

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen 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): **Mark & Didi Todd, Jason & Krista Trask, Abner & Fanny Tucker, Carol Ann Tucker, Darcy & Winnie Tucker and their families.**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, The Most Revd. James Richard Wong Yin Song, Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of The Epiphany, Hearts Delight/Islington, Rev. Eli Rector and the Parish of Flowers Cove (4 congregations), Rev. Omar Reyes, Priest-in-Charge.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Archbishop Ron Cutler.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

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April 8th 2018 (Year B)

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 – In many parts of the Christian Church, today is often referred to as *Low Sunday*. There may be several reasons for this title. For some it might be that after the busy time of Holy Week and Easter Sunday, things become a bit slower, not as many people are at worship as it was the Sunday before; for others it might be that Easter Sunday is such a glorious celebration of the Risen Christ, that the next Sunday doesn't capture the same sense of excitement. Whatever the reason for this title of *Low Sunday* I am not a fan of it, for every Sunday ought to be a glorious celebration of the risen Lord. Easter is not a single day of the year it is an entire season that will carry us all the way through to Pentecost. More than that, we are an *Easter People*, our entire faith is based on the resurrection of Jesus, every Sunday is an Easter celebration, especially when we gather around the Lord's table to share in the Eucharist. I think if we can capture the joy of Easter every week there will be no such thing as a low Sunday. In today's gospel reading we hear the story of Jesus appearing among the disciples in the Upper Room shortly after his resurrection. The doors are locked, and the disciples are huddled together in fear of what might happen to them as followers of the crucified Jesus. They don't yet understand that Jesus has risen, and the thought of what might be done to them by the Jews drains every bit of courage and conviction from them. As Jesus stands before them and they are able to touch the wounds of the Cross, there is

renewed in them a sense of hope and courage. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on them and they are once again almost ready to set the world on fire with the Gospel of Christ. They don't yet rush out to proclaim the risen Lord, and one is missing from this post-resurrection appearance, Thomas, or *doubting Thomas* is not present, and when he is told of this experience, he refuses to believe unless he can see it for himself. Jesus appears again a week later, and, this time Thomas is present and he proclaims his belief. Jesus says that *blessed are those who have not seen but yet believe*. That really is the essence of faith isn't it? Believing without seeing! But we are human, and oftentimes we will not believe things unless we can experience it first. It's not entirely wrong to do so in many things of life, especially with all the news and stories that are out there on social media sites. I have seen a lot of things on Facebook that I would never believe at face value, so we can't be too harsh on Thomas. I hope that our experience of Easter will have strengthened our faith in such a way that we have no doubts, and that we have been empowered by the same Holy Spirit Jesus breathed on the disciples in the upper room, so that we can leave our own locked rooms where we huddle in fear of the world, and help set the world on fire with the gospel of Christ. (Rev. Randy)

The Annual Holocaust Remembrance organized by the Jewish Community Havura of Newfoundland and Labrador, will take place at 3:30 pm on Sunday, April 15th. This year's commemoration will feature a multi-media presentation created by Professor Robert Katz of the University of Maine at Augusta, *Were the*

House Still Standing. This work weaves together the testimony of sixteen Holocaust survivors and liberators, using video, photography, audio, and text to ensure that their memories will endure and be shared to future generations. The memorial service will be held in the Science Lecture Theatre, SN2109, in the southwest corner of the Science Building at Memorial University. Parking is available in lot 15B adjacent to the Music School, and lot 1A in front of the Arts Building. Directions from parking lots will be provided.

Prayer Group: Would you like to join our Prayer Group? Each week someone from the group takes responsibility for leading the prayers on Sunday morning, which reflect what is happening in our world, nation, community and church. It is wonderful to have the lay people of the parish doing this part of our worship, because it truly becomes *The Prayers Of The People*. Rev. Russell gives leadership to the group, and, anyone interested will be welcomed and assisted in how to prepare the weekly prayers.

Sidespersons: Additional Sidespersons are needed! Currently we have about 5 teams that alternate, which means each group is on duty one week out of 5. A couple of the teams need additional help because their numbers are smaller. Duties include greeting parishioners and visitors on Sunday morning, raising and taking down the flags, passing out service books and bulletins, taking up the offering, ringing the bell, etc. If this is something you would consider doing please speak to Rev. Randy.

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

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.**

Children's Corner

Speak, Lord

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 117
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN
Year B — 2nd Sunday of Easter



THE APOSTLES SEE JESUS AGAIN ... ALIVE

1 The first time THOMAS was not there ...



It can't be true.
I refuse to believe.

2 The second time THOMAS was there.

MY LORD
AND MY
GOD,
I believe.



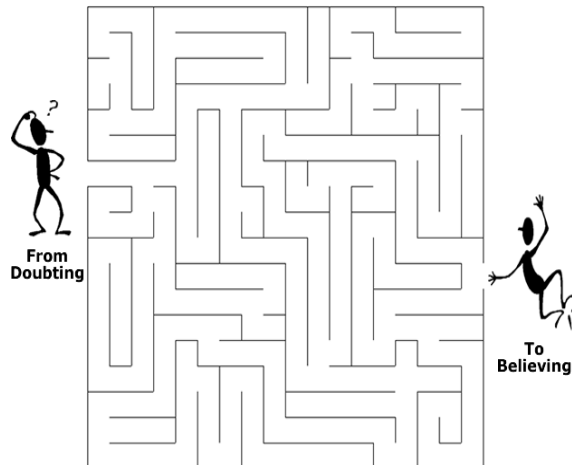
↑ Draw a picture of Jesus facing Thomas.

Jesus said to them:

"P _ A _ E _ B _ W _ T _ Y _ U."

Stopp Doubting & Believeing

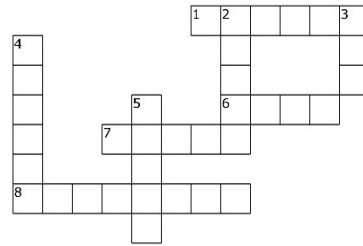
Can you find the path from doubting to believing?



Seeing Is Believing

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 20:19-31.



ACROSS

- The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- An entrance into a building or room
- A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
- Unwilling to believe that something is true

DOWN

- The body parts at the end of the arms
- To observe with your eyes
- Not open
- To believe in something for which there is no proof

FAITH	THOMAS	CLOSED	NAILS
HANDS	SEE	DOUBTING	DOOR

Believe it or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Complete the activity by filling in the blanks.



Enter the letter found beside the word that best matches the clue.

- _____ Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
- _____ To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
- _____ To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
- _____ An entrance into a building or room
- _____ To believe in something for which there is no proof
- _____ Not open
- _____ A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer
- _____ The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- _____ To break God's law
- _____ The body parts at the end of the arms

A. THOMAS	B. PEACE	C. DOUBT	D. HANDS	E. SIN
F. CLOSED	G. HAPPY	H. FAITH	I. NAIL	J. DOOR

Other Notes

Rev. Randy will be contacting all those registered for Confirmation in the very near future to arrange preparation classes. It is expected that Confirmands will register for the **GPS (God's Positioning System)** which happens April 26th – 29th, at St. Lawrence's church, but we are also partnering with at St. Philip's. This is open to all young people between the ages of 11 – 19, and a good thing for those preparing for Confirmation to take part in. Information and registration forms are at the church, and should be submitted by April 8th, there is no cost for this weekend. We ask the young people in this age group to sign up and invite your friends to do so also

ACW Spring Fellowship will be held on Thursday, May 3rd at St. Cyprian's – St. Mary's parish, Bell Island. If any ladies of the parish would like to attend that would be wonderful, please advise our own president, Phoebe Parrell, if you plan to go. The ferry will leave at 10:00 am and return at 2:15 pm



The church is on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Take a look!

Stewardship thought For the Week

Examples are few of men ruined by giving.

Stewardship Statement

Our budget for weekly regular giving this year is set at **\$95,000.00**. Please see chart below. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning

Maintenance Fund We continue to ask our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us lower our debt on the heating system. 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.

Yearly Budget for Envelope giving

for 2017 - **\$95,000.00**

Needed Monthly - **\$7,916.67**

Needed Weekly - **\$1,979.16**

Rec'd Mar. 30 th & Apr. 1 st .	
Regular Giving	\$ 1,730.00
Shortfall	\$ 249.16
Maintenance	\$ 505.00
Rec'd Year to Date Regular Giving	\$22,064.00
Maintenance	\$ 4,116.00
Total brought in for Mar. 30 th & Apr. 1 st .	\$ 7,728.50

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary
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***Have you believed, Thomas,
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not
seen and yet believe.***

Easter 2 – April 8th

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Dave Bartlett
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), Baptism
& Sunday School
Eucharistic Assistants – Todd Martin &
George Sharpe
Counters: Ruth Hiscock & Don Morgan
Sidesperson: Todd Martin
Altar Duty: Ruth Hiscock & Karen
Puglisevich**

Easter 3 – April 15th

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Marianne Baker
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), &
Sunday School
Eucharistic Assistants – Harve Hiscock &
Carol Bartlett
Counters: - Ruth Hiscock & Don Morgan
Sidesperson: - Gerald Sharpe
Altar Duty: Ruth Hiscock & Karen
Puglisevich**

**The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for
Today – Easter Sunday - April 8th.**
Scripture Readings

**1st Reading – Acts 4: 32-35
Psalm 133: Page 890
(Todd Martin)**

**2nd Reading – 1st John 1: -2:2
(Canon Shirley Gosse)**

**Gospel: St. John 20: 19-31
(Deacon Bonnell)**

**To be added to the Easter Flower
List:**

**Elsie, Leo & Walter Parrelli,
Gertrude & Llewlyn Dyke,
Charles Feltham,
Louise, Jose & Lucy Cordova,
Earl, Martha & George Powell**

**Given by:
Susan, Bruce, Taylor & Morgan
Powell**

We welcome into God's Family by way of
baptism today, Owen Mark Redd Wheeler,
son of Allison and Zachary.

NOTICES

**A Diocesan Festival of Lessons and Carols
for Easter** will take place at the cathedral of
St. John the Baptist today at 4:00 pm.

Vestry Meeting – Will be held on **Tuesday,
April 10th** at **7:30 pm**.

**The Wednesday evening Bible Study will
resume on April 11th**. With the busyness of
Holy Week and Easter week, we will take a
little break. Once we resume others are
welcome to join with us as well.

GPS (God's Positioning System) is an
Archdeaconry Youth Event happening at St.
Lawrence's church, Portugal Cove, April 26 – 29.
The guest speaker will be Sheilgh McGlynn, an
animator for youth ministry at national church in
Toronto. This event is open to ages 11 – 18, and
our parish will be offering its support by hosting
one of the events on Thursday, April 26th, and
serving refreshments after. Rev. Randy will be
asking all Confirmation candidates to register for
the weekend.

Home Again Furniture Bank is a non-profit
organization providing gently-used furniture and
household items to individuals and families in
need. They work through a referral system of local
agencies to ensure everyone can make their house
a home. Our diocese is one of the founding
members of this organization, and St. Philip's

parish is also one of the referral agencies. There
are special envelopes available to help our parish
raise much needed funds to help. There are also
some cardboard outlines of various furniture
pieces, each time you make a donation using the
envelopes you get to place a full coloured piece
over the outline with your name on it. These will
be posted in the main entrance. Please take an
envelope today and make your contribution.

**If you play a musical instrument or like to
sing** don't forget to sign your name on the
bulletin board. We are interested in finding out
who would like to be part of a church band.

**St. Thomas' Church Silent Auction and
Cold Plate Supper** (with an all-you-can-eat
salad buffet) will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 5
pm in Canon Wood Hall, 8 Military Road. Tickets
(\$15 each) are available by calling 754-0151.

The Lavrock Camp is gearing up for another
busy year of camping. Application forms are
now available for the *Girls Camp (ages 8-13)*
taking place July 9th – 13th and the *Junior
Coed Camp (ages 8-13)* taking place July 16th
– 20th. All information is included with the
application form available at the church.

Counsellor in Training/Staff Application
forms for Lavrock camps this Summer are also
available. To apply one must be at least 15
years of age, having some experience as a
camper or working with children, as well as

some other criteria outlined in the application form. These are available at the church.