

Feb. 7th.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Derek & Jean Smith, Fern Somerton & David Ryan, Donna Spurrell, Glen & Lisa Spurrell, Janice Spurrell 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 Bonavista – Rector, The Rev. Valerie Gillam & Associate – The Rev. John Gillam (2 congregations); Parish of Bonne Bay North– Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Wilhellmena Green (3congregations).

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for Archbishop Linda Nichols(Primate), Council of General Synod & The Anglican Church of Canada.

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Feb. 7th and Feb. 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:

How quickly time is going by, seems like a few days ago we were caught up in the excitement of Christmas, and here we are now almost through the season of Epiphany, and thinking about Lent. More than a month of the New Year has gone past and already we find ourselves beginning to think beyond the dark Winter months to the birth of Spring, and with it the signs of new life and hope that once again renews our minds and spirits, and renews the earth. The days are getting longer and we see past the wind, snow and ice that still confront us to a time soon when we can think about planting seeds and gardening and all the other things we enjoy doing under the warm sun of Spring and Summer. As we pass through the seasons of the year we are always reminded that our very lives are but a series of seasons. We are born, we are care-free children for a time, we morph into teenagers, still care-free but beginning to think about the course of our lives past the formative years of kindergarten to grade 12, accepting some small degree of responsibility as we prepare to launch out into the world. Then we think about what we want to do with the rest of our educational and working years, we go into the workplace, create our own families, and then, God willing, we have very productive careers that provides for our families and enables us to retire and begin the years of happy and healthy retirement into a ripe old age. From the time of our birth until the time of our death God's plan for our lives is being worked out, not by random chance but by the precise care and love of a creator that made each one of us with a great deal of tenderness. Like the seasons of the year, we don't know what to expect as we go forward, just as some Winters are stormier than others, some Summers are wetter and colder than others, so too we don't know what life will throw at us, without a doubt we all face the viciousness of storms that arise without warning that disrupt our lives. That's just the nature of imperfect beings living in an imperfect world. You know what? God reminds us over and over again that it's okay, we don't need to see the bigger picture, for

worked out on God's time and design, all we need to do is to find hope and courage in the storms of life. Whether you are 19 or 99 you still don't know what God has in store for you, what the challenges will be, and you can be sure God is not finished with you yet, there is more to come, always more to come. That's the exciting part of life, we never know what God is doing next, and whether we are in a valley, on top of a mountain or somewhere in between as we climb towards the peak, God is never absent from us. That has been reassuring news for all of us in this pandemic that have consumed our lives for so long, and caused us so much anxiety and worry. We are not alone, and that is not recent news, for Jesus said in John's gospel (14: 18-19) *I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live....* As we approach Lent again it is good for us to follow the seasons of Jesus' earthly life, to descend with him to the valleys he was in and to rejoice with him on the mountains he stood on top of, for to know and understand his journey is to know and understand our own. During Lent we will see the temptations confronting Jesus, and the parallels to the temptations we face in the world today. We will see how vital it is to be people of prayer and faith, for these are the most important weapons in the battle between good and evil in the world today. It was not by accident God sent Jesus into the world; it was so that his life would be an example to us of how to live. The path he trod, though it led to the cross, also leads to eternal life, for if we have never lived in the valley we can never appreciate the mountaintop when we are there. Last year our Lenten journey was interrupted by the pandemic as we closed our church right in the middle of it, let this be a Lenten journey that we can truly appreciate, and whatever season of life we are in now, remember, God is working it all out. That's God's work alone, we don't need to see and understand everything right now, let's be part of that exciting journey as we explore the seasons.

(Rev. Randy)

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.**

it's still being

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

Choir will resume its Sunday duties on Sunday, February 7th. Our choir is not large and most of them are already in the same bubble, and we will use seating on both sides of the chancel. We will still mask as we stand to sing, and some hymns will continue to be recorded.

There are still a few 2021 church calendars available if you haven't purchased yours yet. The price of them remains the same as past years at \$5.00 each.

The annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 28th**. Because we are still operating under strict pandemic protocols there won't be the usual pot-luck lunch prior to the meeting. The meeting will take place immediately following the 10:30 am morning worship in the main part of the church. All annual reports should be given to the rector no later than February 18th.

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.

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.

Tax receipts for 2020 are now available for pickup in the foyer. Along with this comes our thank you to everyone that made financial offerings to the parish in 2020. Feel free to take those belonging to other family members, friends or neighbours. We want to see them all delivered within the next few weeks.

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF

Feb. 7th . & Feb. 14th .

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

**Leila Tulk
Nov. 29, 1957 – Feb. 7, 2019**

***Given by:
Tom, Renee, Jerred &
Alexis***

And

Harvey Sharpe

***Given by:
Mary, Cheryl & Beverly***

Notes

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. Presently, because of Covid-19 restrictions, outside of regular worship there are not many other activities to report on. A limited number will be available on Sunday mornings, however, 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

2021 Church Envelopes are available in the foyer. Please take yours and any others there for family, friends or neighbors. Some people are set-up for online giving but it is still good for them to have their packet of envelopes so that they can use other special envelopes such as PWRDF, Cemetery Offerings, etc.

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 is now open for worship services 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.

[Church Chuckle](#)

<p>Feb. 7th. Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Page 353</p> <p><i>He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.</i></p> <p>1st Reading (Joyce Keeping)</p> <p>Isaiah 40: 21-31</p> <p>Psalms 147: 1-12, 21c Pages 906-907</p> <p>2nd Reading (Joan Osmond)</p> <p>1st Corinthians 9: 16-23</p> <p>Gospel (Deacon Bonnell) Mark 1: 29-39</p>	<p>Feb. 14th. Last Sunday after Epiphany Page 355</p> <p><i>A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people.</i></p> <p>1st Reading (Gloria Earle)</p> <p>2nd Kings 5 1-14</p> <p>Psalms 30 Page 739</p> <p>2nd Reading (Dave Earle)</p> <p>1st Corinthians 9 24-27</p> <p>Gospel (Deacon Bonnell) Mark 1: 40-45</p>
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Why didn't Noah go fishing?

He only had two worms.

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Two things ruin a church-loose living and tight giving.

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 e-transfers, 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.

