

Mar. 7th.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Catalina – Deacon-in-Charge, The Rev. Eli Cross 6 congregations); the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Baptist (St. John's) – Rector, The Ven. Roger Whelan, Vicar Missional – The Rev. Khaliah Kinkead.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Samuel Rose.

Mar. 14th.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in 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 mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith, and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendor of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Thelma Squires Hicks, Don & Sandy Stevens, Derek & Ellen Stevenson, Edna Strowbridge, Gary Sullivan, Ronald & Thelma Sullivan, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Evangelist (Corner Brook) – Dean & Rector, The Very Rev. Catherine Short, Vicar Choral – The Rev. P. Lynn Braye, Honorary Assistants – The Very Rev. Stewart Payne, The Rev. Canon Duncan Granter; Hospital Chaplains – Rev. Edward Keeping, Rev. David Pilling, Rev. Canon Iliffe Sheppard, Rev. Canon David Russell, Rev. Dcn Terry Loder, Rev. Joan Antle, Rev. Sheila Sceviour; and St. Luke's Ecumenical Congregation (St. John's) – The Rev. Christopher Fowler.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton.

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Mar. 7th and Mar. 14th 2021 (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: As I write this brief reflection for our online parish bulletin, for the Sundays of March 7th and 14th, I am aware that we have now been a full year in the grip of this global pandemic. Unfortunately, there was a recent jump in Covid-19 infections that caused our Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, to place the Avalon Peninsula portion of our province back into alert level five. We are thankful to God that since then we have been seeing a rapid decrease in daily cases, and look forward to when she can lower the alert level again. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of the two individuals who passed away because of Covid-19 complications. It is never easy to lose our loved ones, and this is especially compounded when it happens under the current restrictions, where wakes, funerals, family and community gatherings are not permitted, and loved ones away cannot travel home. The one blessing that we did not have this time last year when the world shut down is the availability of effective vaccines. As more and more people get vaccinated we will continue to see a decrease in infections and death from Covid-19 and its variants, and this is wonderful news because there is a light at the end of the dark tunnel, and there is cause for hope. Spring is almost here, Easter is upon us, a time of the year when we are especially aware of signs of new life and hope, a time for the renewal and rebirth of God's creation, and this year it is anticipated with great enthusiasm by God's people. At the present time our parishes remain closed to public worship and gatherings, for how long is anyone's guess. We don't know yet what Easter will bring, will we be able to gather or will Easter look like it did last year? We continue to post online worship services to Facebook each Sunday, as well as each Wednesday in Lent. We continue to offer outside worship services each Sunday morning at 10:30 am, as congregants participate from inside

their vehicles. Winter and weather of course makes this a little more unpredictable, as it is necessary to open the car window a fraction in order to hear. However, on that front we have excellent news; we are now in the process of having a FM Frequency Channel installed. We were hoping it would be available for use on March 7th, however, because of inclement weather this week (As I write on March 3rd), we have a tentative date of Monday, March 8th, for Tucker's Electronics to do the work. What that means is people can park in the parking lot on Sunday morning regardless of weather conditions and listen to the service through their car radios, thus you can keep your windows closed and your vehicle turned on if it's cold. So, here at St. Philip's we recognize the importance of being together even when we can't be together in the truest sense of the word. We are attempting to make use of whatever technology available to us in order to proclaim the word of God safely, while still adhering strictly to public health directives to keep everyone safe. With the church building closed to public worship we also want to remind all of our parishioners that the expenses of the parish are nearly the same as any other time, and humbly ask everyone to try to be as regular as possible in weekly or monthly offerings. I am in the office daily to receive them, or they can be made through E-Giving or E-Transfers, or by mail. I commend our parishioners for the excellent way you responded to the financial needs of St. Philip's parish during our 6 month closure in 2020. Your faithfulness and your ongoing commitment to the life and ministry of our parish is very much appreciated. So, let us hang in there a little bit longer, God is making a way for us to move forward, I believe soon we will begin to get our lives back to a greater sense of normalcy, including our ability to meet together for worship. Remember again, Easter is before us, from that new life springs forth from death. We are Easter people, we will never lose hope. Amen.

(Rev. Randy)

Congratulations! to **Dr. Greg Brown** on his new appointment as *Regional Clinical Chief of Emergency Medicine for Eastern Health*. Greg will be overseeing 12 Emergency Rooms, including places such as Clarenville, Burin, Bonavista, Old Perlican, the Health Sciences and St. Clare's. We wish Greg well in his new responsibilities and keep him in our prayers, especially during these challenging times.

Baptisms and weddings are still being done inside the church building. For now, baptisms are still taking place outside the normal worship times. We must still adhere to the maximum number of 100 persons and sanitizing the building after each use. If you need to book a baptism or wedding please call Rev. Randy. We can do these as long as we abide by the government and health regulations around Covid-19. If you have a child to be baptized please call Rev. Randy to set up a time.

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.

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

We have a tentative date for the installation of the FM Channel. We had hoped to have it ready for use on March 7th, however, because of some inclement weather it is now scheduled to be installed on Monday, March 8th. This will allow us to broadcast the worship services over your car radio in the parking lot.

All churches in our province are now closed. Because of another wave of the Covid-19 virus in our province it has become necessary once more to close down. St. Philip's church building is currently closed as well to any parish activities including worship.

Sunday Services in the parking lot are being done once more by Rev. Randy every Sunday at 10:30 am. Because we are in Winter of course means that we will be governed by weather conditions.

The midweek Lenten services began on Ash Wednesday with an outdoor service. Because the church building is closed for public worship now the services will be posted to Facebook each Wednesday. This year we will be using a series titled *Living Lent As People Of The Resurrection*. We invite you to observe a holy Lent and join us weekly for the journey through Lent to Holy Week and Easter.

Rev. Randy is now accepting names for Confirmation. Last year we were about to call for registration for Confirmation when the pandemic was declared and we had to close down. Because we are still closed we are only accepting the names for now. If you have a child for Confirmation please let the rector know. Once we have a definitive number, Rev. Randy will acquire a Confirmation date from Bishop Rose as soon as we are able to safely gather again.

Who is an ACW member or an ACM member? The short answer is, every woman of our parish is an ACW member and every man is an ACM member. We would love to get the numbers of active members up that attend regular meetings. Contrary to what some might think, it's not always about meetings and planning fundraisers, it is also about fun and fellowship together. We would love to see more of our ladies and gentlemen meeting together, getting to know one another better and growing our parish.

ACW Lenten Sock Project is being done again this year. Anyone wishing to participate please take one of the tiny socks, and, over the course of the Lenten season fill it with loose change, or if you prefer include cash. Once you have it ready return it to the offering plate where it will be passed on to the ACW. This is a very important project for the ACW because with Covid-19 restrictions they are very limited to what they can do as fundraisers. Last year they collected almost \$1100 from the socks, let's make it even more successful this year. If you need a sock please call the church office.

Please help us keep up with parish financial commitments. When the building is closed down it really affects our ability to receive weekly offerings. There are several ways we can keep up- to- date, envelopes can be dropped into the parish office, mailed to the church, E-Transfers by using the parish email or signing up for E-Giving (forms available from the office). Whatever works for you is fine. We have been blessed to have such a faithful congregation where our parishioners have gone above and beyond to meet the needs.

There are still some 2020 tax receipts in the foyer. If you have not received yours yet please call the church office at 895-0715 to arrange pickup.

New Vestry members are needed for the upcoming annual meeting. Each year several members go off Vestry having served their 3 year term, which leaves openings for new members. Please give this some thought and speak to the rector or wardens if you would like to offer yourself this year. If you served on Vestry before and have been off for at least one year you are eligible to be nominated again.

Thank you to all our parish supporters for your generosity in 2020. The year-end financial reports will be available for the annual meeting on February 28th, but we can say that they will reflect a very good year for the parish in 2020. Of course it was a challenging year, and we did lose a lot of income from rentals and fundraisers. Fortunately much of this lost was balanced by the federal wage subsidy that we received during some months of the pandemic. However, the real good news story, and one that you should all feel very proud about, is that we saw an increase of nearly \$13,000 in weekly envelope offerings over the previous year (2019). This is the first time we have seen this in a long time. It shows us that the people of the parish of St. Philip's are very concerned about and devoted to the well-being of their parish. Thank you so much and we ask everyone to keep this up as we go forward through this year.

Congratulations! to Rev. Deacon Ed Bonnell on the 17th anniversary of his being ordained a deacon - March 17, 2004.

The Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer will be the new provost and Vice-Chancellor of Queen's College. We congratulate Joanne on her appointment and wish her well as she guides the college into the future. Dr. Joanne is a graduate of Queen's College, and did a portion of her theological training with Rev. Randy, Rev. Russell and Canon Shirley. Please continue to support the work and ministry of Queen's College by your prayers and ongoing financial offerings.

The annual meeting of the congregation, originally scheduled for Feb. 28th, will now take place whenever we have permission to gather for worship again. Because we will be very cautious whenever we reopen, in our efforts to keep everyone safe, the meeting will be very short and deal with only vital items. With the closure of the building for over 6 months, and limited activities even after we reopened, there will not be a lot of church activities to report on for last year.

Hospital visitation is limited to only the appointed chaplain. Whenever any of our parishioners are admitted to hospital, parish clergy are prohibited from visiting because of Covid-19 guidelines. So please ask for the Anglican Chaplain, and, he will be most happy to visit you regularly during your hospital stay.

The Rev. David Burrows, rector of the Parish of The Ascension, has been named the new Territorial Archdeacon of the Avalon Archdeaconry. This position opened up following the appointment of Archdeacon Charlene Taylor as our diocesan Archdeacon.

Notes

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. Due to the church being closed again because of Covid, we do encourage parishioners to go online at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

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

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.

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>

What is the status of parish hall rentals? At this time The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is not available for general rentals. As of September, we made the hall available to our major renters - Ballicatter and Eastern Health group - as long as they had documentation from Eastern Health showing their start-up plan.

Even though our church building was open for worship services, we have closed again. E-Giving is still a good way to make regular offerings. 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.

Did you know that you can advertise your business in Anglican Life? Our Tri-diocesan newspaper goes out to thousands of homes all across Newfoundland & Labrador every month, and thousand more view the online publication. You can purchase half pages or full pages. For more information please contact The Rev. Fred Marshall, the Tri-diocesan Joint Committee Officer at: fred.marshall@nljointcommittee.com or by telephone 709-727-4346 By advertising you reach a greater number of potential customers while at the same time providing much needed revenue to our church newspaper.

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

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God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life	God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life
1st Reading Exodus: 20 1-17	1st Reading 2 Chronicles: 36 14-23
Psalm 19: 7-14	Psalm 137: 1-6
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians: 1 22-25	2nd Reading Ephesians: 2 4-10
Gospel John 2: 13-22	Gospel John 3: 14-21

Church Chuckle

The Agenda was adopted – the minutes were approved – the financial secretary gave a grief report!

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Stewardship thought for the Week

In everything you do and every decision you make, look first to how you can serve the Lord!

St. Philip's parish is set up 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.