparing food for the family gatherings. Let us take the Sundays of Advent to really prepare ourselves for the true celebration of Christmas – the glorious coming of that baby Jesus so long ago in Bethlehem, bringing light, joy, peace and hope into the world.

### Notices

**The next Confirmation class** will be held on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Please keep the young people preparing for Confirmation in your prayers, and, so you may pray for each one by name they are: Daniel Sharpe, Amy Ryan, Tristan Penney, Kenny Brown, Aiden Osmond, Olivia Shik, Roisin Tucker, Myles Baker, Jacob Whelan, Lauryn Au, Morgan Brown, Brett Crane, Jessica King, Ryan Jones. There will be a final meeting on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. This will be a rehearsal and parents are asked to attend as well.

**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.

**New choir gowns for Christmas.** Our choir gowns are getting quite tattered now, which is no surprise as they are somewhere between 30 to 40 years of age. The cost of the gowns are approximately \$2500 (10 gowns), thank you to the family of the late Audrey Picco, for their contribution of \$1000 toward this cost, and to our ACW and ACM for contributing the remainder between them. We look forward to our choir members and organists having them for the Christmas Eve services -unless delayed by a postal strike.

**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.

**The Music Box Presents** “A Baccalieu Christmas” concert, with special guests on Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m at Topsail United Church. Tickets are available by calling the Church Office at 834-4567 or at the Door. Admission \$12 Adults, Children \$5. Food Donations greatly appreciated for the CBS/Paradise Food Bank.

### Church Chuckle

Notice in a church magazine on a clergyman's recent illness: “God is good: the vicar is better.”



**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**

You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.

<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 Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 1,079.16</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>
<b>Rec'd Year to Date Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 72,720.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 10,941.00</b>
<b>Total brought in for Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>\$ 4,328.60</b>

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship**  
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary  
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***Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
his paths straight. All flesh shall  
see the salvation of God.***

**First Sunday of Advent - Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eucharistic Assistant – Joan Tucker  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &  
Sunday School  
Eucharistic Assistants – Dave Bartlett &  
Todd Martin  
Counters: Viola Squires & Susan Powell  
Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich  
Altar Duty: Viola Squires & Mary Sharpe

**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

**The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for  
Today – Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Scripture Readings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Jeremiah 33: 14-16**  
**Psalm 25: 1-9; Page 733**  
**(Gloria Earle)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1<sup>st</sup>. Thessalonians 3: 9-13**  
**(Dave Earle)**

**Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36**  
**(Deacon Bonnell)**

**NOTICES**

**Our Wednesday night Bible Study** will recess now until after Christmas. Rev. Randy will let you know the startup date later.

**We have electronic giving in our parish.** A growing number of people have signed up to make their weekly, bi-weekly or monthly church contributions automatically through their banking institution. Instead of placing envelopes in the offering plate we have small “E-Giving” cards that you place to simply let us know you contribute electronically. If this is something you are interested in doing, there are cards available, just fill one in and drop it in the offering plate. It is easy to do and you can make changes or stop it anytime you want.

**OTHER NOTICES**

**The ACW Christmas dinner** will take place on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The location will be Jack’s Restaurant in the Capital Hotel on Kenmount Road. All ladies of the congregation are welcome and indeed encouraged to join us. If you are interested in attending please call Phoebe Parrell at 722-5937 or Ruth Hiscock at 895-2011. We look forward to the fellowship together.

**Anglican Church Men (ACM)** will be having their Christmas dinner social on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The dinner will be at Swiss Chalet on Kelsey Drive. Anyone interested in attending please let president Gary King know by calling 691-3902 Any of the men in our parish are invited to attend.

**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.

**Home burnt in Portugal Cove on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**, housed Mr. John Fowlow, his partner, Jackie and his mother. The house burnt completely very quickly, especially with the very high winds we had that day. All their possessions were destroyed, and, no insurance was carried on the house, or its contents. Efforts are underway to help this family with donations of clothing and other items needed to get by temporarily. If you would like to contribute in any way please speak to Rev. Randy and he will find out what may be needed.

**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.