

**Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God of all nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

**Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families. (This week we remember): Moses G. & Linda Tucker, Raymond & Sharon Tucker, Joan Tucker, Victor Tucker, Wade & Judy Tucker, Walter & Susanna Tucker and their families.**

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of All Saints, CBS, Rev. Wayne Parsons, Rector & Rev. Samuel Butler, Associate; the Parish of All Saints, Corner Brook, Rev. Tanya White, Rector & Rev. Monica Coffin, Hon. Assistant; and Anglican Life, Mrs. Emily Rowe, Editor.**

**Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, Archbishop Ron Cutler and the Provincial Council.**

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA.**

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**Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (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:** By this time we have all come through the season of Christmas, hopefully, it was a very joyful season of family celebration for everyone. For some, unfortunately, part of it was a time of grief and sorrow, with the loss of a loved one, either from natural causes or tragic circumstances. I pray that they were able to find some degree of comfort through the prayers and presence of others, and, that the spirit of Christmas was able to give them an abiding sense of hope. I was especially pleased with our Christmas Eve services at St. Philip's parish. Our 4:00 pm service included the Sunday School Christmas pageant, and I want to commend both our children and teachers for the tremendous job they did to relay the true meaning of Christmas to us all. In the words of one parishioner who said – *“that was one of the best Sunday School pageants I have ever see, everyone did a great job of showing us what Christmas is about”*. Another particularly moving part of the service was when Brett Crane (one of the young people recently confirmed) played guitar and sang the very beautiful song Hallelujah, written by Leonard Cohen in 1984. Brett did a wonderful job and moved the congregation to give him a standing ovation. We had Lauryn Au (another young person just confirmed) playing the Violin, we had Dr.

Keegan Au on the piano, we had beautiful readers, the children all played their parts so well, and we were all inspired to greet the Christ-child on Christmas morning. Today, January 6<sup>th</sup>, draws to a close another Christmas season, and we enter into the season of Epiphany which will take us now to the season of Lent. Our Anglican tradition moves us systematically through the seasons of the church year, and, in a moving way, allows us to experience the life and ministry of Jesus. Every year, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, we embark upon a journey with Christ. I mentioned the Christmas Eve service, and pointed out some of the amazing gifts and talents we have in our congregation, in all age groups from the very young to the very old. It is when we come together to share those gifts that wonderful and powerful things can happen. My prayer for 2019 is that we will get to know and experience those gifts that so many of you possess. I want to encourage the group of 14 young people Confirmed on December 16<sup>th</sup>, to really get involved in the life of St. Philip's parish, and share your gifts. Early this year I hope we can have our music band up and going, and I extend the invitation to any of you, no matter what your age, to get involved in that. That is merely one aspect of church life, there are so many others, and the gifts are infinite that we all share collectively. May 2019 be a year of great happiness for you all, and, may it be a year of great celebration in our parish, as we grow together as the family of God.

*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 begin another year**, your rector and vestry are hoping that we will have ended 2018 financially on track 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

**Vestry meeting will be held** this Tuesday, **January 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm in the board room. Thank you all for your devotion in serving in 2018, and, we pray that 2019 will be another successful year for our Vestry.

**ACW Annual Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, **January 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**St. Philip's ACM will be holding their January meeting at St. Luke's home on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>**. One of our faithful members, Clyde Bradbury, is a resident of St. Luke's, and no longer able to come to church, so we thought it would be good to visit him for a meeting, and share a snack and fellowship. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and if any of our men plan to attend please let us know, as the home will need to know how many to prepare the snacks for.

**Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm.** Please note this is a change from the original startup date of January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Congregational meeting** will be held on **Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**. All groups and individuals in the parish that need to submit an annual report are asked to have them ready for copying by Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please pass them along to Rev. Randy.

**Thank you to our Sunday School teachers and children** for the beautiful service they did on Christmas Eve. There's been a lot of very positive comments made by many present. It was a very moving service. Well done!!

**The foyer lights have been replaced.** Many of the old lights had burnt out, and , were not energy efficient. Thank you to warden Gary King for taking a lot of his time to replace them with brighter and more efficient ones.

**New Vestry members will be needed** at the annual meeting in February. Membership on the Vestry is open to anyone in the congregation with an interest in serving. Vestry meets once per month, on the second Tuesday, to deal with the business of operating our parish, and to plan and carry out many things. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time for this very important decision-making group.

**Still many boxes of church envelopes in the foyer** that need to be distributed. Please have a look, and, if you know any of the people, or if they are your friends, neighbors or relatives perhaps you can deliver them. If you are new to St. Philip's parish and require a package of envelopes please let us know and we will get them for you.

## Church Chuckle

**What did Lot do when his wife turned to salt?  
Got a fresh one.**



**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**

**IF I CANNOT GIVE BOUNTIFULLY, YET WILL I GIVE FREELY.**

<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. 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup></b>	
<b>Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 5,290.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Rec'd Year to Date</b>	
<b>Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 88,902.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 12,767.00</b>
<b>Total brought in for Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>\$ 5,711.00</b>

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship**  
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary  
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***We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come to worship him.***

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

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Eucharistic Assistant – Lori Gosse**

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

**Eucharistic Assistants: Mose Tucker &  
Charlie Gosse**

**Counters: Susan Powell & Karen  
Puglisevich**

**Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich**

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

**The Baptism of the Lord – Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> -**

**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: Todd Martin**

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

**The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for  
Today – The Epiphany of our Lord  
Second Sunday after Christmas  
Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Scripture Readings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Psalm 72, 1-7,10-14; Page 797-798  
(Allie Wheeler)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ephesians 3: 1-12  
(Glenda Winter)**

**Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12  
(Deacon Bonnell)**

**The Bulletin today is given**

**To the Glory of God and**

**In Loving Memory of**

**Harvey Sharpe**

**Given by**

**Mary, Cheryl and Beverley**

## **OTHER NOTES**

**Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's Winter  
Carnival Celebrations** will be held Friday,  
February 8<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. If any  
of our parish groups would like to plan an  
event to be included in the brochure, the  
deadline to submit the information is Friday,  
January 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6th JANUARY**

**(A synopsis of today's readings)**

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6: Isaiah contrasts  
the darkness that covers the nations with the  
light and glory of the Lord. He describes how  
this divine light will attract all the nations of  
the earth to assemble in adoration.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12: In Christ  
Jesus and through his Gospel, God is made  
known to all peoples. Everyone now has  
access to God since he reveals himself  
through his Holy Spirit placed in the hearts of  
all men and women

Matthew 2.1-12: The story of the wise men is  
filled with contrasts. Herod thinks he is secure  
in his palace; the wise men undertake the  
dangerous journey led by the star. Herod  
reveals himself to be full of cunning; the wise  
men are filled with delight. Herod and the  
ruling class surround themselves with riches

and power; the true King comes in poverty  
and humility. The wise men bring precious  
gifts; they leave with so much more.

**Thank you to our ACW & ACM** for their  
tremendous ministries in 2018. Not only did  
they meet or surpass the amount of financial  
contributions suggested by Vestry, they also  
provided many opportunities for fellowship  
and hospitality through the various events  
they did. We are blessed to have such a  
devoted group of men and ladies involved in  
our parish. We invite others to get involved as  
well in these ministry groups.

**Thank you to our honorary clergy** – Canon  
Shirley, Rev. Russell and Canon Don, as well as  
Deacon Ed, for their ministry in 2018. Rev.  
Randy, as well as the whole congregation are  
very thankful for their faithful ministry at St.  
Philip's.

**Thank you to all those who volunteer** their  
time and give so freely of themselves in our  
parish. We are really blessed to have so many  
committed and faithful lay people involved in  
the life of our parish. We encourage everyone  
to get involved in some area(s) of parish life in  
2019. You will be blessed by it and God will  
use you to bless others.