

July 12th.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; 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): Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom, Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Mac & Sandi Tucker, Margaret(Robert) Tucker, Mark & Sharon Tucker, Moses G. & Linda Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, The Most Rev Allan Migi – Archbishop of Papua New Guinea.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Marystown(5 congregations), Rector - Rev. Wayne Short and the Parish of Meadows (3 congregations), Priest-in-Charge – Rev. Kay Osmond.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

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July 12th. and July 19th. , 2020 (Year A)

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:

The first reading for this Sunday (July 12th) is from Genesis 25: 19-34, and I have always found it to be interesting and meaningful. It is the story of the birth of Esau and Jacob, twins born to Isaac and Rebekah, and how Jacob swindled Esau out of his birthright. Traditionally, it would be the oldest son that would have the greater inheritance of position and property, and, though Esau and Jacob were twins, Esau would inherit more because he was born probably just minutes before Jacob. Jacob was a crafty person, he used Esau's hunger for food to manipulate him out of his birthright. Later Jacob and his mother would trick Isaac into giving his blessing to Jacob instead of Esau, they did this by dressing Jacob in such a way that blind Isaac would think he was pronouncing his blessing on Esau. So, as we can see, even in Old Testament times there was a powerful instinct among people, even among the faithful, to get ahead in life at all costs. I suppose we can go back earlier in the Genesis story and note that it all started with Adam and Eve. Jacob of course goes on to be one of the pillars of Judaism, and, by extension Christianity as well. Esau is considered to be one of the patriarchs, prophets and messengers of Islam. The insatiable need for prestige, power and wealth is one of the all-consuming fires that burns in so much of humanity, and, it can be frightening how far some will go to achieve it. The story of Esau and Jacob points to the reality that, some will deceive even their very own family in the quest for fortune. Fast forward over 3000 years and we see that not much have changed. It is still the single most dangerous flaw in humanity – the need to conquer and overcome and get ahead no matter what the cost and who must suffer in the process. Then the second reading (Romans 8:1-11) goes on to remind us that we belong to Christ Jesus, and that we have been set free from the law of sin and death...and that

them, some falls on rocky ground and die because they have no root, some falls among thorns and are choked, and some falls on good soil and grows tremendously and a great harvest is reaped. Of course Jesus is not talking about ordinary seeds, he is talking about human beings and their level of faith. The seeds that fall on the path represents those who hear the Word but cannot understand it and are soon swayed by the evil one. The seeds that fall on rocky ground represents those who hear God's word, is moved by it, but because they are not well rooted they soon lose their joy and faith again. The seeds that falls among thorns represents those who hear God's Word but the cares and concerns of the world, and the lure of wealth and power takes over their lives. The seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear the Word, understands it, and goes out into the world to faithfully serve God. We have known people that perhaps fall into each category in this parable, perhaps we too have been in some of these categories ourselves as we travel through life and as we nurture and grow our relationship with God. It is so vitally important for us to be constantly, like seeds, nurturing and growing our faith in Christ. The world, as beautiful as it is, and as much pleasure as God intends for us to find in it, for God created it for us, can also be a place that will challenge our faith, and put many tempting things in our path. It is so important for us during this time of Covid-19, especially as we cannot be together in our church buildings, to still find ways to keep ourselves grounded in the knowledge of who we are and to whom we belong. I want to encourage everyone to maintain a disciplined practice of daily prayers, bible readings and meditations. We are working toward safely reopening our building here at St. Philip's, and I am offering every Sunday morning outdoor worship services at 10:30 am. It has been difficult on us all to be away from one another, our church family, and to not be able to gather around the Lord's table for Holy Eucharist. But, in all of that I hope we can find ways to keep connected until we once again gather together. Please pray for our parish and

We received a grant from the Anglican Foundation to help with the plans we have for the cemetery space around the columbaria. Given the difficult year it is shaping up to be for investments we are very fortunate and grateful to receive this grant of \$2500. When we start and complete these beautifications will depend on the lifting of restrictions around Covid-19. Our parish supports the work of the Anglican Foundation, and, our own Debbie Collis is a member of the Foundation.

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

Anyone desiring to have children baptized, please speak to Rev. Randy. We can do baptisms as long as we abide by the government and health regulations around Covid-19.

If anyone is going through a difficult time and in need of food because of the Covid-19 closedown please contact Rev. Randy by calling the church office at 895-0715 We have been reminding people that the church is here to help, and, if someone is in need of food we will do our very best to help with that.

Rev. Randy is available for prayer – during this time of separation and isolation many people may be feeling lonely. If you would like prayer please contact the office (895-0715) and Rev. Randy will pray with you on the phone.

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.**

we should walk according to the spirit and not the flesh. Paul, in addressing the Romans, feels the need to point out to them that, because of their new relationship with Jesus they need to live their lives in a new way. He tells them that if they live according to the flesh they will not be spiritually fulfilled, and, ultimately it will lead to nothing. However, if they set their minds on spiritual things they will be fed and nurtured and find eternal life. The gospel reading (Matthew 13) picks up the same theme as Jesus talks about the parable of the sower. A sower scatters seed, some falls on the path and the birds eat

for one another.

Rev. Randy

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

Rev. Randy plans to post another short worship service on Facebook every Sunday. Please share it widely with others once you see it. It will also be on the parish Facebook page.

The past several Sundays Rev. Randy has conducted church services from the church entrance, with parishioners listening from their vehicles. If weather permits we will continue to do so, however, we must insist that everyone continue to maintain the principle of physical distancing by remaining in the vehicle at all times.

Cemetery Services in our diocese have been put on hold this Summer until such a time as congregations are able to meet together. Ours was scheduled for July 26th but as of now, the service will not proceed at that time. Please do maintain the graves of your loved ones as you exercise physical distancing.

Our parish task force is in place to work toward the reopening of our church building. We are gathering necessary items such as; hand sanitizer, disinfectants, masks, cleaners, etc. We must ensure all the protocols are addressed before we can reopen. We want to take every care to make sure that as we open again we will do so safely and not put any of our parishioners at risk.

Let's call one another –we are probably home! Many of us are missing those we are so used to seeing on Sunday morning in church. Why not pick up the phone and give them a call, no doubt it will make their day and reassure them that they are not forgotten. This is a real ministry of the church in which we can all engage.

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
as appointed in our BAS Lectionary.

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The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.	. My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.
Epistle & Gospel	Epistle & Gospel
1st Reading: Genesis 25: 19-34	1st Reading: Genesis 28: 10-19a
Psalm 119 105-112 Page: 875-876	Psalm 139 1-11 & 22-23 Page: 896-898
2nd Reading: Romans 8: 1-11	2nd Reading: Romans 8: 12-25
Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23	Gospel: Mathew 13: 24-30 & 36-43

THE BULLETIN
FOR THE WEEKS OF JULY
12TH. AND JULY 19TH.
IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF
GOD AND IN LOVING
MEMORY OF:

Canon Bert Cheeseman

(July 16,1927 – Sept. 10, 2016)

*From
Dawn, Michele and Family*

Notes

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.

With Summer upon us in the midst of this pandemic we urge all our parishioners to be regular in your financial support of the parish. It may very well be that some of our diocesan churches might not be able to emerge from the loss of parish revenue during this time of shut-down, especially as we continue on to Labour Day before they reopen. So far, we are holding our own, of course we have suffered a loss of revenue but we are managing to keep it all going. Please, if you can't make it to our outdoor services on Sundays drop off your offering during the week in the office or do an e-transfer. Your faithful support is indeed vital to the financial health of our parish. Thank you for all you do!!

Recently all the exterior lighting of the building was replaced at a cost of nearly \$1400.00 We are grateful that this was paid for by a member of our congregation who wishes to remain anonymous. If you are around the area after dark you will notice a remarkable improvement to the lighting all around the building. The lighting is also energy efficient. Thank you for this

Rev. Randy will be at the church every Sunday morning during close-down for anyone that would like to come by the church to drop off their weekly offering. The time for this will be between 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Of course you can drop by anytime during the week as well when the office is open, or, you can mail it to the church. It is so important for us to keep up with our regular offerings to the church during this time so that we can keep all the church bills paid.

If your church can be of any help to you during this time of Covid-19 please let us know. We recognize that maybe some of our seniors may not be able to get out to purchase their groceries, or fill prescriptions, etc., if you are in need of someone to do these things for you please call the church office and we will ensure that someone comes to help you. Please call 895-0715 and leave a message or call Rev. Randy directly at 693-8537.

ANGLICAN ALLIANCE BIBLE STUDIES - FAITH IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS. As we continue to worship at home perhaps the following link will be useful to you. Go online and give it a look: <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/sqe-anglican/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/22143718/COVID-19-Bible-studies-FINAL.pdf>

Remember (when things get back to normal) that the first Sunday of each month there will be coffee/tea, juice and other refreshments served prior to the 10:30 am worship service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and welcoming everyone that comes. Thank you to Lisa for organizing it each month and to the youth that help her to serve. Anyone wishing to sponsor refreshments for a future time please contact Lisa Lake (Brown).

St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry will continue to operate during this difficult time. As you can imagine, there are a number of vulnerable people in our community who are in need. We are anticipating an increased demand for the pop-up pantry and as such we are asking those of you who are able, to continue to donate. Donations may be dropped off between 10 am and 1pm Mondays and Tuesdays at St. Lawrence's Anglican church. Please note that we now accept frozen items as well. Though it is at St. Lawrence's church it is a community venture supported by other churches and community organizations including our own parish of St. Philip.

During this time with our church building closed down a few people are opting to sign up for E-Giving. The form for this is available on the church website with all the relevant information. This is an excellent way to give because even if one cannot get to the church the offering is still given. We do have a number of people making their contributions bi-weekly or monthly in this way. You can also call the church office to get the form.

Church Chuckle

Pianist: "Are you fond of music?"

Communicant: "Yes, but keep right on playing."

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think.

St. Philip's parish is now setup to receive E-Transfers. With the church building closed some people are looking for ways to make their weekly, biweekly or monthly contribution to the parish. After being closed down now for 7 Sundays the parish really does need those offerings. These days many of us do online banking and send e-transfers, 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.

gift to the parish, it was well needed and also improves safety for those using the building after dark.