

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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): Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families. (Each week we remember several of our families in our Prayers of the People): Lorraine Parsons, Clayton & Cathy Parsons, William & Judy Parsons, Jim & Barbara Pender, Nicholas & Melissa Pender/Hancock and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Diocese of Yola – (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahim

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Trinity (4 congregations) – awaiting appointment and the Parish of Twillingate (3 congregations) – The Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer, Rector.

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

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

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Dec. 24th, 2017 (Year B)

Parish 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.**

**Launching out into the
Deep...
Into New Spiritual
Depths**



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.

A Christmas greeting from your new rector and family: It brings me great pleasure to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and, a healthy and happy new year. I have been in the parish now about three weeks, and, gradually getting to know more and more people as the days go by. Arriving to begin on December 1st is a busy time of year trying to get settled in a parish, but things are beginning to come together. Many of you are aware that I came from the diocese of Central Newfoundland, where I spent the past 16 years as rector of the parish of Grand Falls, so, as you can imagine, it's a time of great adjustment for my family and I. Presently my family remains in Grand Falls – Windsor, as we wait to sell our home there, albeit in a very soft housing market. We hope and pray that in a short time the house will sell and we will purchase a home in this parish. Though Christmas is a busy time to begin a new ministry in a new parish, it is also an exciting time, as there is great excitement in our lives as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. In a real way it was also the beginning of something new and powerful as God becomes incarnate and enters into the world in human form in that baby born in a lowly stable in Bethlehem. It was to usher in a new way of life, new light and hope in a dark and despairing world. Jesus' birth changed the world unlike anything or anyone before or since, and it still gives us great joy, for we know that He lives in our hearts and lives today. As we celebrate with our families and friends this Christmas let us not forget that the true meaning of Christmas is not found only in the sumptuous food we will eat, or the presents we will open from under the tree, but, rather in the love and joy we have in our hearts that comes from knowing Jesus. My wife, Ada, and our three sons, Kirkland, Dylan and Adam, join me in wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a blessed 2018.

Rev. Randy

Response after the Scripture Reading:

Reader:

For the Word of God in Scripture;
For the Word of God among us;
For the Word of God within us;

Response: We give you thanks, O God.

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.

Rental Rates - The Vestry has approved the following rates for renting of the Parish Centre effective January 1st, 2017:
Baby Showers, Children's Birthday Parties, etc. - \$75.00
Adult Dinner/Dance, Birthday Parties with dance, etc. - \$150.00

If you would like to book the church hall for birthday parties, adult functions, dances, etc., please book through Janice or Donna Spurrell at 895-3581 or cells 725-1057 or 725-0163

Children's Corner

Speak, Lord

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Psalm 88
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN
Year B — 4th Sunday of Advent

A SPECIAL VISITOR GABRIEL

Complete the sentences and fill in the missing letters in the crossword.

	G	
	A	
	B	
	R	
	I	
	E	
	L	

→ Gabriel was an _____.

→ He appeared to _____.

→ Mary's cousin was _____.

→ Mary lived in _____.

→ The Angel said: "The Holy _____ will come upon you!"

→ Mary's baby was _____.

→ Mary was ready to do God's _____.

TODAY IS THE
**4th SUNDAY
of ADVENT**

Colour all the four candles of Advent today.

Joy to the world! Jesus is born!

Nativity Word Scramble

- STRA
- MAGREN
- MYAR
- SEPHE
- DOEYKN
- AEGLN
- JPHOES
- JSSEU
- KIGSN
- STBALE

All these words come from the Christmas story. Can you unscramble them?



A B C D E G H I J L
▽ ♥ I ☆ ● ★ ◆ ○ ✱ ☆
N O P R S T V W Y
■ ✱ ▶ ○ ▲ † ◆ □ *

I bring you _____
of great _____ that will be for _____

Today in the _____ town of David a _____ has been _____ to you; he is _____ the _____

The Bulletin today is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Husband
Victor Sharpe
And
Daughter
Victoria Faye Sharpe
Given by
Wife and Mother
Olive

Mother and Father
Agnes and Victor Tucker
Given by
Moya and Family

Mother and Father
Blanche & Warrick Tucker
Given by
The Warren Family

Sister
Violet King
Our Parents and 3 Brothers
Given by
Nina Martin-Sheppard

Stewardship Statement

Our budget for weekly regular giving this year is set at \$95,000.00. Please see chart below. This is good...but just a little shy of our goal. Your continued support is needed.

Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning

Yearly Budget for Envelope giving for 2017 - \$95,000.00	
Needed Monthly -	\$7,916.67
Needed Weekly -	\$1,979.16
Rec'd Dec. 17 th . Regular Giving	\$ 960.00
Maintenance	\$ 130.00
Rec'd Year to Date Regular Giving	\$ 73,945.87
Maintenance	\$ 13,437.69
Total brought in for Sunday, 17 th .	\$ 2,013.00

Maintenance Fund We continue to ask our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us lower our debt on the new furnace. We have borrowed the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan is out for seven years effective Dec. 31st, 2016, we are paying **\$653.93** per month.

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary
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I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 24th.

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Mary Ann Baker**

4:00 pm – Family Worship with Sunday School Pageant

**Counters: Don Morgan & Ruth Hiscock
Susan Powell & Karen Puglisevich**

7:00 pm – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assistant – Carol Bartlett & Jennifer Tucker

Sidesperson: Todd Martin

Third Sunday of Advent – Dec. 31st.

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Mose Tucker**

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

Eucharistic Assistants – Charlie Gosse & Ches Barfitt

Counters: Tom Tulk & Todd Martin

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for

Today – Dec. 24th.

Scripture Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 62: 6-12

**Psalm 97 - Page 835
(Jeanette Osmond)**

2nd Reading – Titus 3: 4-7

(Gary King)

Gospel: Luke 2: 8-20

(Deacon Bonnell)

NOTICES

“Today” and “Daily Bread” pamphlets:

Please pick up your copy of the “Today” and “Daily Bread” on the bookcases as you leave the church.

Please Note – Moose Sausages are available. If you are interested, please contact one of the Vestry Members.

Lions Clubs are collecting used and (even broken) eyeglasses and hearing aids to send overseas. For your convenience, a collection box has been placed in the church foyer.

REMINDER – As 2017 is coming to a close, for those who make their contributions by post-dated cheques, this is just a little reminder for your 2018 cheques.

Next Sunday at the 10:30 am worship service, we welcome into God’s family, through the sacrament of baptism *Alexis Leila Ann Morre*, daughter of Jerred & Renee Tulk–Moore.

Church Chuckle

How many people left the Ark before Noah?
Three, because Noah went forth out of the Ark.



The church is on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Take a look!

Stewardship thought For the Week

It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.

*Parishioners may give to the church through the **E- Giving Program**. Forms are available in the foyer, please pick up one and even if you are not a regular worshipper with us then you are helping with the expenses that we are daily incurring. Help your church through this method of giving.*