

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Eternal God, who by a star led wisemen to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): Gracious God, accept the offering of your church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember): Charlene & Sean Escott, Winnifred Farrell, Dean & Darlene Foote, Bill & Daisy Gibbons, Charles & Canon Shirley Gosse, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church in Aateroa, New Zealand and Polynesia – The Most Revd Philip Richardson – Bishop of Taranaki and Primate; The Most Revd Don Tamihere – Pihopa of Aotearora and Primate; The Most Revd Fereimi Cama – Bishop of Polynesia and Primate.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of All Saints, CBS – Rector, The Rev. Wayne Parsons and Associate, The Rev. Samuel Butler; the Parish of All Saints, Corner Brook – Rector, The Rev. Tanya White, Hon. Assistant – The Rev. Monica Coffin; and Anglican Life – Editor, Mrs. Emily Rowe.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada - Archbishop Ron Cutler and the Provincial Council.

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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 gives me great joy to wish each and every one of you a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Tomorrow, January 6th, brings to a close another Christmas season, the tree and decorations will be stored away, and we will return to the ordinary and routine of our daily lives. This year, 2020, is the beginning of another decade, hard to imagine that the anxiety many experienced at the turn of 2000 is now 20 years behind us. In those 20 years we have all experienced many changes in our lives, children and grandchildren have been born, children have been raised and are now making their own mark on the world, some of us have retired, some have changed professions, there have been joyous occasions such as weddings, and there have been sad moments when we lost loved ones, and the list goes on and on. Point is our lives never remain the same, we are constantly going through change, much of which we embrace and some we refuse to accept, but none-the-less happens anyhow. We never know what lies around the corner for any of us, but we do know that the one thing that never changes is God's love for us. The Church too has experienced much change in these past two decades and even much before that. There has been much focus in our own diocese in the past two years around *mission*, much of it as a reaction to a steady decline in parish membership in almost every area of our diocese, and, indeed across the whole of Canada and North America. It is estimated, based on statistics, that in the next 25 years many churches will cease to exist unless we can find ways to connect with the world around us. I hope and pray that our parish will be one that can buck this trend. Our new Primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols, as well as our own diocesan bishop, is calling on Anglicans in every congregation and parish in Canada to share in the vision, life and ministry of our church. Let me quote some parts of a letter from the office of the General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Newly released statistics about membership in the Anglican Church of Canada—like that of other national religious organizations—confirm that the church has experienced continuous decline in its membership base since the early 1960s in spite of strategies for growth and engagement. The data in hand call for serious attention. At the same time, they do not provide a full scan of the vitality of our church. The availability of this data, and the work of developing supplementary data, is timely, as our church undertakes a national strategic planning process to consider the shape of its future ministry. There is considerable evidence that, while participation in the range of activities (Sunday worship as part of the church, financial support for the church, membership in the church organization) is in steady decline, there remains a hunger for spiritual depth and purpose among many Canadians. As the church grows in understanding the current shape and focus of that hunger, we will be in a position to make decisions about how to offer the spiritual traditions of which we are stewards. The reduction of the size of the church, as measured by participation in worship, financial support, and formal membership, is one of many ways in which the church is changing. A smaller and more focused church may, at the same time, search out ways to be more effective in addressing God's call for justice, reconciliation and hope. Our new Primate is committed to devoting the significant time needed to determine how best to align the structures and operations of the church with its mission and purpose. This work will require innovative, collaborative and prayerful discussions with dioceses and across the church's incredible geographic, cultural and theological diversity—all with the goal and hope of preparing the church for ministry in the years to come.

We have the tools and resources in our parish that are necessary to our growth and vitality as a parish, but we will need to find meaningful ways to engage them in the work that God calls us to. I hope that 2020 will see a resurgence of energy and commitment to God's call to ministry in St. Philip's, so that over the next two decades we don't end up as one of the statistics of closed churches in Canada.

(Rev. Randy)

CHILDREN'S PAGE
What I want to do for Jesus in 2020

My New Year
What I Want To Do
For Jesus This Year

Read My Bible Obey My Parents

Go To Church Tell my Friends about Jesus

Pray Attend Sunday School

Student Signature Date

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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 Scriptural Sentence for our worship
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary**

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***We have seen his star in the East, and have
come to worship him.***

Ephiphany of Our Lord – Jan. 5th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – TBD

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assistants – TBD

Counters: Ruth Hiscock & Canon Don Morgan

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe's Team

Altar Duty: Donna Spurrell & Janice Spurrell

Baptism of the Lord – Jan. 12th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – TBD

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assistants – TBD

Counters: Ruth Hiscock & Canon Don Morgan

Sidesperson: John Parrell's Team

Altar Duty: Donna Spurrell & Janice Spurrell

**The Collect, Epistle
and Gospel for
Today – 3rd
Sunday of Advent**

**1st Reading:
Isaiah 60: 1-6**

**Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14
Pages: 797-798**

(Allie Wheeler)

**2nd Reading:
Ephesians 3: 1-12**

(Glenda Winter)

**Gospel
Matthew 2: 1-12**

(Deacon Bonnell)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 12 and Jan. 19 - Baptism will take place on both Sundays - January 12th and 19th. If you have a child to be baptized and have not yet spoken to Rev. Randy please do so ASAP so you can be included in the preparation.

Jan. 14 - The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14th, at 7:00 pm in the board room.

Jan. 15 – The next ACW (Annual) meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 pm.

Jan. 19th - Baptism will take place. If you have a child to be baptized and have not yet spoken to Rev. Randy please do so ASAP so you can be included in the preparation.

Jan. 21st – The next ACM (Annual/Dinner) meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6:00 pm.

Jan. 22 - Rev. Randy's Bible Study – *Coffee & Parables* will resume on Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm. The next parable to study will be that of The Good Samaritan. All are welcome!

Jan. 28 – ACW monthly card game – Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 8:00 p.m. – cost is \$5.00 and lunch will be provided.

Feb. 23 - As we enter 2020 we now start to prepare for our annual congregational meeting which will be held on Sunday, February 23rd, following a Pot-Luck lunch. We are always interested in welcoming new members to our Vestry as others conclude their three year terms. If you would like to be a member of Vestry please let Rev. Randy know, and allow your name to stand for nomination at the annual meeting.

Congratulations and thank you to both our ACW and ACM groups! We are pleased to say that, not only did both groups meet their 2019 goals for financial contributions to the parish budget, they both surpassed them. This is through the hard work and determination of both groups, and, by the full support of our congregational membership and wider public. We ask that you give both organizations your full support again in 2020.

Notes

Thank you to our Sunday School leaders and children for participating in the Christmas Eve Pageant & service at 4:00 pm. They did a tremendous job in encapsulating the essence of the Christmas story in their program. Thank you very much!!!

Anglican Life Subscription must be renewed immediately if you would like to continue receiving the magazine into the new year. For a good many months now we have been reminded to renew membership by mail, email or by calling the toll free number. Unless you do this immediately you will not receive the paper in January, which also includes the national church paper (The Journal). As well, if you have not been receiving the subscription but would like to, please let them know. There are no subscription rates but annual donations are encouraged. Please see the subscription renewal information on the back of your December edition and act immediately to keep your paper coming.

Many people are signed up with our Direct Giving Plan, which enables them to make direct offerings through their banking institution on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. That means that if you are away your church is still receiving your regular offerings, which ensures the parish is able to meet its monthly financial commitments. Forms for this are available from the parish office.

There are still a few 2020 church calendars available. If you would like to purchase one for \$5 please speak to our ACW President (Phoebe Parrell) or check with Rev. Randy in the parish office.

Invitation to be part of our Mission Team. As we enter into a new year (2020) we are going to make mission a big part of our congregational development. As the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador continues to emphasize the need for parishes to do some work in the area of mission, it is suggesting that every parish institute a mission team with goals and objectives to enable growth, including spiritual growth and renewal. If you have an interest in being part of this team we would love to have you join with us.

Memorial bulletin forms are available in the rack in the foyer for anyone wanting to place the bulletin in memory of loved ones. The forms are in the envelope, simply fill in the information, enclose your donation and drop it into the offering plate or bring it to the parish office.

Envelope boxes are still available for pickup in the foyer. Most of them are already taken but there are still some. If there are any there belonging to your family or neighbors please deliver them. If you did not receive your box of envelopes, or you are new to our parish and would like a box, we have plenty. Call our Envelope Secretary, Charlie Gosse at 895-0585 or the parish office at 895-0715

In our efforts to be environmentally friendlier and to have our church more energy efficient all the lights in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre, the kitchen and the foyer have been replaced with energy efficient LED lighting. Many thanks to our warden, Gary King, for taking on this project in two stages and completing it. Our next focus in the coming year will be to study the lighting we have in the main part of the church and see how they too can be replaced. This will be a significantly greater undertaking we expect, but, no doubt as always the congregation will support it. In this time of being more conscious of our world, and trying to ensure that the planet is preserved for our children, grandchildren and future generations yet unborn, the church has a duty to be environmentally friendly. So, we are pleased to do our own small part in that by ensuring we decrease our energy consumption as much as possible, and to be better stewards of God's creation.

Would you like to help out with our Sunday School or Youth group? We are in great need of more help in this important area of church ministry. If you would consider helping please call Lisa lake and talk to her about it or speak to Rev. Randy. In this time of great change and decline in our Anglican church, having strong children and youth programming will be essential to our survival.

Church Chuckle

“Are you a pillar of the church?”
 “More of a flying buttress – I support it from the outside.”



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Prayerfully consider your Parish in your Estate planning.

Stewardship thought for the Week
“Examples are few of men ruined by giving!”

Yearly Budget for Envelope Giving for 2019 - \$97,000.00	
Needed Monthly - \$ 8,741.67	
Needed Weekly - \$ 2,108.00	
Rec'd Dec. 29th	
Regular Giving	\$ 3,395.00
Maintenance	\$ 215.00
Rec'd Year to Date	
Regular Giving	\$ 83,541.72
Maintenance	\$ 11,572.10
Total Brought in for Dec. 29th	\$ 9,123.04