

May 30th

Collect for the Day: Father, we praise you: through your word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. 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) Dawn Cheeseman, A. Joyce Clark, Alvin & Effie Clarke, Hilda Clarke, Martha Clarke and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Harbour Grace (2 congregations) – Rector, Rev. John Nicolle and the Parish of Heart's Content (2 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Gloria Wendover.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, Archbishop Lynne McNaughton and the Provincial Council.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Primate: Archbishop Linda Nicholls

Metropolitan: Archbishop Ron Cutler

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

Bishop – The Right Reverend Samuel Rose

Anglican Church of St. Philip

Rector: Rev. Randy Lockyer

(Cell) 693-8537

(Church) 895-0715

Deacon: The Rev. Edgar Bonnell

Honorary Assistants

The Rev. Canon Shirley Gosse

The Rev. Canon Don Morgan The Rev. Russell Osmond



Website: www.anglicanparishofstphilip.com

Rector's Warden – Gloria Earle – 895-3404

People's Warden – Gary King- 895-6239

May 30th, 2021 (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: This Sunday (May 30th) begins the longest liturgical season of the Church year, that of Trinity. Except for Saints days, and a few other commemorative days, the color will be primarily green on the altar, pulpit and lectern. In more recent years our church calendar that many of you have on your wall at home, will show that the Sundays of Trinity are marked as Sundays that follow the day of Pentecost. This is mainly to coincide with the Common Lectionary, and whether one is using the BCP or the BAS. Sometimes even now I will enter the service in the vestry record book as the first, second, third Sunday after Trinity instead of after Pentecost, as a matter of habit. Depending on how we mark the Sundays of Trinity (or Pentecost) it can be confusing because Pentecost Sunday is the Sunday before Trinity Sunday, so, for example, the first Sunday after Trinity is the second Sunday after Pentecost. In the end, what is most important is that we know what each season of the church year represents to us as Christians. The season of Pentecost (often referred to as Pentecostide) or Trinity, will take us right up to November 21st this year, the *"Reign of Christ Sunday"*, and the Sunday before Advent. We are much better able to understand the concept of Pentecost, because it is explicitly laid out for us in the Book of Acts. However, the concept of the *Trinity* is a little more confusing to understand, and even now it is somewhat wrapped in a degree of mystery. There has always been, and always will be a great amount of mystery surrounding our understanding of God and our relationship with God. Not even Jesus, in his humanity, knew completely the mind of God. Jesus declared in St. Matthew 24 that not even the angels or he himself knew when he would return again, but only God the Father. We must always hold before us the fact that, though Jesus was the divine Son of God, he was also born of human flesh and blood, and like us God was revealing things to him in the course of his life and humanity. To believe that Jesus came to earth as the Son of God with all knowledge and a blueprint of God's plan already worked out is to deny his humanity and cheapen his life, death and resurrection Jesus knew what it was as a child to fall and skin his knee, he knew what it was like to strike his thumb with a hammer in Joseph's carpentry shop, he knew what it was to feel pain and cry out, as was clearly exemplified on the Cross. He was fully human and divine at the same time, that is the mystery of the Incarnation, God coming in human flesh to show us the way. These are not easy concepts to wrap our heads around, and what makes it so much a mystery is that even in the best of human knowledge and understanding we can never know the mind of God and mystery of faith. We can try to understand using human analogies but we will undoubtedly always fall short. The understanding of the Incarnation and the Trinity are no different, it will always be veiled in an element of mystery. One human analogy I like to use in simplifying the concept of the Incarnation is the following story, which you may have heard me use before. I don't know it's origin, but it helps to put it into perspective for us, why God would come to earth in human form. The story goes this way

On a cold, windy Christmas Eve, the mother was getting the children ready for the church service, while the father decided to stay at home reading by the fireplace while keeping the fire burning. As he read alone he suddenly heard a repetitive thumping on the window, he looked out and a flock of birds were being blown around aimlessly in the wind, some striking the window and side of the house. In his compassion he decided to go outside and open the barn door to allow them shelter. However, the birds were afraid of him and refused to fly into the barn. The man thought to himself "if only I were one of them they would follow me inside". In that instant he understood the meaning of the Incarnation – that God became one of us to lead us and show us the way.

It's a cute story that opens our minds to the depth of God's love for us, that God would become one of us in human flesh (Jesus) to redeem us and bring us salvation. In the story of Trinity, we have many scripture references to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three distinct entities but yet one person. Jesus often referred to him and the Father being one, and we know that the Holy Spirit was also present in the creation story of Genesis. In the last chapter of Matthew's gospel, Jesus said – *go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit... and lo, I am with you to the end of the age.* The Trinity is a core part of Christian doctrine and teaching, that every Christian holds in common. A church that does not include the doctrine of the Trinity as a belief is not part of mainstream Christianity. What makes it hard for some to comprehend is the idea that anything can be individually three but yet only one. Again, bearing in mind that we have only human understanding to help us, and that we can never fully know the mysteries of God, we often use human things to help us comprehend something of it's nature. Such as that of water, it can be pure water, steam or ice, but yet it is still water. An egg has a yolk, a white and a shell, three parts but still one egg. Simple analogies but kind of brings things into perspective in helping us understand something of these theological concepts. In the end we learn to live by faith, and accept that God has not and will not fully reveal everything to us in this life, there will always be mystery, and Jesus reminds us to believe and have faith even if we don't see. Remember his encounter with Thomas after his resurrection? Thomas was absent when Jesus first stood among the disciples after he was resurrected. The next week Thomas was present and placed his fingers in the wounds of Jesus and declared that he now believed. Jesus said – *do you believe because you have seen? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.* That is our calling as Christians; that in the confusion and chaos of life, when everything around us is overwhelming, we still have faith that God is present in our lives. Faith is much more than seeing, faith is about that innermost feeling within us that no matter what, and though I don't understand it, and though I am afraid, yet I know God is with me. May the mysteries of our faith, and the things veiled from our eyes also bring us reassurance that God is at work in our world and in our lives bringing about peace even in the storms of life.

(Rev. Randy)

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK OF May 30th

**IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Gerald Gillingham

December 29, 1934 – May 28, 2003

**Given by
Gloria, David, Christopher,
Mark & Alexa**

Lillian & Harold Sheppard

**Given by
Ethel, Ches & Lisa**

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.**

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

June 5 – Tickets are now available for the Salmon Dinner (including dessert) – coming up on June 5th. The cost is \$20.00 and the meal is take-out only.

Thank you to those who completed their term of office on Vestry as of the annual meeting held on May 2nd. They include Moses and Linda Tucker, Donna and Janice Spurrell, Ruth Hiscock and Pheobe Parrell. Thank you for your service and continued ministry in other ways to the parish. **We also welcome new members of Vestry** elected at the annual meeting, Karen Puglisevich, Todd Martin, Harvey Hiscock, Margaret Tucker and Barbara Skinner.

A second refugee sponsorship has arrived. You will recall that several years ago we became part of a larger refugee committee, consisting of the parishes of St. Philip's, Paradise, St. Lawrence, Gould's and Foxtrap. The chair of the committee is Dr. Greg Brown, and includes Moses Tucker, Karen Puglisevich and Rev. Randy. They concluded their first sponsorship of a family of five in 2020 and now the second has arrived. This time we are sponsoring just one individual, a young Syrian lady named Farrah Youssef Sheikh, who has been waiting in Cyprus to come to Canada for quite a long time. She finally arrived in St. John's last Monday, and is doing her 14 day quarantine period. Farrah speaks great English, she is of the Christian faith, so we look forward to meeting her soon. Please pray for Farrah as she adapts to her new home of Canada, and more specifically Newfoundland & Labrador.

St. Philip's Annual Flower Service will be held on Sunday, August 8th at 3:00 pm. We hope to do the service in the cemetery, however, in the event of inclement weather it will be held inside. With the advantage of our 98.5 FM channel, anyone unable to walk from the parking lot to the cemetery, should be able to remain in the car and listen to the service through the radio.

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.

Overeaters Anonymous (OA). Are you struggling with unhealthy eating behaviours? Give us a call. We are a support group whose program is based on physical, emotional and spiritual healing. We are a Twelve Step program for people facing serious eating problems. Call 709-738-1742, email info.aa.nl@gmail.com or visit our website: oanl.org.

Notice from Anglican Life. Many parishioners stopped receiving a subscription to Anglican Life / Anglican Journal at the end of 2019 as they were requested to "confirm" their subscription in order to continue receiving the paper. We continue to re-build the subscribers list for Anglican Life with much success in 2020, thanks to your assistance. Anglican Life / Anglican Journal is available FREE to all Anglican in Newfoundland and Labrador. All anyone needs to do is contact the Editor, Ms. Emily Rowe @ anglicanlifeni@gmail.com or call Rev. Fred Marshall @ 709-727-4346.

A new lawn mower has been purchased for the church. The old mower was much less reliable and no longer suited for our needs. The new one is a self-propelled one and much easier for those using it to cut the grass around the church and in the cemetery. If anyone is interested in donating the mower in memory of a loved one(s) please speak to Rev. Randy. The cost is approximately \$600

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.

We are now back to indoor worship for our 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. We are restricted to a maximum of 100 people, including sidespersons, register, organist and clergy. It is also still important that you register for Sunday worship by calling Donna or Janice Spurrell at 895-3581. If you attend on Sunday and you plan to be there the next Sunday just let them know at the registration table.

Beautification work around the site of the Columbaria has started again. Thank you to Dawn Cheeseman and Joyce Fewer for the work they have been doing there in the past couple of years, and others that have been helping them. Vestry is in the process of having constructed a story-board that will highlight the history of St. Philip's, which is a long history. As more and more columbaria niches are purchased there is a need for us to continue to enhance the area as well as the rest of the cemetery. Summer is always a time when family members are working on the graves of loved ones, we ask everyone working in the cemetery to help us keep it looking good by removing debris, and abiding by the cemetery regulations. If you see a grave nearby not being cared for, by all means cut away the grass and tend to it. Sometimes there are no family members around anymore to attend to the upkeep. Out of the 48 niches in the columbaria we have now sold 24 of them, with 24 more still available for purchase.

Who is an ACW member or an ACM member? The short answer is, every woman of our parish is an ACW member and every man is an ACM member. We would love to get the numbers of active members up that attend regular meetings. Contrary to what some might think, it's not always about meetings and planning fundraisers, it is also about fun and fellowship together. We would love to see more of our ladies and gentlemen meeting together, getting to know one another better and growing our parish.

Hospital visitation is limited to only the appointed chaplain. Whenever any of our parishioners are admitted to hospital, parish clergy are prohibited from visiting because of Covid-19 guidelines. So please ask for the Anglican Chaplain, and, he will be most happy to visit you regularly during your hospital stay.

Anyone with children for baptism is asked to speak to Rev. Randy. Because of the restrictions and very limited numbers around gathering, we continue to do baptism outside of the regular Sunday worship times.

Confirmation names are being accepted. We hope that by this Fall we can begin Confirmation preparation again. Rev. Randy will determine a date for Confirmation in consultation with the bishop once we have a list of names to begin.

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.

The 98.5 FM frequency is always in use whenever we are gathered for worship. If our numbers inside exceed 100 people there is still the ability to listen to the service through your car radio while in the parking lot of the church.

What is the status of parish hall rentals? At this time The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is not available for general rentals. As of September, we made the hall available to our major renters - Ballicatter and Eastern Health group - as long as they had documentation from Eastern Health showing their start-up plan.

Parish Finances is always a concern for us as we endeavor to keep up-to-date on our commitments. Last year (2020) turned out to be an excellent year for the parish financially, as all of you, parishioners of St. Philip's parish rallied to ensure the bills could be paid in the midst of the pandemic as our building was closed. We are very grateful for that, and, not many parishes in the diocese had this experience, and it happened here because of your faithfulness to God and your devotion to this parish. We are now coming to the end of the first quarter of 2021, and we want to remind everyone that the challenges of the global pandemic are still with us, our building continues to be closed down for inside worship and fundraising is non-existent at the moment. We ask everyone to be mindful of our situation and to help us keep up financially by being regular in your financial support of the parish. God bless you for all you do in the life of our parish.

Notes

Summer is approaching and after a long Winter and wet Spring we look forward to warm and sunny days to come over the next few months. Traditionally it is always a slow time for church finances as parishioners are away, camping and doing all kinds of activities. The majority of parish expenses are spread over 12 months, such as stipend, diocesan assessments, maintenance, utilities, loans, etc. so we want to remind our parishioners of financial obligations we have to meet during these slow months. Many have signed up for Electronic Giving, some make Email Transfers, some send post-dated cheques, etc. If we can all be mindful of our parish needs during the months of June, July and August our treasurer will be very happy.

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. Due to the church being closed again because of Covid, we do encourage parishioners to go online at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

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.

The food collection container at St. Philip's Church is still being used. We want to remind everyone that they can still bring donations of non-perishable food items for the container located in the foyer of the church. Each time the box is full we take the items to the "Pop-up Pantry" at St. Lawrence's parish, which is a community food bank. This is a good outreach ministry to be involved with regularly.

PWRDF Making birth safer for moms and babies in rural Mozambique. We are writing to share an exciting opportunity to engage your parish in the work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. **A Light for Every Birth** will make labour and delivery safer for moms and babies in 50 health clinics in rural Mozambique without electricity. In 2016, PWRDF partnered with **EHALE** in Mozambique and **We Care Solar** in California to install "solar suitcases" in 30 health clinics. A solar suitcase is a wall-mounted unit that connects to a solar panel on the roof. It opens like a suitcase and includes phone charging ports, a headlamp and a fetal Doppler to monitor baby's heartbeat. The solar suitcases continue to work beautifully and are making a world of difference to moms and babies. With 50 more solar suitcases installed this summer, more moms and babies in Mozambique will have a safer, brighter birth experience, and a healthy start. As we look forward to the warmth of the summer sun and emerging from various stages of lockdown, we can gather hope from knowing that the same sun is shining in Mozambique, powering health clinics. A single solar suitcase costs \$5,800, including installation. That may be a challenge for many churches to raise. But together we can accomplish a lot. Your gift of any amount will support our mission towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world. Please visit the solar suitcase page on [our website](#) or contact Donor Relations Officer **Mike Ziemerink** to learn more. Thank you for your commitment to PWRDF and for helping to make a world of difference.

We are now permitted to have up to 100 people in church. This is good news indeed. However, it is still necessary for people to call Donna or Janice to be put on the list, as we must keep an accurate record of attendees just in case we are asked for it. As well, people from the same household are allowed to sit next to any of their 20 consistent contacts. Masks must be worn at all times and can only be removed to receive the Eucharist. Readings and sermons can be done without the mask as long as nobody is within 6 feet of lectern or pulpit. We will continue to adhere to all safety protocols as before for as long as we are advised to do so. It is working and we are seeing the results of it in our province.

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>

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

May 30th

Trinity Sunday

Page 346

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God of Hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory.

1st Reading
Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalm 29
Page: 738

(Allie Wheeler)

2nd Reading
Romans 8: 12-17

(Glenda Winter)

Gospel
John 3: 1-17,
(Deacon Bonnell)

Church Chuckle

In a small church, the Minister waited for the offering to be taken. When the plate came back with even less money than usual, he began his prayer, "Well, Lord, we thank you for the safe return of the plate."

www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch
Stewardship thought for the Week

The Bible tells us, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

St. Philip's parish is set up 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 etransfers, 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.