

Dismissal Songs

“Let There Be Love”

*Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes;
may now your love
sweep this nation,
cause us, Oh Lord
to arise;
Give us a fresh understanding,
of Christian love that is real;
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.*

“May God’s Blessing”

*May God’s blessing
Surround you each day,
As you trust Him
and walk in his way.
May his presence within
Guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace,
go in joy,
go in love.*

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May 5th and 12th, 2024 (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:

As I reflect today (May 1st), I am mindful of a number of things. First of all, it marks the beginning of my parish ministry, post-ordination, 32 years ago in Springdale, though I had served as a Catechist for the previous 6 summers in various parishes in the diocese of Western Newfoundland, all through my university and Queen's College studies. I must admit that, when I ventured out into my preparation for ministry almost 40 years ago, I had no idea how quickly those years would fly by. In all these years I have been fortunate to have met so many people, and shared in so many lives in so many ways. Every baptism, Confirmation, wedding, funeral, every time I have been at the bedside of a dying person, every time I have celebrated eucharist, and so many other experiences with God's people, have been a holy experience, never to be taken lightly. So, I want to say thank you to all these people whose lives I have been privileged to share in.

I am also mindful that today, May 1st, is also the feast day for our parish of St. Philip. This day is also shared with another great saint, James. We will use the special readings for these 2 saints on Sunday, May 5th. St. Philip the Apostle, also known simply as Philip, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Although he is mentioned only by name in the Apostle lists of the Synoptic Gospels, he plays a more prominent role in the Gospel According to John. Here are some key points about St. Philip:

1. **Background and Call:** Philip hailed from **Bethsaida of Galilee**. He answered Jesus' call to follow Him and was instrumental in bringing **St. Nathanael** (likely identified with St. Bartholomew) to Jesus.
2. **Influence of St. John the Baptist:** At the time of his call, Philip seemed to belong to a group influenced by **St. John the Baptist**.
3. **Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes:** Philip participated in the **miracle of the loaves and fishes** (John 6:5-9), which explains why he is often depicted with loaves in medieval art.
4. **Request to See Jesus:** Along with **St. Andrew the Apostle**, Philip conveyed to Jesus that certain Greeks wanted to see Him (John 12:21-22).

5. **Desire to See the Father:** In John 14:8-9, Philip asked Jesus to reveal the Father. Jesus responded, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father."
6. **Apostolate and Legends:** Philip's apostolate is traditionally associated with the territory of **Scythia** (an ancient Eurasian area). Legends about him sometimes overlap with those of **St. Philip the Evangelist** (Philip the Deacon), one of the seven deacons of the early church (Acts 6:5).
7. **Death:** According to various traditions, Philip died of **natural causes** or was **crucified**.

So, we have indeed chosen a wonderful saint to pattern the life of our parish after.

I am mindful as well that next Sunday, May 12th, will be **Mother's Day**. A day to celebrate our mothers, to be thankful for those still with us, and to remember with gratitude, those who are no longer with us, but still occupy a huge part of our hearts and minds. I invite the moms of our parish to come along as we honor you, and, as we do each year, present you with a flower. Make Sunday morning worship a big part of your Mother's Day celebration.

As we reflect, we are ever thankful for God's blessings upon us, and as time marches on so quickly, the one constant in our lives is the care, guidance, and love of a God that knows us better than we know ourselves, and desires that we be in relationship. As time flies by in your life, I ask the question – **what are you most thankful for?**

Rev. Randy

May 14 - Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 pm in the boardroom.

May 19 and May 26 - The next services of baptism in our parish will be both May 19th and May 26th. We try not to schedule them together, but occasionally it is necessary so as to accommodate travel and work schedules.

July 28 - This year's annual Flower Service will be held on Sunday, July 28th at 3:00 pm. If the weather does not co-operate the service will be held inside.

Our Food Bank boxes are still in the foyer and we welcome donations of non-perishable food items to be dropped into them. Once they are full we take them to the Pop-Up Pantry (food bank) at St. Lawrence's church.

Ballicatter - As a reminder, because of government regulations under which they operate, we must ensure that when they are using the space, which includes the parish centre and washrooms, no other persons are allowed access. Their usual hours of operation are from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Help needed in our Sound Room on Sunday mornings? There is a real need for volunteers to control the microphones, etc. during our morning services so that we have the right volume and everyone can hear what is being said. This would be a great thing for some of our young people to get involved with, they have lots of technical ability for sure. We would also like to get back to using our screens on a more regular basis as well. Speak to Rev. Randy about it.

Columbarium niches are nearly all sold. Of the 48 available 45 of them have already been sold. There are plans to purchase and install more units in the coming year, and the cost of those individual niches will depend on the cost of the units.

As Summer gets nearer (it will arrive), many people will be doing work on family graves in the cemetery. We remind everyone that there are regulations governing the cemetery, so please check with the rector or vestry if you have questions. We do hope to have a student again this Summer, but that will depend on whether or not we receive a government grant. Please help keep our cemetery, including the columbarium area of it, looking beautiful. Also be safe while doing work on family graves, there may be areas where one could fall or twist an ankle.

Parish Recycling program is something we are very proud of in our parish. This is a project taken on by our men's group (ACM) many years ago and still going strong. Residents of the town drop off their bottles and cans at several designated sites, our men pick it up and take it to the recycling trailer, where it gets sorted, counted and bagged every Monday night. Once we have enough its placed on a trailer and taken to the recycling depot in St. John's. In addition to keeping a lot of stuff out of the landfill, it brings much needed money into our parish budget. There is a need for extra volunteers that can spare about two hours on a Monday night (7-9 pm) to come along and help out. If you can do this, please speak to our ACM president, Gary King at 709-895-6239.

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

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.
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NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

May 5 - is our monthly **COFFEE HOUR!** We hope you will join us just before the 10:30 am worship service in the foyer for coffee/tea (juice for the kids) and refreshments. This month's coffee hour is sponsored by Joyce (Fewer) Keeping and Ada Lockyer. The monthly coffee hour is meant to help our parishioners get to know each other more, and to welcome visitors.

May 5 - **DAMA** (Diocesan Anglican Men's Association) **will be having its supper, annual meeting & worship service today, May 5th at St. Peter's Church, Upper Gullies.**

May 8 – The next ACW meeting will be held on May 8 at 7:30 pm.

May 9th - Teen Challenge Canada: Our mission is to demonstrate God's love by helping individuals become free from substance addiction and equipping them to live full and meaningful lives. Teen Challenge Canada operates a 12-month, in-residence, faith-based drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, for adults 18+, at treatment centres across five provinces. They will be hosting their 2024 Gala Banquet on Thursday, May 9th, at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre, 180 Portugal Cove Road. This will be a dinner and silent auction. The cost is \$75 per ticket and the doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling 709-800-1015 or www.teenchallenge.ca/gala Our own Brenda Gavin-Harding is a member of the local branch of Teen Challenge Canada, and she will be speaking briefly about this on Sunday, April 21st.

May 9 - **Queen's College Convocation** is scheduled for May 9 at the Parish of the Ascension, 58 Smallwood Drive, Mount Pearl. Convocation Speaker for 2024 will be The Most Rev Chris Harper, National Indigenous Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Archbishop Harper has many years of ministry experience among and with Indigenous Anglicans, and a deep passion for the work of reconciliation. Speaking of the role of National Indigenous Archbishop, Harper said it a ministry that is, "More than just to the Indigenous alone; it is a ministry that reaches out to both sides of the Christian conversation, seeking to find paths of healing in the shared legacy we all inherit, seeking to find a common language and identity, wherein we might begin to see and acknowledge each other as equals in the family of God." He sees his role as a balance between offering pastoral healing to Indigenous peoples and communities, especially Residential School Survivors, but also as an advocate for justice and equity for Indigenous peoples with the church and the wider society. He is Plains Cree and a member of the Onion Lake Cree Nation. Born in Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan, Archbishop Harper is the son of a Residential School Survivor. Before his call to ordination, he worked as an emergency medical technician.

May 11 - **St. Mary the Virgin Anglican church, St. John's, will be hosting a Sweet and Savory Takeaway Sale** on Saturday, May 11th, 2024, between 1:00 and 5:00 pm in the hospitality room (chapel) through the side entrance on the upper parking lot off Craigmillar Crescent. In addition to the usual bake sale items for sale, there will be a variety of single serving soups, stews, and meals available, all frozen and ready to be heated up at home. Please note that this is a cash only event.

May 12- is **Mother's Day.** We want to wish all the moms, including those who have been mom-like examples to others, a very happy Mother's Day. As we do each year, we will be presenting carnations to all the moms at our 10:30 am worship service.

THANK YOU TO JOYCE KEEPING & ADA LOCKYER for hosting this month's *Coffee Hour* today. It is always an opportunity to share and get to know one another better. Our next one will be Sunday, June 2nd, and this will be the last one until September.

Youth gathering in the Fall. Brenda Gavin-Harding and Rev. Randy are interested in bringing together the young people of our parish to plan some form(s) of youth ministry. We are asking parents/grandparents etc., to talk to the youth in your family and encourage them to sign up for participation. We would love to have a list of interested youth now to do some groundwork over the next few months.

As Summer approaches we remind everyone of the need to keep our cemetery grounds as tidy as possible, including the columbarium section. As more of the niches are in use there is no room for flowers and other memorial items, and often they get blown around and broken. Please adhere to the regulations in place. Let's keep it looking beautiful there.

To those who hold keys to the building we want to stress the importance of ensuring the building is securely locked after every usage. As a rule, if you unlock a door please lock it after, even if someone else is in the building. Ensure all windows are closed and locked, all lights are out and the door locked. Not often, but occasionally a door gets left unlocked all through the night, so please be extra vigilant in securing the building.

Canon Shirley continues to look after our Sunday readings and reader lists. In the past year we added a couple of new readers to the list, but would love to have even more. If you would like to be one of our readers on a Sunday morning please speak to Canon Shirley.

Altar Servers are needed. We welcome any young people in our congregation that would like to serve at the altar to please speak to Rev. Randy. Duties include things such as lighting and putting out the candles, carrying the cross, helping with Communion, etc. Canon Morgan did some extensive training with a group of adults as well in the past year, so we would like to get them involved in this ministry as well this year.

Funding for a Summer student has been approved once more. Our church warden, Gloria Earle, will be posting the position soon, and more information will be provided in the coming days.

Do you know that parishioners can sign-up for E-Giving? This helps ensure that your parish receives your regular offerings on a biweekly or monthly basis through regular deductions from your bank account. This is especially helpful to the parish during the summer months when many of our parishioners are away for long periods of time. Further information about this is available from the parish office as well as the proper forms to set it up.

Set Sail – Charting The Course For Christ's Church is a strategic diocesan program, which looks at ways to strengthen parishes and better equip them to do ministry in the church and in the wider communities. It is a 4-part program consisting of (1) Deepening Relationships, (2) Transforming Discipleship, (3) Renewing Stewardship and (4) Engaging Partnerships. Under these headings are 6 goals – (1) Renewal of faith by regular examination of our Baptismal Covenant, (2) Develop our congregations to be more inclusive, supportive, and non-judgmental communities of faith, (3) To enable baptized persons to explore and express their faith in relationship with Christ, (4) To renew our understanding of true, holistic nature of our stewardship and responsibility to all of God's creation, (5) To examine our environmental footprint in light of the climate emergency and take tangible action to reduce the negative impact both as individuals and a faith community, (6) Recognize God in and through others, to partner with others outside our faith communities to support and engage in shared work, witness and ministry, and help bring dignity to every human being. As we move along with the rest of the diocese in this program, we hope in this year to engage in some tangible work as a parish to bring about some of these goals.

**THE BULLETIN FOR THE
Weeks of
May 5th & May 12th**

**IS GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ethel Rees

Given by:
Gloria & Family



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Myrtle Mercer, Carrie Hiscock,
Dorothy Walters, Phyllis Sharpe, Hilda
Mercer and our Grandmothers*

Forever Loved & Sadly Missed By
*Ruth, Carol, Karen
& Families*

Prayer Cycles

May 5th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Nigeria, the Most Rev. Henry Ndukuba, Primate.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Grand Bank - The Rev. Charlie Cox, Rector; and the Parish of Gander Bay (3 congregations) – The Rev. Faye Coffin, priest in charge.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the diocese of Fredericton – The Most Rev. David Edwards, Archdeacon Cathy Laskey, and Synod Office staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Rick & Linda Thomas, George Tilley, Abner & Fanny Tucker, Brian & Pauline Tucker, Carol Ann Tucker and their families.

May 12th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi, the Most Rev. Sixbert Macumi, Primate.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Grand Falls- The Rev. Robin Trevors, Rector; and the Parish of Green Island – The Rev. Canon Vernon Short, priest in charge.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI – The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, The Rev. Ann Turner, Executive Director, and Synod Office Staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Darlene Tucker, Denise Tucker, Ross Tucker, Joan Tucker, Karen Tucker and their families.

May 5th

**6th Sunday of Easter
St. Philip and St. James (May 1)**

Scriptural Sentence

“Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, says the Lord; that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

1st Reading

Isaiah 30: 18-21

Psalm 119: 33-40

Pages: 870, 871, 881

(Canon Shirley Gosse)

2nd Reading

Not appointed

Gospel

John 14 : 6-14

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth. Grant that we, mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Almighty God, to know you is to have eternal life. Grant us to know your Son as the way, the truth and the life; and guide our footsteps along the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Holy God, in Jesus Christ we find the way to you. May we who have met him in this banquet be kept in your unending love, and see you working through your Son, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

May 12th

**7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension of the Lord (May 9)**

Scriptural Sentence

“Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

1st Reading

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm 47

Pages: 764-765

(Dave Earle)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 1: 15-23

(Gloria Earle)

Gospel

Luke 24 : 44-53

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen