

Nov. 28th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison). God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Eve Roberts, Baxter & Catherine Rose, David Rouse, Violet Ruelocke, Shirley Scott, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Trinity/Port Rexton (7 parishes) – Rector, The Rev. John Sparkes and the Parish of Twillingate (3 parishes) – Rector, The Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer, RD.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Dioceses of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Dec. 5th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; 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 our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Beverly Sharpe, Boyde & Madonna Sharpe, Dawn & Eddie Sharpe, Dean & Lisa Sharpe, Edward & Jill Sharpe, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Western Newfoundland Synod Office Staff – The Rt. Rev. John Organ; The Ven. David Taylor; Ms. Susan Curtis; Ms. Sharon Major – Executive Director, Killdevil Camp & Conference Centre; and Ms. Deborah Howe – Wellness Officer.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Dioceses of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Nov. 28th and Dec. 5th, 2021 (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:

This Sunday (Nov. 28th) will mark the beginning of another church liturgical year. The church calendar (not to be confused with the ordinary calendar year) always begins on the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming somewhere in the future at a time known only to God. In the Anglican tradition, the season of Advent is a very special one, as we begin to countdown to Christmas Day. It encourages us to find time in the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. This will be the second Christmas in the Covid-19 pandemic mode, however, we hope and pray that things will be safer and some of last year's restrictions and protocols will be scaled back some. It is good to go around our communities and sense a lot more excitement and anticipation as people prepare for Christmas. This year families will be able to travel and spend Christmas together, children will see their parents and grandchildren their grandparents. There certainly seems to be a greater sense of excitement in the air for this Christmas as opposed to the more subtle season last year. If you visit the local malls and other places for shopping you will find a greater influx of people this year, and retailers that struggled to survive last year with a renewed sense of optimism. That is all wonderful, and we want everyone to do well. To borrow a theme from the Roman Catholic Knights of Columbus, I do hope that in the busyness of Christmas preparations, we will remember to *Keep Christ in Christmas*.

Each Sunday of Advent, as we use these four weeks to meditate on the true meaning of the Christmas event (birth of our Saviour), has its own theme. The themes we observe each Sunday are *Hope, Love, Joy* and *Peace*. Each of these is essential ingredients to Christian living that the birth of Jesus brought to us. Just imagine the kind of world we would live in today if these themes were found in abundance, if nations, towns, cities and communities could hold them up as beacons of light and be guided by them in all our human relationships with each other. Though these ideals are far from universal in the world, they are still found in every part of the world, and Advent is our reminder to work toward them in larger measure. Hope, Love, Joy and Peace starts in our hearts, and from there they spring forth by our daily living and permeates every facet of our lives and relationships. For the Christian to abandon these themes is to lose heart and faith; and when that happens our world becomes even darker and colder. So I invite you to join us each and every Sunday in the season of Advent, so that together, as the family of God, we can make that journey once more to the Christmas Manger where the Christ-Child is born, and be reminded of God's great love that God would come among us, as one of us, to reconcile us and to show us how to live. The themes of Advent are ones that do exactly that, they show us how to live, and how to be the kind of people, the kind of church God wants us to be. In the busyness of your lives, as you get ready for Christmas, may we all take the time week by week to reflect on what it's all about, that Jesus is *the reason for the season*. Here at St. Philip's there is always a warm welcome to everyone to come and share the journey together. Blessings!

Rev. Randy

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF

Nov. 28th and Dec. 5th

**IS GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Obie Tucker

November 24, 1935 – October 30, 2009

**Forever in our Hearts
Barbara & Family**

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George Spurrell

November 27, 1928 – October 10, 1998

**Forever in our Hearts
Love - Ruby, Janice & Donna**

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Leila Tulk

November 29, 1957 – February 7, 2019

**Lovingly remembered by
Tom, Renée, Jerred & Alexis**

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.**

Best Wishes to Canon Don Morgan on the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood.

Today (Nov. 28) is the first Sunday of Advent. The theme is that of *Hope*. Each Sunday we will light a candle on the advent wreath to be reminded of the various themes – hope, love, joy and peace. It will also be our reflective countdown to Christmas, at which time we will also light the centre white candle in celebration of the birth of the Christ-Child.

Updated diocesan Covid-19 protocols. Currently the mandatory mask rule has been reinstated, and must be worn by everyone. We are still very much aware that there is Covid-19 in our province, so we must still be very cautious when we gather for worship. Masks must be worn when not sitting in the pews and when coming forward for Eucharist. We will still respect everyone's private space by maintaining distance also. We are encouraged by the high number of vaccinations in our province but we are still not quite where we would like to be in relaxing all the restrictions, especially in light of recent outbreaks of the virus in parts of the province.

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 near the end of 2021.

Thank you to all who purchased ACW tickets on the Gift card Tree. It was a very successful fundraiser in these Covid times. Congratulations to Janice Spurrell who had the lucky ticket. Your support of this and all ACW fundraisers are very much appreciated.

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.

A note from our hospital chaplains. We are aware that recently Eastern Health was target of a cyber attack that interrupted every aspect of its internet operations. This also included our chaplaincy services to The Health Sciences, St. Claire's, The Miller Centre, and other long-term care facilities in the metro region. Our chaplains have been unable to access their daily visitation lists, therefore, it is very possible that patients expecting a pastoral visit from a chaplain may not receive one because the chaplain may not be aware they are there. Canon Keeping and Rev. Pilling (our Anglican chaplains) would like for you to know that they are present and available for visitation, and would welcome a call or email from patients or family members letting them know where the patient is. They are also available to family members and staff. They can be contacted as follows: Rev. David Pilling 709-724-7224 email - dpilling23@gmail.com and Canon Edward Keeping (Coordinating Chaplain) 709-687-7109 email – keepingedward@gmail.com

Eastern Health moms and babies weekly session will no longer take place in The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. For several years nurses from Eastern Health would visit the parish centre every Friday morning and the new moms/dads and babies would come and avail of their services. This provided our parish with \$500.00 per month (\$6000 annually) in rent. When the pandemic was declared this service was placed on hold, however they did provide us with several months of rental money (not every month). Recently we were contacted and told that they would no longer require our space, therefore, that source of rental income is gone from our annual budget as of November 1st.

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.

Our Food Bank Box is located in the foyer so that parishioners can drop non-perishable food items in there regularly. Last year we encouraged people to do it even more so through the season of Advent, which we do again this year. **On each Sunday of Advent we ask everyone to be extra generous** with their food contributions to the box. Each time the box is full we take the items to St. Lawrence's Pop-Up Pantry (Food Bank).

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

December 1st - The ACW Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday, December 1st at 6:30 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 Bernice King at 895-6491 or Ruth Hiscock at 895-2011 **no later than Nov. 29.** We look forward to the fellowship together, especially as we were not able to get together last December.

December 4th - SALMON DINNER (Please note date change). Because of a conflict with a rental of the parish hall on that day (Nov. 27th) the new date for the dinner will be Saturday, December 4th. The pickup time and all other information remains the same.

December 12th - A note from Holy Innocents Parish. You are invited to partner with us for our annual "Blessing Bag" project in support of The Gathering Place. Last year several groups, schools, businesses and individuals supported this project as a lead-in to Christmas. We are collecting toiletries, men's and ladies new undergarments, masks, gloves, scarves, and socks. If you wish to partner with us there are several options:

- Use zip top bags and information inserts as provided by us,
- use your own zip top bags and inserts,
- collect loose items,
- or use info provided and conduct your own project.

You may drop off your items to our office or contact us for pickup. The deadline for collection is **December 12th.** (you may also drop them off to St. Philip's church and we will deliver them to Holy Innocents)

December 15th - Christmas Tree of Remembrance official lighting will take place on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. As before, we will assemble near the tree, the names of loved ones in whose memory we light the tree will be read, a prayer offered, then the tree will be lit. It will remain lit until the end of the Christmas. Following the lighting hot chocolate and Timbits will be served in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. All are welcome! If you would like to participate by submitting names of loved ones the forms are available in the foyer and can also be downloaded from the parish website.

Do you know the old stories of your community? How old is that house? Who used to have a wharf over there? That family has an old root cellar. We would love to hear from you! The PCSP Heritage Committee is an advisory group to Council. It comprises citizens who appreciate the history in our community and are striving to ensure its' preservation. If you have something to tell us, please contact:

- Rev. Bonnell – 895-2111
- Julie Pomeroy (Town Rep.) – 895-8000 x229
- Michael Pretty (Chair) – 727-4674

Email any pictures and stories to mpretty2@nl.rogers.com

The Canon E.B. Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rental for birthday parties, showers, etc. We will still need to exercise care and caution when using the parish centre, and we are not yet at a point where we can rent it out for maximum occupancy, as we must still observe the rule of physical distancing. If anyone is interested in renting the Centre please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell and they will be able to inform you of the current rules around its use. These rules can change at any time based on direction from our Chief Medical Officer and/or our Diocesan Covid team.

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:



Notes

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. For some members of our congregation, it may be difficult to stand as long as others because of mobility issues, we encourage them to please sit if that is more comfortable for them.

ACW fundraiser this Fall is selling tickets on a very large Christmas stocking that will be drawn for just before Christmas. Again, because of pandemic restrictions they are limited as to what they can do for fundraisers, so we ask for your generous support by purchasing tickets. Whoever wins the stocking will have a very big Christmas stocking filled with all kinds of items including gift cards, gift certificates, and so much more.

Dawn Cheeseman is selling Christmas cards with the picture of St. Philip’s church on them and they are now available. This is a fundraiser Dawn is doing on behalf of the ACW. A sign-up sheet for anyone interested in purchasing these cards is located on table in the church foyer Sunday mornings.

2022 CHURCH CALENDARS are available for purchase at \$5.00 each. Only 65 calendars were ordered and already more than half are sold. This calendar has featured our own Cathedral Church for the month of March. While many churches have increased the cost of the calendar, ours are still \$5.00 each. It is not a fundraiser and our only hope is to break even on the cost of them. Having the church calendar provides an opportunity to follow the season of the church year, liturgical colors, saints days, etc.

Christmas Eve Worship Services This Year will be as follows:

4:00 pm Family worship
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist
11:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Please bear in mind that even though some restrictions have been lifted or eased, we must still observe those that are in place, such as that of wearing a mask at all times. Christmas Eve is always a busy time at church and we love to see as many as possible, but please remember we are still in a pandemic time and must be guided by public health directives whatever they might be by that time. **Please also remember that to attend, worship one must be fully vaccinated.** If your name is not already on the list of fully vaccinated worshippers you must show proof of it in order to worship with us on Christmas Eve.

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.

Are there any parents that would like to volunteer to prepare children for a Christmas Eve Program? Since the pandemic our Sunday School has not been active, as we have been adhering to public health safety protocols. We hope that in 2022 we can begin this important children’s ministry again. We are about 6 weeks away from Christmas, and there will be a 4:00 pm family service on Christmas Eve. If some parents (and past Sunday School teachers) would like to bring a group of parish children together for a mini Christmas program for that service please speak to Rev. Randy. All safety protocols will be in place.

Sunday School we also would like to see up and going again. This will require several volunteers to do so. We are now looking for teachers and leaders to help with this. The date we resume will not be known until we have our volunteers in place. This is a vital part of our parish life that got sidetracked during the pandemic, that we hope to get up and going again soon. Please speak to Rev. Randy if you have an interest in getting our Sunday School up and going again.

Parish finances as we approach the end of 2021 we hope will leave us in a good position of having met all our financial commitments. As we have indicated elsewhere, we have taken a real hit in 2021 in the rental and fundraising aspects of our annual budget, which will leave us short by about \$15000 at least. The history of St. Philip’s church and community is one where its people always rises to the occasion and does what needs to be done. As we draw close to the end of this year we ask all our parishioners to prayerfully keep the needs of our parish in mind and do whatever we can to ensure we meet our 2021 budget. With everyone’s help we will no doubt succeed. God has been good to us and that goodness and grace will ensure our future prosperity as a parish.

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

Nov. 28th

First Sunday of Advent

**Scriptural Sentence
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Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near

1st Reading

Jeremiah

33: 14-16

Psalms 25

1-9

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(Ruth Hiscock)

2nd Reading

1 Thesalonians

3: 9-13

(Harve Hiscock)

Gospel

Luke 21:

25-36

(Deacon Bonnell)

Dec. 5th

Second Sunday of Advent

**Scriptural Sentence
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Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

1st Reading

Malachi

3: 1-4

Canticle

Luke 1

68-79

(Debbie Collis)

2nd Reading

Philippians

1: 3-11

(Todd Martin)

Gospel

Luke 3:

1-6a

(Deacon Bonnell)

Refugee update: Farrah, our young single refugee has been with us now since the end of April, approaching 7 months of the 12 month sponsorship program. We share this with 4 other Anglican parishes, and our main objective is to see that she is safe, healthy, happy, and settling well in Canada. While we cannot share Farrah’s personal health information with others, we can say that Farrah will be traveling to Montreal in January for medical reasons and our committee and churches will be helping her with some of the costs not covered by government, some travel, lodging, meals, and other costs during her 6 week recovery period at home. If this is something you would like to help with by making a donation, please speak to Rev. Randy. Also, do keep Farrah in prayer during her time away and her travel back home.

NSO Presents: Handel’s Messiah: A Christmas tradition; the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra under the direction of guest conductor Kathleen Allan, together with the Philharmonic Choir of the NSO presents Handel’s Messiah. Soloists are Meredith Hall, Vicki St. Pierre, Haitham Haidar, and Jorell Williams. The Messiah takes place LIVE at 8PM on Friday, December 10, 2021 and Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the historic Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Tickets (\$28/\$38) are available at the ACC Box Office (729-3900), online at www.artsandculturecentre.com and at the door.

Note: The Messiah is also being recorded and will be streamed online via the NSO website, premiering on December 18. Tickets for the online version can be purchased through the concerts and events page of the NSO website (www.nsmusic.ca). Online ticket holders will have access to the concert for 30-days from the premiere.