

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families. (This week we remember): Richard & Sandra Squires, Rita Squires, Roger Squires, Tony & Millicent Squires, Viola Squires, Winston R. and Ena Squires and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) Bermuda the Rt Revd Nicholas Dill.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Parish of St. Philip, St. Philip's, Rev. Randy Lockyer, Rector and The Parish of St. Thomas, St. John's, Rev. Canon Greg Mercer, Rector; Rev. Gail MacDonald, Assistant.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, Archbishop Colin Johnson and the Provincial Council.

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Nov. 18th, 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 the gospel reading for today, as Jesus is preparing his disciples for the uncertainty and hardship that would come, they are leaving the temple and the disciples are amazed at the huge buildings and stones making up the temple area, to them it was inconceivable that any force could ever destroy it, but Jesus says – *“do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down”*. It is estimated that the temple measured 607 feet in length, 150 feet in width and 150 feet in height; archaeologists have uncovered individual stones weighing as much as 500 tons. We can see why the disciples would see it as indestructible, however, Jesus' prophecy would come true a few years later in 70 A.D. when the Romans would pillage Jerusalem and destroy the temple. This marked a long period of Christian persecution, false messiahs and many Christians being led astray. Jesus is telling the disciples that these things are going to happen, and that the church is going to suffer through it. He refers to it as *“the beginning of birth pangs”*. Now any woman that has experienced the pain of birth will tell you how painful it really is, but they will also tell you of the joy that comes from this pain when that little child is placed in her arms. The pain of birth is forgotten and only joy is remembered.

Jesus says that things are going to be tough, much will have to be endured, and it might seem that evil has prevailed, but don't believe it, the church will prevail and be strong in the end. Perhaps in these days, as we grapple with declining membership in our churches, and, as congregations and parishes struggle to survive, we might do well to remember the lesson Jesus teaches today. Our diocese has accepted the recommendations of the *Report of The Commission on Parish Renewal and Viability*, which will mean that our entire diocese will have to do much soul-searching, and be prepared to make changes to the usual way we operate. Perhaps one of these changes, as we grapple with an abundance of church buildings, is to see how these buildings can be used to provide ministry to the wider community. Many large churches are used for a couple of hours on Sunday and locked the rest of the week. I am happy to see how much use our building at St. Philip's gets, however, what else can we do to reach further into our community? I hope that our parish will take a proactive approach to the Commission report, and, prayerfully move forward with finding ways to reach out into this community, so that we speak to the needs of the people. We are fortunate to be living in a community that has grown in numbers, however, this growth is not reflected in parish membership. Our challenge is to change that; if we believe we have something to share, such as the good news of the gospel, then we need to get on with finding ways to do it. All of us will be needed to succeed in replacing the present-day birth pangs of the Church with the joy of new birth!

(Rev. Randy)

What is PWRDF? Have you ever wondered what those little blue monthly envelopes in your box of envelopes are used for? The **Primates World Relief & Development Fund** is described by the national church as the *Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. Through the support of Anglican parishes across Canada, PWRDF makes financial and human resources available to partners around the world working to improve health, food security and livelihoods for vulnerable people.*

“Working towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world.” – Micah 6:8

In an age where we want to ensure that our charitable donations get used for their intended purposes we can rest assured that practically every dollar given to PWRDF is used to make a difference in the lives of others in need, whether that is a neonatal clinic in Burundi saving the lives of babies, or providing resources to help families all over Africa become self-sufficient by farming, or making health care more accessible to poor people in Mozambique, to name a few. This year marks the 60th anniversary of PWRDF making a difference in the world. This is made possible because you and others make a generous contribution each month in that little blue envelope, or make regular contributions online. Please keep giving so that PWRDF can continue to make a difference.

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.**

St. Thomas' Anglican Church Men's Service Club will be hosting a Card party on November 28th at 7:30pm in St. Thomas' Church Hall. All are welcomed, please bring your own lunch and cards. Tea and coffee will be provided. Cost \$5.00 per person.

As we approach the end of another year, your rector and vestry are hoping that we will end the year at least financially on target as a parish. As we try to adhere to the diocesan expectation of parishes to be more ministry and mission minded going forward, we will need to put a special emphasis on envelope givings and less on fundraising. A financially healthy parish is one that meets at least 80 – 90 percent of its annual budget by free-will givings in the offering plate. Many of the folks that do fundraising in parishes are the ones that are getting older and just don't have the energy to keep up with it. We would like to arrive at a time and place where fundraising activities will be used for outreach ministry more than meeting parish budgets out of necessity.

When do I stand, sit or kneel? Some call this "Anglican Calisthenics"... sometimes people are confused especially when others around them are kneeling, standing or sitting. but feel free to follow your preferences. Our goal

is worship and not conformity, so, whatever you choose to do is right for you.

Time to get moving with our band! Rev. Randy would like to meet briefly with those who have signed up, Dr. Greg Brown, Kenny Brown, Trevor Eddy, Dr. Keegan Au and Cathy Squires, following next Sunday's worship service. In the meantime, we would love to have others join us as well.

Advent is drawing near. Next Sunday is the last Sunday of Pentecost or *Reign of Christ Sunday*, then the first Sunday of December will be the first Sunday of Advent. Advent, by definition, means to wait for or anticipate something or someone. We have 4 weeks of Advent to wait for the celebration of Christ's birth, so let us each week of Advent prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas. It is also a busy time of year as we prepare for Christmas with the busyness of shopping, decorating, baking and preparing food for the family gatherings. Let us take the Sundays of Advent to really prepare ourselves for the true celebration of Christmas – the glorious coming of that baby Jesus so long ago in Bethlehem, bringing light, joy, peace and hope into the world.

Notices

The next Bible study will be held on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:30 pm in the Board Room. All are welcome.

ACM Meeting – Wednesday, November 21st at 6:00 pm.

The next Confirmation class will be held on Friday, November 23rd at 4:00 pm. Please keep the young people preparing for Confirmation in your prayers, and, so you may pray for each one by name they are: Daniel Sharpe, Amy Ryan, Tristan Penney, Kenny Brown, Aiden Osmond, Olivia Shik, Roisin Tucker, Myles Baker, Jacob Whelan, Lauryn Au, Morgan Brown, Brett Crane, Jessica King, Ryan Jones.

NEXT ACW Card Game will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 27th. Cost is \$5.00 and lunch will be served.

New choir gowns for Christmas. Our choir gowns are getting quite tattered now, which is no surprise as they are somewhere between 30 to 40 years of age. The cost of the gowns are approximately \$2500 (10 gowns), thank you to the family of the late Audrey Picco, for their contribution of \$1000 toward this cost, and to our ACW and ACM for contributing the remainder between them. We look forward to our choir members and organists having them for the Christmas Eve services -unless delayed by a postal strike

Church Chuckle

Said the young new preacher to the stately older preacher: "After all, we are both doing the Lord's work – you in your way, and I in His.



The church is on Facebook

Take a look!

www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning.

Stewardship thought For the Week

We should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions, but excess.

Yearly Budget for Envelope giving for 2018 - \$95,000.00	
Needed Monthly -	\$7,916.67
Needed Weekly -	\$1,979.16
Rec'd Nov. 11th Regular Giving	\$ 1,616.00
Shortfall	363.00
Maintenance	\$ 150.00
Rec'd Year to Date Regular Giving	\$ 70,525.00
Maintenance	\$ 10,831.00
Total brought in for Nov. 11th	\$ 2,225.00

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary
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***Watch at all times, praying that
you may stand before the Son of
man.***

Pentecost 26 - Nov. 18th

World Housing Day

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – Carol Bartlett

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &

Sunday School

Eucharistic Assistants – Lori Gosse &

Jennifer Tucker

Counters: Don Morgan & Ruth Hiscock

Sidesperson: John Parrell

Altar Duty: Donna Spurrell & Janice

Spurrell

Last Sunday after Pentecost - Nov. 25th

Reign of Christ Sunday

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – Mose Tucker

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &

Sunday School

Eucharistic Assistants – Charlie Gosse &

Ches Barfitt

Counters: Don Morgan & Ruth Hiscock

Sidesperson: Don Morgan

Altar Duty: Viola Squires & Mary Sharpe+

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for
Today – Pentecost 26 – Nov. 18th

World Housing Day

Scripture Readings

1st Reading – 1st Samuel 1: 4-20

Read as Canticle 1st Samuel 2: 1-10

(Can. Don Morgan)

2nd Reading – Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25

(Rev. Russell Osmond)

Gospel: Mark 13: 1-8

(Deacon Bonnell)

**Our Bulletin today is given to the
Glory of God**

And

In Loving Memory of

Avalon Squires

May 13, 1934 – July 6, 2018

“Ever Remembered, Ever Loved”

By Sister, Nina

OTHER NOTICES

2019 calendars are still available to purchase at \$1.00 each. The calendars were **donated by Skinner’s Oil Company**, for which we are very appreciative. There is a big variety of themes and each calendar has very lovely pictures. **You will also have the last calendar with the company name (Skinner’s Plumbing Heating & Oil) on it**, as the company has been sold, so it can be a keepsake also. The calendars are located in the foyer.

2019 CHURCH CALENDARS are also available for purchase at \$5.00 each. Only 50 calendars were ordered so they may not last long.

St. Lawrence Parish Men’s Group

Dessert Evening Featuring Eastern Gate

Friday, November 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Cost \$10.00 per person.

Tickets can be purchased by calling:

Norm Collins 895-3274

Dean Churchill 746-1975

Christmas Tree of Remembrance will be lit on Tuesday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm. If you would like to have a bulb lit on the tree in memory of loved ones, there are some forms in the foyer. Simply fill in the information, and, place it with your donation in the offering plate by December 16th. That evening we will gather around the tree outside the main entrance, Rev. Randy will read the

names of loved ones, a prayer of remembrance will be prayed, and the tree will be lit up. The Christmas tree will remain lit throughout the Christmas season, both as a remembrance of our loved ones, and, as a symbol of the light of Jesus in our world. Light refreshments will be served in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre, followed by the singing of Christmas carols.

The ACW Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday, December 5th at 6:00 pm. The location will be Jack’s Restaurant in the Capital Hotel on Kenmount Road. All ladies of the congregation are welcome and indeed encouraged to join us. If you are interested in attending please call Phoebe Parrell at 722-5937 or Ruth Hiscock at 895-2011. We look forward to the fellowship together.

Today is designated as World Housing day! Homelessness is a serious problem, even in what we perhaps foolishly refer to as ‘first world countries’, such as Canada, and Housing Day was established in 1998 as part of a movement to combat it all over the world. Housing Day works to help change this perception, and to provide a home for those who are currently suffering from homelessness. Even in Canada at least 150,000 people will use a shelter during the year at some point; at least 30,000 on any given night, and, at least 50,000 Canadians are part of the “hidden homeless” on any given night, staying with friends or relatives on a temporary basis. We are blessed but how can we bless others?

