

Sept. 11th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption, have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Courtney & Darren Melindy, Carol Mercer, Denise Mercer, Dennis & Lori Mercer, Ernest & Barbara Mercer and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Anthony, Rev. Don Arthur Kinsella, Priest-in-Charge and the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Corner Brook, Rev. Cynthia Haines Turner, Priest-in-Charge.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Sam Rose, Archdeacon Charlene and Synod Office Staff.

Sept. 18th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Mildred Mercer, Millicent Mercer, Ronald & Lori Mercer, Rose Marie Mercer, Vera Mitchell and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Augustine, Stephenville, Rector awaiting appointment. And the Parish of St. Augustine, St. John's, Rev. Dr. Rudolph Anthony, Rector.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Sam Rose, Archdeacon Charlene and Synod Office Staff.

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Sept 11th and Sept. 18th, 2022 (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:

Greetings to you all, and I trust your summer was everything you wanted it to be. As I write today (September 7th), it's the first day back to school for students of all ages, from kindergarten to grade 12, university and college, and I sense a different kind of excitement than this time last year. Even though Covid is still very much a factor, and there is still a need to exercise a degree of caution, it seems that children and young people can hardly wait to get back to the classrooms among friends, and begin building more relationships. My prayer is that they will have a wonderful year of learning, and nothing like the past couple of years of trying to learn in a pandemic. In a way it's very much a new beginning, resetting the clock to start over again. Thank you so much to our teachers and instructors for all that they have done during the pandemic, adapting to new ways of teaching, so that they could be as effective as possible in enabling our children to learn. Thank you to all those who work in our hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes, for going above and beyond to ensure the health and safety of us all, and our loved ones entrusted to their care. As we know, the challenges to our healthcare system right across Canada is staggering, including right here in our own province. Thank you to those who make sacrifices every day to ensure we are cared for in times of illness. I hope the year ahead will bring many resolutions to the issues we face in our province, nation and communities, that we can recapture some of the things that were lost or compromised during the nearly 3 years of the pandemic.

Here at St. Philip's parish, we are also working to rebuild and strengthen our congregational life. The pandemic really took a heavy toll on many churches of all denominations, especially in times of lockdown and heavy restrictions during reopening. We are very thankful that our parishioners stepped up to the plate and ensured we had the resources to get us through a very challenging time indeed. Without that ongoing support we would not have gotten through it. I hope you know how very important it was to the parish. As we go forward that financial support will continue to be vitally important to the parish. As good as online worship is, especially for those who can no longer get out to attend church, it is not a substitute for the people of God coming together in fellowship and worship. It is when we meet together that we can build the church to be what God desires it to be.

During the pandemic some of our parishioners decided to put in-person worship on hold for health and safety reasons, especially those who already had health issues that put them at risk. During the pandemic, that was a wise decision, especially during the time when there were no vaccines available. Here in the parish, we always put first and foremost the health, safety and wellbeing of our parishioners and visitors as our top priority. We have been guided throughout by the protocols and advice of our Chief Medical Officer and other medical personnel and government people. Not only in the parish, but also throughout our diocese, as our bishop and synod office staff were always diligent in relaying to all parishes what needed to be done to keep everyone safe. I believe we have now come to a time where we can start to rise again from the heavy weight of the pandemic. We know that Covid is still around, and some people still need to be very careful, but moving together, and taking care of each other is the foundation of Christian living in community. As the rest of society ventures to try to restore some sense of pre-pandemic normalcy, so too the church must do the same. We all have heard the old cliché that *the church is not a building, but is the people*. That is very true. The church becomes the church when God's people are together in communion, nurtured by word and sacrament. If we consider the beginnings of Christianity, there were no grand cathedrals, the church came into being whenever people came together in Jesus' name. Sometimes that was in someone's humble abode, perhaps under the shade of a large tree, or in an underground space during the first 300 years when it was a crime to be a Christian. As time went on it was practical to build places to assemble together on a regular basis, hence church buildings. We are the church in St. Philip's whenever we meet together, therefore, meeting together is vital to our spiritual health and wellbeing.

I have set aside Sunday, September 25th, to be **Welcome Back To Church Sunday** in our parish. Perhaps you have been busy all summer, or perhaps you have been away since the beginning of the pandemic. Perhaps you have moved to the community with no church affiliation, whatever the circumstance, we would love to see you among us on that date, and may that be the beginning of a new church year of fellowship and worship. We also want to get our Sunday School going this year, our Confirmation instruction, our bible study, our various groups and committees up and going. We can only achieve these things when we come together to be all that God intends us to be, growing together in God's love and grace. Mark this date on your calendar and join with us. It would be such a blessing for us all to see the church come alive again in a powerful way. Blessings!

Our Parish Vestry is engaged in the area of Mission. In accordance with diocesan direction, we want to look at ways in which we can ensure our parish remains viable and sustainable well into the future. We hope to be able to focus on some areas of parish life that we can strengthen and enhance. In accordance with our parish mission statement, we want to also look at ways we can be the church to the wider community. The mission of our parish is of importance to all of us, so we want to hear from any of our parishioners that might have ideas to share, that will grow our parish and enable us to do effective ministry in the church and in the community. If you have ideas to pass along to us, simply write them down and pass them along.

St. Philip's 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.

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.**

PWRDF is supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes due to the Russian invasion. The initial grant of \$20,000 issued to an ACT Alliance appeal has been increased to \$50,000. The grants will fund the work of Action by Churches Together (ACT) member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA). If you would like to support this effort simply place your donation in a plain envelope, mark it PWRDF Ukrainian Help, with your name and envelope number.

The 98.5 FM frequency is always in use whenever we are gathered for worship. If our numbers inside exceed the permitted numbers, there is still the ability to listen to the service through your car radio while in the parking lot of the church.

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. We do encourage parishioners to go online at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

Now that our choir is up and going again we would love to welcome new members of all ages. It would be wonderful if we could have enough members to fill out the choir pews on both sides of the chancel. In addition to singing to the glory of God on Sunday morning it is also a time of fellowship and fun each week at practice.

The Anglican Life tri-diocesan church paper has a new website. You can visit it by going to anglicanlife.ca You can read or download the current issue; you can share your favourite articles with friends by email or on social media; you can read or share past issues from the archives; search by author or diocese for stories you want to read. The paper will also continue to be printed with the full 10 issues per year. If you want to subscribe to receive the printed paper monthly or make a donation toward the cost of the paper, you may do so by mail at Anglican Life, 22 Church Hill, St. John's, NL A1C 3Z9 or call The Rev. Fred Marshall at (709) 727-4346

Gower Street Block Party Announcement. The Anglican Cathedral, The Basilica, Gower Street United Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invite you to the annual Gower Street Block Party on September 18th from 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm. Join us on Gower Street, in front of the Anglican Cathedral, for live music, entertainment for kids and adults and of course, some food for all. The Gower Street Block Party will be a free community event. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Help at recycling is needed. For many years now our men's group (ACM) has been involved in a parish recycling program. We have a trailer where recyclables are carried after they have been picked up from various locations, and a group of parishioners gather most Monday nights to sort and bag them. When enough has been collected then they are taken to the depot and turned into cash that mainly ends up in the parish budget each year. The pandemic has really hampered this work, and some of our men have not been able to get back at it yet. The other reality is that some of our helpers are not as young as they once were when the program was started. We really do need to have extra help on Monday nights in order to be able to continue this vital work, which is a service to our environment and a bonus to our budget. Seven or eight thousand dollars each year comes from this program. If you have time to help out some Monday nights please let our ACM group know or speak to the rector.

Sunday, September 25th, has been designated WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY! For nearly 3 years we have been living in challenging times in a global pandemic. We have missed seeing many of our parishioners in church during this time. We hope that Sept. 25th will be a new start for us, as people return to worship on a regular basis. As well, the summer months are times when many people are away and doing all kinds of summer activities. This is also an opportunity for those whom we haven't seen for the last couple of months to return as well. Let's all come together to get our church year started together, and, in the process really bring our parish to life again for a very busy year.

The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rentals. If you would like to book the hall, or would like information about rental costs, please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell at 895-3581. Because of costs, earlier this year Vestry made a slight increase to rental rates. It was a very minimal increase and the facility is still the least costly venue in the town.

St. Philip's parish is set up to receive E-Transfers. 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.

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. www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Our parish website can be accessed now through a **QR Code** (Quick Response Code). By scanning the code with your cell phone, tablet or some other compatible device you will immediately be taken to the parish website. We are also in the process of updating our website so it can be current. Here is the QR Code:



NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

Sunday School registration forms are available. If you have a child you would like to enroll, please take a form, fill it out and return it on September 25th. When the classes start will depend on how many children are registered, and how many volunteers we have to run the program. The form also includes a part where volunteers can sign up to help.

Confirmation registration forms are also available. If you have a young person you would like to register for Confirmation in the coming year, please fill out the form and let Rev. Randy know. The date for the bishop's visit for Confirmation has not been determined yet, but preparation will start this Fall.

ACW & ACM are also starting up again after a summer recess. These two groups are absolutely important to the life of our parish, in both the fellowship they offer, and, the much needed income they generate to the parish budget. They both work so hard and accomplish so much, and would love to see more attending their meetings and fellowship. Gary King is president of the ACM (Men's group) and Betty Lewis is president of the ACW (Women's group). Please give them your full support in the coming year.

If you would like to receive the rector's messages, bulletins and other parish information from time-to-time please provide him with your email address by contacting him at the following address:
lockyerrandy@gmail.com

September 13th - Regular meeting of the Vestry will take place on Tuesday, at 7:00 pm in the board room. As is customary, the Vestry will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the same time.

Sept. 14th - ACW will meet at 7:30 pm in the Board Room. All women of the parish are welcome.

Sunday, September 18th, will include baptism at the 10:30 am service. Next service of baptism will be in October. Date to be determined.

The months of July and August were slow months for the parish in terms of financial contributions. This meant we had to access some of our small reserves in order to keep our expenses paid to date. As we start off this new church year, we call on all our parishioners to help us keep our parish on a strong financial foundation. This is especially important as we see parishes all around us having to join forces with other parishes to keep going. We have been very fortunate to remain strong financially throughout the pandemic, and, with your full support we hope to continue to do so well into the future.

<p><i>THE BULLETIN FOR THE Weeks of Sept. 11th & Sept. 18th</i></p> <p>IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD</p> <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF:</p> <p>CANON BERT CHEESEMAN July 16, 1927 – Sept. 10, 2016</p> <p><i>Given By: Dawn, Michele & Family</i></p> <p>&</p> <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF:</p> <p>HAROLD W. SHEPPARD Sept. 6, 1911 – Dec. 14, 2003</p> <p><i>Given By: Nina & Family</i></p>	<p>Sept. 11th</p> <p>14th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14th)</p> <p>Scriptural Sentence (Page 422)</p> <p><i>Far be it for me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>1st Reading Numbers 21: 4b-9</p> <p>Psalm 98: 1-6 Page 836</p> <p>(Canon Don Morgan)</p> <p>2nd Reading 1st Corinthians 1: 18-24</p> <p>(Joyce Keeping)</p> <p>Gospel John 3: 13-17 (Deacon Bonnell)</p>	<p>Sept. 18th</p> <p>15th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Scriptural Sentence (Page 381)</p> <p><i>You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.</i></p> <p>1st Reading Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9: 1</p> <p>Psalm 79: 1-9 Pages 811 & 812</p> <p>(Gloria Earle)</p> <p>2nd Reading 1st Timothy 2: 1-7</p> <p>(Dave Earle)</p> <p>Gospel Luke 16: 1-13 (Deacon Bonnell)</p>
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