

Dismissal Songs

“Go Now In Peace”

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.

“Let There Be Love”

*Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love in our eyes;
May now your love
Sweep this nation, cause us, oh Lord
to arise;
Give us a fresh understanding,
Of Christian love that is real;
Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.*

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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:

One of the prevailing questions of the modern age of Christendom is – *how is the church relevant to me, and, do I need the church at all?* Without question, there are many people today that have made a decision to renounce their “church membership”, and make their way in life without a regular discipline of worship and other church ministries. Of course, it goes without saying that this has contributed hugely to church decline, and, ultimately the closing of church buildings and greater sharing of resources among surviving churches. We have seen this happening in Anglican churches in Newfoundland and Labrador, including here in our own diocese and neighbouring parishes. We give God thanks that, thus far, we have managed to remain financially viable as the Parish of St. Philip, but we know that much needs to happen if we are to remain this way. The global pandemic really exacerbated some of the decline in church membership and active participation, we are still praying for the return of many of the ones who got out of the routine of in-person worship during those tumultuous times. The pandemic also pushed us to adapt to other methods of worship, which we still use in these post-pandemic times, such as online worship. We are pleased to be able to minister to those who follow us online, especially those who, because of illness and limited mobility, are no longer to come out to worship physically.

So, how can the church, or, more specifically, how can the Parish of St. Philip remain or become relevant to the lives of the people whom we serve? There has to be more to church affiliation than names on a parish list. Perhaps first and foremost, we have to be “mission” and “vision” focused. Gone are the days when people become members of a church because it was the church of their parents and grandparents. What do we offer, and, what can we offer that will draw people in? Not so we can grow the membership list or pad the church finances, but so we can nurture their spirits and satisfy an hunger for Christ that the world can't offer. It must be that our vision is

different than our mission. Our mission should be closely tied to the Great Commission: making disciples, baptizing, and teaching. (Mt. 28:19-20) Our vision is what the mission will look like when it is lived out in our church and our community. It is the desired change, or the end result. The first call on our lives individually, and together as the church, is to be faithful to the call of God to us, especially that which we experience through baptism. We can abandon the church, we can abandon faith altogether, but it will never change the fact that, in baptism we were sealed for Christ with water and the sign of the cross. That outwardly invisible sign of the cross on us marks us as *Christ's own forever.*

At our last Vestry meeting, we spent a bit of our time talking about the diocesan strategic plan, *Set Sail – Charting The Course For Christ's Church*, and how we as a parish might be able to work on some of the goals for this year. These goals are (1) Invite every baptized person to renew their own personal faith through examination of the baptismal covenant, (2) To further develop our congregation as an inclusive, supportive, and non-judgmental community of faith as we continue to seek and serve Christ in all persons: those already identifying as a member of our faith community; those looking for connections with our faith community; those against whom wrongs have been done in the name of our faith community; and the wider community outside of our faith altogether, (3) To enable every baptized person to explore and express their faith by entering again into the fullness of their discipleship of Jesus, and lead others to do the same. Therein lies both mission and visioning, and we hope that you will join us on this journey of faith. It's not easy in today's environment to achieve any of this, but we are people of the Resurrection, we are never without hope, for where there is no hope there can be no life. I invite you to join with us here at St. Philip's as we explore our faith together, and as we grow together in that faith.

Rev. Randy

Ballicatter - As a reminder, because of government regulations under which they operate, we must ensure that when they are using the space, which includes the parish centre and washrooms, no other persons are allowed access. Their usual hours of operation are from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Help needed in our Sound Room on Sunday mornings?

There is a real need for volunteers to control the microphones, etc. during our morning services so that we have the right volume and everyone can hear what is being said. This would be a great thing for some of our young people to get involved with, they have lots of technical ability for sure. We would also like to get back to using our screens on a more regular basis as well. Speak to Rev. Randy about it.

Set Sail – Charting The Course For Christ's Church

is a strategic diocesan program, which looks at ways to strengthen parishes and better equip them to do ministry in the church and in the wider communities. It is a 4-part program consisting of (1) Deepening Relationships, (2) Transforming Discipleship, (3) Renewing Stewardship and (4) Engaging Partnerships. Under these headings are 6 goals – (1) Renewal of faith by regular examination of our Baptismal Covenant, (2) Develop our congregations to be more inclusive, supportive, and non-judgmental communities of faith, (3) To enable baptized persons to explore and express their faith in relationship with Christ, (4) To renew our understanding of true, holistic nature of our stewardship and responsibility to all of God's creation, (5) To examine our environmental footprint in light of the climate emergency and take tangible action to reduce the negative impact both as individuals and a faith community, (6) Recognize God in and through others, to partner with others outside our faith communities to support and engage in shared work, witness and ministry, and help bring dignity to every human being. As we move along with the rest of the diocese in this program, we hope in this year to engage in some tangible work as a parish to bring about some of these goals.

Congratulations to Archdeacon Ed Keeping

on his upcoming retirement, effective, at the end of June. We wish many blessings of good health and happiness on both you and Joyce for many years to come.

Columbarium niches are nearly all sold.

Of the 48 available 45 of them have already been sold. There are plans to purchase and install more units in the coming year, and the cost of those individual niches will depend on the cost of the units.

As Summer gets nearer

(it will arrive), many people will be doing work on family graves in the cemetery. We remind everyone that there are regulations governing the cemetery, so please check with the rector or vestry if you have questions. We do hope to have a student again this Summer, but that will depend on whether or not we receive a government grant. Please help keep our cemetery, including the columbarium area of it, looking beautiful. Also be safe while doing work on family graves, there may be areas where one could fall or twist an ankle.

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

April 25 - The funeral service for the late David Rouse will be held here at the church on Thursday, April 25th at 10:30 am.

April 28 -The next date for baptism will be Sunday, April 28th, at 10:30 am. If anyone has a child to receive baptism at that time, please speak to Rev. Randy very soon.

April 30 – ACW card game will be held on Tuesday, April 30th at 8:00 pm. Please bring your own cards and baskets – Tea and coffee will be served.

May 5th - DAMA (Diocesan Anglican Men’s Association) will be having its supper, annual meeting & worship service on Sunday, May 5th at St. Peter’s church, Upper Gullies. This is open to any men of our parish interested in attending. We begin with supper at 5:00 pm, meeting at 6:00 pm and worship at 7:00 pm. If you would like to attend simply let Gary King or Harvey Hiscock know. There is no charge for this event

May 9 - Queen’s College Convocation is scheduled for May 9 at the Parish of the Ascension, 58 Smallwood Drive, Mount Pearl. Convocation Speaker for 2024 will be The Most Rev Chris Harper, National Indigenous Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Archbishop Harper has many years of ministry experience among and with Indigenous Anglicans, and a deep passion for the work of reconciliation. Speaking of the role of National Indigenous Archbishop, Harper said it a ministry that is, “More than just to the Indigenous alone; it is a ministry that reaches out to both sides of the Christian conversation, seeking to find paths of healing in the shared legacy we all inherit, seeking to find a common language and identity, wherein we might begin to see and acknowledge each other as equals in the family of God.” He sees his role as a balance between offering pastoral healing to Indigenous peoples and communities, especially Residential School Survivors, but also as an advocate for justice and equity for Indigenous peoples with the church and the wider society. He is Plains Cree and a member of the Onion Lake Cree Nation. Born in Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan, Archbishop Harper is the son of a Residential School Survivor. Before his call to ordination, he worked as an emergency medical technician.

July 28 - This year’s annual Flower Service will be held on Sunday, July 28th at 3:00 pm. If the weather does not co-operate the service will be held inside.

Canon Shirley continues to look after our Sunday readings and reader lists. In the past year we added a couple of new readers to the list, but would love to have even more. If you would like to be one of our readers on a Sunday morning please speak to Canon Shirley. Altar Servers are needed. We welcome any young people in our congregation that would like to serve at the altar to please speak to Rev. Randy. Duties include things such as lighting and putting out the candles, carrying the cross, helping with Communion, etc. Canon Morgan did some extensive training with a group of adults as well in the past year, so we would like to get them involved in this ministry as well this year.

Do you know that parishioners can sign-up for E-Giving? This helps ensure that your parish receives your regular offerings on a biweekly or monthly basis through regular deductions from your bank account. This is especially helpful to the parish during the summer months when many of our parishioners are away for long periods of time. Further information about this is available from the parish office as well as the proper forms to set it up.

Our Food Bank boxes are still in the foyer and we welcome donations of non-perishable food items to be dropped into them. Once they are full we take them to the Pop-Up Pantry (food bank) at St. Lawrence’s church.

Parish Recycling program is something we are very proud of in our parish. This is a project taken on by our men’s group (ACM) many years ago and still going strong. Residents of the town drop off their bottles and cans at several designated sites, our men pick it up and take it to the recycling trailer, where it gets sorted, counted and bagged every Monday night. Once we have enough its placed on a trailer and taken to the recycling depot in St. John’s. In addition to keeping a lot of stuff out of the landfill, it brings much needed money into our parish budget. There is a need for extra volunteers that can spare about two hours on a Monday night (7-9 pm) to come along and help out. If you can do this, please speak to our ACM president, Gary King at 709-895-6239.

If you would like to receive the rector’s messages, bulletins and other parish information from time-to-time please provide him with your email address by contacting him at the following address: lockyerrandy@gmail.com

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. www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch Please note

Church Bulletins will be printed on a bi-weekly basis until further notice.

Our ACW Sub Sandwich Sale was a huge success again. On Wednesday, April 17th, approximately 450 sandwiches were made in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. Thank you to the men who helped by slicing the meats, the ladies that got the orders, and everyone who helped make the subs. We want to thank parishioners and other members of the public for their support of this fundraiser.

May 9th - Teen Challenge Canada: Our mission is to demonstrate God's love by helping individuals become free from substance addiction and equipping them to live full and meaningful lives. Teen Challenge Canada operates a 12-month, in-residence, faith-based drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, for adults 18+, at treatment centres across five provinces. They will be hosting their 2024 Gala Banquet on Thursday, May 9th, at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre, 180 Portugal Cove Road. This will be a dinner and silent auction. The cost is \$75 per ticket and the doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling 709-800-1015 or www.teenchallenge.ca/gala Our own Brenda Gavin-Harding is a member of the local branch of Teen Challenge Canada, and she will be speaking briefly about this on Sunday, April 21st.

Envelope drop-off box is located on the wall next to the nursery room in the foyer. If you come to drop off church envelopes or other mail, and the office is closed but the main door is open, you may use this box. The box is locked but is checked on a daily basis.

April 21st

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican church of Australia. Its Primate, The Most Rev. Archbishop Geoffrey Smith.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Gambo, (4 congregations) – Rector; Rev. Wayne Short, and the parish of Gander, (2 congregations) – Rector; Rev. Mark Kingsbury.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the diocese of Montreal, The Right Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, bishop; and Archdeacon & Vicar General of Montreal, Robert Camara, and Synod Office staff.

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Roger Squires, Shirley Squires, Tony & Millicent Squires, Viola Squires, Kelly & Francis Squires-Bartlett and their families.

April 28th

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of Bangladesh, and its bishop The Rt. Rev. Paul Shishir.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Gander Bay (3 congregations) – Deacon in Charge; Rev. Stella Mills and the Parish of The Good Shepherd – Priest in Charge; The Rev. Scott Winsor.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the diocese of Quebec, The Rt. Rev. Bruce Joseph Andrew Myers The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton, Archdeacon and Vicar General of Quebec, and Synod

Parish Families: We pray for our parish families: This week we remember: Don & Sandy Stevens, Derek & Ellen Stevenson, Edna Strowbridge, Gary Sullivan, Thelma, and their families.

April 21st

4th Sunday of Easter

Scriptural Sentence
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

1st Reading
Acts 4 : 5-12
Psalm 23 (page 731)
(Harvey Hiscock)

2nd Reading
1st John 3: 16-24
(Betty Lewis)

Gospel
John 10 : 11-18
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect - O God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen

Prayer after Communion – God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

April 28th

5th Sunday of Easter

Scriptural Sentence
I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

1st Reading
Acts 8: 26-40
Psalm 22: 24-30 (Pages 730-731)
(Rev. Russell Osmond)

2nd Reading
1st John 4: 7-21
(Joan Osmond)

Gospel
John 15: 1-8
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Gracious god, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen