

May 22nd

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Bill and Daisy Gibbons, Charles and Canon Shirley Gosse, Lori and Barry Gosse, Beryl (Squires) Grace, Victor and Loretta Greeley and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Harbour Breton (4 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Roy Simms.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern NL – Bishop Samuel Rose; Archdeacon Charlene Taylor and Synod Office Staff.

May 29th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) 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 forever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) 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: (In Unison) 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

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Lorraine Halfyard, Dave Hamlyn and Margot Pitcher, Laura Hammond-Squires, Harvey and Ruth Hiscock, Mabel Hiscock and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of South India (United).

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

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern NL – Bishop Samuel Rose; Archdeacon Charlene Taylor and Synod Office Staff.

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May 22nd and May 29th, 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's desk:

It's hard to imagine we are now 6 weeks removed from Easter, even harder to imagine that in the busyness of our lives time passes so quickly. The one constant thing I hear many say, especially those retired or nearing retirement, is that *"the older we get the faster time flies"*. Obviously, we know that there is still 24 hours in a day, 60 minutes in an hour, and 60 seconds in a minute, that the only thing that changes is our pace of life. As children, or at least as I recall it now, we couldn't wait for Christmas to come, or birthdays, or the end of a school year, and it seemed as if it would never arrive. Time doesn't change but we do, as our lives move along at different stages. I'm not sure that our children today find that time is as long in the anticipation of special seasons and events? They seem to live much busier lives than I recall my own childhood to be, as there are all kinds of activities to consume their days and evenings. Growing up in a small community I was not afforded the same opportunities that our children were, music lessons, sports teams and tournaments, European school trips, scouts, Air Cadets and a host of other things. It wasn't because they were unaffordable, though from a large family it would have been a challenge, but these things just weren't available to anyone. At the time nobody felt they were missing out on anything because it just wasn't there for anyone. Most extracurricular activities for us were whatever we got together and decided to do, and practically all of it in the great outdoors. It was a different era, a different generation, and like every generation, it had its advantages and disadvantages. I am happy that our children had all the opportunities growing up, but yet there are experiences of my own childhood I wish they could have experienced as well. That, I imagine might be true for us all, but nostalgic none-the-less. The reality is, nothing remains the same, we are ever moving through stages of life, and with it the passing of time. The passing of time ought not to concern us too much, first of all, we can't stop time, and secondly, if time stopped, what would we have to look forward to? I recall a cartoon of two people sitting on the end of a wharf, discussing their lives, one says to the other – *"just as well to go for it, you only live once"*, to which the other one replied – *"no, you got that wrong, we die once but we live every day"*. I suppose it's a matter of perspective, however, I prefer the latter, it seems to me to be the best approach to life, and one that speaks of optimism and hope. So, here we are at the end of the church liturgical season of Easter, though every Sunday we worship is a celebration of Easter. May 29th, will be *Ascension Sunday*, a commemoration of Jesus' return to heaven. After the event of the Resurrection, Jesus

appeared to his disciples several times, spoke with them, continued to encourage and teach them, all in his efforts to prepare them for ministry in the world after his ascension to heaven. It was a scary time for them, not only were they facing life without their leader and teacher, they would also face retaliation and persecution from religious leaders and rulers, perhaps even death. Jesus wanted to show them that he would never leave nor forsake them even after his return to the right hand of God. The time had come for him to return to heaven, the Ascension is about to occur, the disciples are afraid, and Jesus says essentially, *I go now, but I won't leave you comfortless, I will send the Comforter to help you*. Of course, the Comforter is the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, which we will celebrate on June 5th – Pentecost Sunday. Jesus was born into the world according to God's plan for human redemption. He lived a presumably normal life, did all the things a young child did growing up in Nazareth, playing with his friends, helping his parents Joseph and Mary with the chores, and near the age of 30 start his ministry as the Son of God. After three to four years of preaching, teaching, calling disciples, performing miracles, healing the sick, raising the dead, challenging the authorities, he was crucified on a cross, and after 3 days rose again, ascended to heaven and now the Holy Spirit is about to come to empower his disciples, followers and the Church for all generations to come. It was all in keeping with the divine plan to bring humanity back to God. It was worked out in God's time, and we know that God doesn't measure time as we do.

In reality God's plan is still being worked out, this plan for human redemption and salvation is still unfolding, the Holy Spirit is still very much at work in our lives and in the life of the Church today. Our world and even the Church is in great turmoil today, who knows how the Holy Spirit will work in all of the chaos. One thing we can be assured of is that the Holy Spirit is at work to bring healing to a broken world, broken humanity and a broken Church. How that will look is yet to be seen but we can be assured God is at work bringing restoration. As we prepare for the birthday of the Church (Pentecost Sunday) may we be reminded of why the Church came into existence in the first place, as an instrument of God's love to a world in need of hope, light and love. The world needs that more than ever, we need that more than ever, and, it is in the joining of our lives in fellowship, love and worship, that God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, does the greatest work. Whatever is in our lives competing for our time, let us never forget the one who gives us life and time, and make sure we give back a little of this time is service and worship. Blessings!

Rev. Randy

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. Vestry met for a brainstorming session this past Thursday, and 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.**

The Ballicatter After-school program still has openings for children that need this service. The pandemic has made it difficult for them to keep their numbers up, especially when so many parents were working from home. This program has been a tremendous benefit to our parish budget bringing in \$20,000 annually in rent. Please, if you know of any parents needing afterschool care for their children tell them about this great program we have right here in our parish centre.

Fundraisers and parish hall rentals continue to be down because of the pandemic. This has created a decline in our overall parish revenues to date. Our regular envelope offerings are up but what we budgeted from other sources are down. We want to stress the importance of all our parishioners helping us to meet our financial obligations as we enter 2022.

Maintenance envelopes in your box of envelopes are very important. So far this year we have noted a decrease in maintenance offerings. Your maintenance offering helps to pay our outstanding parish loan (cost of the geo-thermal heating system) of \$653.93 per month and other items of regular maintenance around the church. We look forward to retiring this outstanding loan in a couple more years and we ask all our parishioners to consider using the maintenance envelope each month.

Rev. Randy is now accepting names for the 2023 Confirmation class. The date for Confirmation next year has not been determined yet, however, we will begin the classes in October. If you have someone to be confirmed please speak to the rector.

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.

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.

Prayers for the Sharpe family. Last Saturday night, May 21st, Steve and Madge Sharpe, while on vacation in Nashville, were involved in a very serious car accident. Unfortunately, Madge died from her injuries, and Steve was admitted to hospital with serious injuries to his arm and hands. He underwent surgery, and will require further surgery in the coming weeks. Steve was joined in Nashville by his children, who has been a source of strength and comfort to him through this terrible ordeal. Madge was cremated in Nashville and will accompany her family back home this weekend. As we can imagine this is a very difficult time for the entire family, and ask your prayers for them as they mourn the tragic passing of Madge. There will be a celebration of Madge's life a little later on. We also pray for a speedy recovery for Steve. *Rest eternal grant unto Madge, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

With the lifting of pandemic measures in our province our churches can now resume many of the functions that were halted or changed two years ago. Presently our building is back to full capacity and we are no longer requiring proof of vaccination. There are still a few things that we are not ready to resume yet, such as the common cup, for now Eucharist will still be in one kind, bread only. As well, there are still a few restrictions around baptism that we will observe, simply because infant children are still vulnerable because they are unvaccinated. Rev. Randy will address that with families as baptisms are scheduled. We are still encouraging the use of masks and hand sanitization as much as possible. For the first time in two years we will resume taking up the offering in the traditional way with the passing of the plates, and you are free to sit wherever you want during the worship service. We must be mindful that, though the restrictions are lifted, Covid-19 is still very much present among the population, so please exercise care and caution as we interact with each other.

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.*

St. Philip's parish is set up to receive E-Transfers. 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](mailto:stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn) 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

May 29th - Coastal Sounds Choir Association Presents Earth Song Spring Concert with Music by Aurora Women's Choir and Coastal Sounds Community Choir, on Sunday May 29 from 3 until 5 at Topsail United Church with Guest Violinist Rosemary Lawton. Donations for the Community Food Bank greatly appreciated, Door Prizes from Newfoundland Chocolate Company, Home Hardware in Manuels and Jumping Bean Coffee. Tickets \$20 are available on Eventbrite by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/earth-song-spring-concert-by-csca-tickets-340335401347>

June 8th - ACW & ACM closing dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30 pm. This is open to all men and women of the parish and will be held in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. Our ACM & ACW presidents (Gary & Betty) will organize the list from each group. Ordinarily, each group does their own closing dinner but this year we thought it would be good to meet together in fellowship. Both the men and the women's group are always looking to get more involved in their work, so there is an open invitation to anyone in our parish that might be interested in attending the meetings and helping with the work they do. Everyone will be responsible for their own meals (\$10.00 per person) and should be paid to Gary on or before Sunday June 5th.

June 12th - A call to prayer. My dear Family in Christ: The Archbishop of Canterbury has called the whole Anglican Communion to prayer on Trinity Sunday – June 12th, 2022, for the Lambeth Conference. The call to prayer invites delegates and the wider Christian community to devote a day to pray for the event. I humbly ask you to download the prayer guide to learn more about the Lambeth Conference and invite your Church Family to join with thousands of other Anglicans in prayer on Trinity Sunday - June 12th - in our Diocese. Please visit: <https://www.lambethconference.org/the-archbishop-of-canterbury-announces-a-call-to-prayer-for-the-lambeth-conference/> In God's Love,+Sam (Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador)

July 24th – Our Annual Flower Service will be held on Sunday, July 24th at 3:00 pm.

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 Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is once again available for all rentals. With the rising cost of operating our facility, and the lack of rental income during the pandemic, this year (2022) there has been a slight increase in our rental fee structure. When booking the Centre through Donna and Janice they will provide all the information regarding the rental cost. Our rental fees are still well below comparable facilities in the area.

It is our hope that we will be ready to resume Sunday school and bible study this coming Fall. We still live in very delicate times when it comes to Covid-19, but, God willing we hope to be able to get back on track at that time. We will need more volunteers to come forward to help with Sunday School, and once that is achieved we will make available registration forms. Maybe you and/or someone you know might be interested in this important ministry of the church?

Rev. Randy would like to organize a parish concert in support of Ukrainian refugees. If you would like to participate by sharing your gift and talent of music and song, please let him know. We have no doubt that there are many in our parish that play instruments and sing. This would be a one-time concert, and we invite individuals and groups. It might even be a family group. A date and time will be set once we have a list of volunteer participants.

| THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF | <u>May 22nd</u> | <u>May 29th</u> |
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| May 22 nd and May 29 th | 6th Sunday of Easter | 7 th Sunday of Easter Sunday of the Ascension |
| <i>IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN LOVING MEMORY OF:</i> | Scriptural Sentence (Page 341) | Scriptural Sentence (Page 342) |
| ROBERT EDWARD TUCKER | <i>If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.</i> | <i>Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always to the close of the age.</i> |
| May 16, 1934 – June 5, 2006 | | |
| <i>Lovingly Remembered by:</i> | 1 st Reading Acts 16: 9-15 | 1 st Reading Acts 1: 1-11 |
| <i>Margaret & Family</i> | Psalm 67 Page 788 | Psalm 93 Pages 830 and 831 |
| <i>IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN LOVING MEMORY OF:</i> | (Allie Wheeler) | (Harvey Hiscock) |
| A Precious Sister and Aunt | 2 nd Reading Rev. 21 10-22.5 | 2 nd Reading Ephesians 1: 15-23 |
| SHARON MACROBERTS | (Glenda Winter) | (Ruth Hiscock) |
| June 13, 1954 – May 30, 2020 | Gospel John 14: 23-29 (Deacon Bonnell) | Gospel Luke 24: 44-53 (Deacon Bonnell) |
| "Always in our hearts" | | |
| <i>Lovingly Remembered By:</i> | | |
| <i>Carol Bartlett & Family</i> | | |