

May 17th.

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 forever. 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) Gerald Squires, Gordon & Jackie Squires, Halley Squires, Joseph Jr. & Evelyn Squires, Judy Squires, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Korea, the Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo – Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of The Holy Trinity, Grand Falls – Rector, Rev. Robin Trevors and the Parish of Green Island (2 congregations) - Deacon-in-Charge – Rev. DCN Vernon Short.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

May 24th.

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) Maria Squires, Marion Squires, Cynthia Squires, Richard & Sandra Squires, Rita Squires, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world, for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops, and for members of the Anglican Consultative Council.

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 Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

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May 17th and May 24th, 2020 (Year A)

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 coming will be the 9th one that our church building has been closed because of Covid-19, and, we already know everything we need to about the virus. So, this week, let me just say – *keep safe and keep on doing what you are doing because it is working in our province!* The past three Sundays, in addition to posting an abbreviated service on Facebook, I have led a service from the main door of the church, and, some people simply park in the parking lot, remain in their vehicles and listen to the service. I will continue to do this each week, and, stress the importance of everyone who attends to please remain in your vehicles so that we can adhere to the rule of physical distancing. Today, May 17th is the 6th Sunday of Easter, and next Sunday will Ascension Sunday, and, the Sunday after will be the day of Pentecost. Having missed the traditional Easter celebration this year it might be easy for us to lose track of the intervening 50 days leading up to Pentecost. The readings post-Easter Sunday are strategically placed in our lectionary to help us prepare for Pentecost. As we can imagine, the days following Jesus' resurrection were filled with a combination of excitement and confusion, as many experience the resurrected Lord and try to share the news with many that still are not convinced of Jesus' victory over death. In these weeks now we hear a lot about love and the Holy Spirit, and we also hear about the risk that comes from proclaiming the risen Christ. Paul, in the first reading today (Acts 17: 22-31), is speaking to the people of Athens about the worship of Idols instead of the living Christ, and, that we should not value gold, silver or other materialistic items more than God. I think as we go through this time of Pandemic, and realize that life is so fragile that an unknown and unseen virus can come along and turn our lives upside down in every way, including economically, we get a much deeper appreciation for other things in our lives that matter most such as, family, friends, relationships, including the relationship we have with each other as the body of Christ – the Church. The second reading (1 Peter 3: 13 – 22) reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we have something that strengthens us in times of trial and tribulation, which is, of course, our relationship with Jesus Christ. We are reminded that the Lord, who suffered so much for us, will not forsake us

in our time of need. In the past couple of months we have been through a lot of separation, we have experienced a great deal of loneliness as we isolate from each other, and it might be easy to lose courage, but, the readings today are meant to replace that despair with a great deal of hope. Even though the church door is not open on Sunday morning there is still opportunity to rise up and worship, there is still opportunity to be together even when we are not able to be together. One of the things we always took for granted on Sunday mornings was to shake hands with each other and say – *the peace of the Lord be with you.* Even though we can't do that now, at the end of the parking lot service everyone will blow their horns, essentially saying – *the peace of the Lord be with you.* The early Church came about because the first few centuries of Christianity involved often persecuted Christians finding creative ways to be the church, and, to tell the story of the risen Christ that suffered, died and rose again so that we might be saved. If we think this is bad today during this time of Pandemic, just think about how difficult it must have been for these early Christians to meet together and proclaim Christ, many died trying to do so. The gospel reading today (John 14: 15 -21) is about Jesus preparing his disciples for life after his ascension. He tells them that he will send the *Advocate*, which of course is the Holy Spirit, to be with them forever. The reading says that if we abide in him, if we keep his commandments, if we try to be faithful in all things, then we have nothing to fear. It doesn't say that life will always be easy, that we won't face difficulties, for that would be unrealistic given our humanity and propensity to sin. It says that by living a life of faith, hope and love, we have a strong and solid foundation to stand upon in times of trial. So, let's commit ourselves to remaining hopeful and faithful during this difficult time. Let's commit ourselves to daily scripture reading, prayer and generosity to others. We can be assured that the God of all love, grace and power, that have brought us thus far, will not abandon us now. If God is for us, then nothing can stand against us. Be safe and well in the week to come, and remember that I am always available by phone or dropping by the church office. (Rev. Randy)

We will ring the church bell every Sunday during our church close-down. Last Sunday (Easter Day), we joined with many other churches throughout our diocese in ringing the bells at 11:00 am. Rev. Randy heard from a parishioner after that who spoke very emotionally of how wonderful it was to hear the bell. It had a very moving impact on that person. Therefore, each Sunday that we are closed to public worship, we will continue to ring the church bell. It has great symbolism as it reminds the community that the church is still here and alive. It will help to keep that connection going with our people during this difficult time. So, if you are within earshot please listen on Sunday morning at 11:00 am for the church bell at St. Philip's.

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

The maximum number of people for gatherings of funerals, weddings or baptisms, during the provincial Pandemic level 4 is 10 people including the clergy. If anyone desires to have their child baptized, we can do so as long as there are no more than 9 people, including parents and Godparents. Physical distancing will still have to be maintained.

If anyone is going through a difficult time and in need of food because of the Covid-19 closedown please contact Rev. Randy by calling the church office at 895-0715 We have been reminding people that the church is here to help, and, if someone is in need of food we will do our very best to help with that.

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.

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

Rev. Randy plans to post another short worship service on Facebook every Sunday. Please share it widely with others once you see it. It will also be on the parish Facebook page.

The past several Sundays Rev. Randy has conducted church services from the church entrance, with parishioners listening from their vehicles. If weather permits we will continue to do so, however, we must insist that everyone continue to maintain the principle of physical distancing by remaining in the vehicle at all times.

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>

Let's call one another –we are probably home! Many of us are missing those we are so used to seeing on Sunday morning in church. Why not pick up the phone and give them a call, no doubt it will make their day and reassure them that they are not forgotten. This is a real ministry of the church that we can all engage in.

The annual cemetery service will go ahead on the date already mentioned (July 26th) if we are permitted to gather at that time. We will monitor it as we go, and, if that date is not permitted we will put it off until we are able to do so.

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.

From our Primate: Dear friends in Christ: Recently we have heard news that the Corona virus has now spread into Canada. Many of us remember the SARS crisis and the precautions that were needed when it came close to our communities. First, our prayers are extended to those who are ill with this virus and those who are caring for them. So far there has been no call from public health officials for additional measures in public activities. However it is prudent to ensure that we have reviewed our practices in pastoral care and public worship to keep everyone, especially the most vulnerable due to age or infirmity, safe and to allay fears that may arise.

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

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If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.	Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel	The Collect, Epistle and Gospel
1st Reading: Acts 17: 22-31	1st Reading: Acts 1: 6-14
Psalm 66 7-18 Pages: 786-788	Psalm 68 1-10, 33-36 Pages: 789-791
2nd Reading: 1st. Peter 3: 13-22	2nd Reading: 1st Peter 4: 12-14 1st. Peter 5: 6-11
Gospel John 14: 15-21	Gospel John 17: 1-11

This Bulletin is Given to the Glory of God, and in Loving Memory of

Leila Tulk

By

**Husband Tom,
Daughter Renee,
Son-in-Law Jerred
And
Granddaughter Alexis**

Notes

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.

This Winter has been hard on church attendance. Because of the January state-of-emergency, and a couple of other weather events, plus COVID-19, we have missed a number of Sundays. This naturally impacts our parish finances for the year which is always concerning to Vestry. We ask our parishioners that have been unable to make their offerings to please consider helping us make up the difference throughout the year.

Your continued financial support is greatly needed at this time. Even though the church is closed to public gatherings and worship services, we must still maintain our offerings to keep the financial obligations of the parish up-to-date. Rev. Randy is in the office most days for anyone that would like to drop their weekly or monthly offerings into the parish. Please call ahead first to ensure the office is open 895-0715, if no one is there leave a message and your call will be returned. You can also mail them to 20 Coady's Rd. Portugal Cove-St. Philip's A1M 1L1. A number of people over the past couple of years have signed up for automatic E-givings, where their offerings are made through their banking institution on the 15th and 30th of the month. This is an excellent way of giving at this time when we don't know how long the church building will be closed.

During this time with our church building closed down a few people are opting to sign up for E-Giving. The form for this is available on the church website with all the relevant information. This is an excellent way to give because even if one cannot get to the church the offering is still given. We do have a number of people making their contributions bi-weekly or monthly in this way. You can also call the church office to get the form.

Rev. Randy will be at the church every Sunday morning during close-down for anyone that would like to come by the church to drop off their weekly offering. The time for this will be between 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Of course you can drop by anytime during the week as well when the office is open, or, you can mail it to the church. It is so important for us to keep up with our regular offerings to the church during this time so that we can keep all the church bills paid.

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.

This year the ACW will be having a gift card tree as their Lenten/Easter fundraiser instead of filling a sock. The value of this tree is \$500.00. They are asking for your support by contributing a gift card of any value to their tree. The draw date will be determined later.

Interested in learning about what happens at the altar? Canon Morgan would be very interested in teaching you about it. If you would like to know what is involved in serving at the altar and the significance of it all, please speak to him. The invitation is to anyone 12 and over, and there is no obligation to be a server unless you want to be.

If your church can be of any help to you during this time of Covid-19 please let us know. We recognize that maybe some of our seniors may not be able to get out to purchase their groceries, or fill prescriptions, etc., if you are in need of someone to do these things for you please call the church office and we will ensure that someone comes to help you. Please call 895-0715 and leave a message or call Rev. Randy directly at 693-8537.

What does the future of the Church look like? In this case of a global Pandemic, and, as we see the situation in our own nation, province and communities presently, the whole Church of every single denomination and faith are in exactly the same position. When this is all over every church will be seeking to find once again its place in the community. When we look at biblical history every desert experience ended with new hope and new life. We pray that as we come through this desert time the church will find that it has been strengthened and given a clear vision of ministry. We pray that there will be a resurgence of living faith and that the church will be bold in leading it.

Please keep our building secure. We have had no major security issues, but from time-to-time it is good for us to remind everyone entrusted with a key to the building that it is the responsibility of that person to safe guard the key, and to ensure the key is never given to any unauthorized person. Please ensure that all lights are turned out, the door securely closed and locked. If a person receives a key for a specific duty and that person is no longer in that role the key must be returned so it can be given to the new person in that role.

Remember (when things get back to normal) that the first Sunday of each month there will be coffee/tea, juice and other refreshments served prior to the 10:30 am worship service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and welcoming everyone that comes. Thank you to Lisa for organizing it each month and to the youth that help her to serve. Anyone wishing to sponsor refreshments for a future time please contact Lisa Lake (Brown).

Church Chuckle

Which man in the Bible had no father?

Joshua, the son of Nun.



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Prayerfully consider your Parish in your Estate planning.

Stewardship thought for the Week

Remember this-you can't serve God and Money, but you can serve God with money.

St. Philip's parish is now setup 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.