

June 28th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): God of Wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one another in freedom. We ask this in his name. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. We ask this in his name. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Edna Tucker, Florence Tucker, Gerry & Joanne Tucker, Gilbert & Greta Tucker, Gordon Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the United Church of North India, The Most Revd Dr. Prem Chand Singh – Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Jabalpur

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Labrador West, Rector - Rev. Robert McLean and the Parish of Lake Melville (2 congregations), Rector - Rev. Nellie Thomas.

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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June 28th and July 5th , 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:

As we approach the half-way point of 2020, what a year it's been thus far. When we consider the week long shut-down in January because of weather, which also saw the closing of our churches, and now more than three complete months of closure because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are still left to wonder when and how it will all end. It is accurate to say that practically no living human can remember such a time in their lives, and, we hope when this is over we will not see it again for the rest of our lives. Not only are we facing the implications of this pandemic in terms of people getting sick, many dying, loss of employment, global economic devastation, closure of schools, churches and practically every other public service, but we are also seeing other things rising to the surface that cause us much concern. As I mentioned in my reflection last Sunday (June 21st), this pandemic has brought out both the best and the worst of humanity. We are aware of many pandemic stories where we have rallied to aid and support one another, where even strangers are moved with love and compassion to help others in need, I'm sure you have been a blessing to someone even in your own small circles. At the same time we have seen an increase in hatred and violence toward others in society, simply because of their skin color or ethnicity. We have seen this full scale in the USA with the unjustified killings of several black people by police, and, sadly we have also seen it several times in the past few months in Canada. It was reported this week, by the CBC that, from a survey of 500 Chinese Canadians half of them reported being called names or insulted because of Covid-19. 43% said they have been threatened or intimidated, and, 61% said they have adjusted their daily routines so as to avoid run-ins or unpleasant encounters. This unjustified behavior stems from an ignorant belief that if you are Chinese than

years, and, in supposedly progressive and advanced societies such as in Canada and the USA, and so many other countries, that we are still having conversations about racial equality, and, that there is still a need to protest for basic human rights. Scripture reminds us that Jesus died "once and for all", he never once treated anyone he encountered differently because of the color of their skin or their socio-economic status. In the gospel for this Sunday (June 28th) Jesus says "*whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me...whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple will not lose their reward*". Clearly we have a lot of work to do yet before we attain to the goals that Jesus set for his followers. We hope and pray that as the evil of racism is front and centre in our world at the present time there will be a greater understanding of what Jesus meant when he said "*The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.*" For the Christian there ought to be no confusion, there ought to be no conversation necessary about racism, Jesus says it plainly – Love all people! The "Church" has the unique position in society to be a voice for those who are victims of racism, bigotry and oppression. Indeed, to go a step further, the church has a God-given responsibility and obligation to do so. It is true that over the last number of decades the voice of the church has not carried the same sense of authority as it once did, however, the command of Jesus to go into all the world to preach the gospel has not changed. We must call out evil in whatever form we encounter it, to sit passively by is not an option, and, to do so is to neglect our calling to be the people of God. As we emerge from this pandemic I hope we do so with a greater sense of what God expects from us as individual Christians, and, together collectively as the Church, and dedicate

We received a grant from the Anglican Foundation to help with the plans we have for the cemetery space around the columbaria. Given the difficult year it is shaping up to be for investments we are very fortunate and grateful to receive this grant of \$2500. When we start and complete these beautifications will depend on the lifting of restrictions around Covid-19. Our parish supports the work of the Anglican Foundation, and, our own Debbie Collis is a member of the Foundation.

We honor our high school graduates. This has been a difficult year for teachers, students and parents. We are especially sorry that the grade 12 graduates did not get to have the traditional graduation ceremonies and celebrations that they have been looking forward to for several years. From St. Philip's parish – congratulations on your achievement, and best wishes for a bright future ahead of you!

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

Anyone desiring to have children baptized, please speak to Rev. Randy. We can do baptisms as long as we abide by the government and health regulations around Covid-19.

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

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.**

you are responsible for Covid-19. Most of these Chinese Canadians were born here and are no more responsible for the Corona virus than you or I. Regrettably it is also true in our own nation that you can still be persecuted simply for the way you look. During World War 2 we have examples of Japanese Canadians and Americans being incarcerated and oppressed simply because of their ethnicity. Jesus' whole ministry, which he passed on to his disciples, and down through the centuries to the church, was one centred on loving people, one where all were accepted and afforded dignity and grace. It is alarming that after more than 2000

ourselves anew to making a difference in our world. We start in our own local parish church and community, and, as the many parts of the body works in unison, together we can make a difference. I ask us all to look at our own lives and see what we can do to be true to the promises of our baptism, and, shine radiantly for the Kingdom of God.

Rev. Randy

pray with you on the phone.

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

Condolence to The Rev. Canon Ed Keeping on the recent death of his niece Esther Taylor (age 72) on June 20th. Esther is also the sister of Vivian Sheppard (Canon Iliffe Sheppard). Esther will be buried at All Saints Anglican church cemetery. Anyone wanting to make a donation can do so by forwarding it to All Saints church. Please remember Canon Ed and Joyce, as well as Esther's extended family in prayer at this time.

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.

Cemetery Services in our diocese have been put on hold this Summer until such a time as congregations are able to meet together. Ours was scheduled for July 26th but as of now, the service will not proceed at that time. Please do maintain the graves of your loved ones as you exercise physical distancing.

Lavrock Summer Camp invites anyone, age 8-13 to join them for a virtual summer camp from July 6-9 (approximately 30 minutes each day). This year's theme is The Earth: It's In Our Hands! While things will be a little different this year, there will be familiar faces and many activities you have come to love at summer camp! Participation is FREE however, preregistration is required with parental permission. To register, contact: lavrocksummercamp@gmail.com & you will be sent a complete information package.

Diocesan Plan for reopening and the bishop's pastoral letter is now available to read online. This is a very important document for everyone to read, and, as you can appreciate, it is not an easy and fast reopening that will happen. If we accept the advice of our bishop, we will put in place leadership teams to prepare the parish for reopening following the Labour Day weekend. We will still have to follow the protocols in place for whatever level we are in at that time, and practice proper hygiene and physical distancing. The bishop has continued the diocesan Eucharistic-fast as well.

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

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<p>You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.</p>	<p>Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple.</p>
<p>Epistle & Gospel</p>	<p>Epistle & Gospel</p>
<p>1st Reading: Genesis 22: 1-14</p>	<p>1st Reading: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67</p>
<p>Psalm 13 Page: 717</p>	<p>Psalm 45 v. 11-18 Page: 763</p>
<p>2nd Reading: Romans 6: 12-23</p>	<p>2nd Reading: Romans 7: 15-25A</p>
<p>Gospel: Matthew 10: 40-42</p>	<p>Gospel: Mathew 11: 16-19 25-30</p>

THE BULLETIN
FOR THE WEEKS OF JUNE
28TH AND JULY 5TH
IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF
GOD AND IN LOVING
MEMORY OF:

Phyllis Sharpe

(July 2, 1956 – July 1, 1990)

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die...” (Ecclesiastes 3.1)

*Lovingly remembered
by her Family*

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Forever in our hearts

the church in which we can all engage.

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.

With Summer upon us in the midst of this pandemic we urge all our parishioners to be regular in your financial support of the parish. It may very well be that some of our diocesan churches might not be able to emerge from the loss of parish revenue during this time of shut-down, especially as we continue on to Labour Day before they reopen. So far, we are holding our own, of course we have suffered a loss of revenue but we are managing to keep it all going. Please, if you can't make it to our outdoor services on Sundays drop off your offering during the week in the office or do an etransfer. Your faithful support is indeed vital to the financial health of our parish. Thank you for all you do!!

Recently all the exterior lighting of the building was replaced at a cost of nearly \$1400.00 We are grateful that this was paid for by a member of our congregation who wishes to remain anonymous. If you are around the area after dark you will notice a remarkable improvement to the lighting all around the building. The lighting is also energy efficient. Thank you for this

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.

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.

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>

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).

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.

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.

Church Chuckle

A little girl was asked to pray in Sunday School "Dear Lord", she said, "Please take care of my daddy and my mommy, and my brother and my doggie and me. And please take care of Yourself too, Lord, if anything happens to You, we'll all be in big trouble!"

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Stewardship thought for the Week

*When you give to God,
you discover God gives to you!*

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.

gift to the parish, it was well needed and also improves safety for those using the building after dark.