

June 6th

Collect for the Day: O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Merciful God and Father, in Adam's fall we were born to death; in the new Adam we are reborn to life. In all we offer you this day may we share a taste of your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) O God, we have shared in the mysteries of the body and blood of Christ. Nourish us by this feast, that we may live the risen life and serve you faithfully in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Lewis & Dorothy Clarke, Wallace & Georgina Clarke, Debbie Collis, Roland & Dianne Deans, Wendy Decker

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar(Burma).

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Hermitage (3 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Robynn Toal and the Parish of The Holy Innocents – Rector, Rev. Byron Barter and the Parish of The Holy Cross (4 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Linda Cumby.

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

June 13th

Collect for the Day: Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Holy and Blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Gloria Dempsey, Cavell Durdle, Dave & Gloria Earle, Sean & Charlene Escott, Winnifred Farrell and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of the Holy Spirit(5 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Beverly Buffett and the Parish of The Holy Trinity(6 congregation) – Rector, Rev. Lisa Payne and the Parish of Indian Bay(4 congregations) – Priest –in-Charge, Rev. Daphne Parsons.

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

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June 6th & 13th, 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: We are now into the longest liturgical season of the Church year, the season of Trinity or Pentecost. This will take us up to the Sunday next before Advent, Reign of Christ Sunday, November 21st. Following the celebration of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Christians are given nearly six months (about 26 Sundays) to focus on who we are as Christians, the written word of God (Bible), a life of devotion, our life in the world, and how do we live in such a way as to always be ready to meet our Lord. Each season of the Christian year provides opportunities for us to journey with Christ in some aspect of his birth, life, death and resurrection. They are not just things written on our 12 month church calendars, they are meant for us to strengthen our own relationship with God, through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. The main reason we order the Anglican Church of Canada Calendars every year is not to mark the secular days of the year, or admire the beautiful church pictures, though they also do that, but to be reminded of the seasons of the church year, the lives of the Saints, and Jesus' journey. They are meant to be used as devotional tools to strengthen our spirituality, and make us more keenly aware of our need to daily walk with Christ. I hope that all our parishioners will decide to purchase a church calendar this year (they cost only \$5), and pay close attention to the information they provide us with.

Speaking of seasons, we all mark the seasons of the year, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter, and with each season comes expectations and hopes. We expect Winter to bring snow but we hope not too much, we expect Spring to bring an end to the harshness of Winter but we hope not too much rain, we expect Summer to be warm and sunny so that we can enjoy outdoors and travel, but we hope not too hot as to burn everything up, and we expect Fall to be less warm but hope to see the beautiful colors of nature all around us. Expectations, hopes and even fears are all part of the experience of living. Even life itself is a series of seasons, each with its own expectations, hopes and fears. We are born into a season of childhood and youth, where life is mainly fun and carefree, we transition into a season of adulthood where we begin to accept the greater responsibilities of life, such as a livelihood, marriage and family, we then move into a new season when our children are nurtured, educated and move out into

the world themselves, then we enter another season of retirement and whatever joys come with it, such as relaxation, travel, grandchildren. God willing we get to be happy and healthy and live long and prosperous lives. However, like the seasons of the year, we have no guarantees of what to expect. We have hopes and expectations, but only God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, holds the knowledge of our lives and future. That is okay because it is enough that only God knows, we live by faith and trust, so we place ourselves, our lives, our futures and our eternal destiny in the hands of a God that has not and will not fail us, a God of supreme love, who pours the riches of grace upon us, as demonstrated in Christ.

Life can be very stressful, and much joy can be robbed from us when we worry about what we cannot change and what we do not know, but when we learn to trust in God's love and providence, we see the world around us through a new lens and somehow everything seems so much more beautiful and exciting. The past 16 months have been a challenging time for many of us on a global scale, and many have experienced much fear and anxiety, and much joy of life have been taken. I hope that at this point in the pandemic we can begin to feel that life is once more becoming brighter and more hopeful as vaccines are administered and we see some promise of better things ahead. When we are able to see past what is before us, we can see that God's promise to be with us in all seasons of life in not empty, but real and powerful. To doubt is natural for human beings but to live continuously in a state of despair is neither spiritually healthy nor rewarding. Whatever is our current season of life, may we think God for getting us there and may we be assured that the journey through life is not one we make alone, but God is there with us in both times of joy and despair. The promise that Jesus made and kept on Pentecost Sunday, to be with us always even until the end of the age rings as true now as ever before. So, let us embrace life and live it to the glory of God and enjoy whatever blessings poured upon us from his love.

(Rev. Randy)

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK OF May 30th

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

Derek Mercer

April 16, 1953 – June 13, 2019

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

**Lovingly remembered and forever
in our hearts,
Carol, Matthew, Brittany and Calla.**

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

Thank you to those who supported the Salmon Dinner this past Saturday. As always, it was a success, thanks to those who sold tickets and prepared the food, and of course to those who purchased the tickets. Thank you for supporting all fundraisers done by both our ACM and ACW groups.

A second refugee sponsorship has arrived. You will recall that several years ago we became part of a larger refugee committee, consisting of the parishes of St. Philip's, Paradise, St. Lawrence, Gould's and Foxtrap. The chair of the committee is Dr. Greg Brown, and includes Moses Tucker, Karen Puglisevich and Rev. Randy. They concluded their first sponsorship of a family of five in 2020 and now the second has arrived. This time we are sponsoring just one individual, a young Syrian lady named Farrah Youssef Sheikh, who has been waiting in Cyprus to come to Canada for quite a long time. She finally arrived in St. John's last Monday, and is doing her 14 day quarantine period. Farrah speaks great English, she is of the Christian faith, so we look forward to meeting her soon. Please pray for Farrah as she adapts to her new home of Canada, and more specifically Newfoundland & Labrador.

St. Philip's Annual Flower Service will be held on Sunday, August 8th at 3:00 pm. We hope to do the service in the cemetery, however, in the event of inclement weather it will be held inside. With the advantage of our 98.5 FM channel, anyone unable to walk from the parking lot to the cemetery, should be able to remain in the car and listen to the service through the radio.

The town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's will be doing children's camps this Summer. One of the venues being used for these camps is our own parish centre. We don't know if all the camps are full but do check with the town hall if you are interested in them.

Help at recycling is needed. For many years now our men's group (ACM) has been involved in a parish recycling program. We have a trailer where recyclables are carried after they have been picked up from various locations, and a group of parishioners gather most Monday nights to sort and bag them. When enough has been collected then they are taken to the depot and turned into cash that mainly ends up in the parish budget each year. The pandemic has really hampered this work, and some of our men have not been able to get back at it yet. The other reality is that some of our helpers are not as young as they once were when the program was started. We really do need to have extra help on Monday nights in order to be able to continue this vital work, which is a service to our environment and a bonus to our budget. Seven or eight thousand dollars each year comes from this program. If you have time to help out some Monday nights please let our ACM group know or speak to the rector.

Overeaters Anonymous (OA). Are you struggling with unhealthy eating behaviours? Give us a call. We are a support group whose program is based on physical, emotional and spiritual healing. We are a Twelve Step program for people facing serious eating problems. Call 709-738-1742, email info.aa.nl@gmail.com or visit our website: oanl.org.

Notice from Anglican Life. Many parishioners stopped receiving a subscription to Anglican Life / Anglican Journal at the end of 2019 as they were requested to "confirm" their subscription in order to continue receiving the paper. We continue to re-build the subscribers list for Anglican Life with much success in 2020, thanks to your assistance. Anglican Life / Anglican Journal is available FREE to all Anglican in Newfoundland and Labrador. All anyone needs to do is contact the Editor, Ms. Emily Rowe @ anglicanlifeni@gmail.com or call Rev. Fred Marshall @ 709-727-4346.

A new lawn mower has been purchased for the church. The old mower was much less reliable and no longer suited for our needs. The new one is a self-propelled one and much easier for those using it to cut the grass around the church and in the cemetery. If anyone is interested in donating the mower in memory of a loved one(s) please speak to Rev. Randy. The cost is approximately \$600

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.

We are now back to indoor worship for our 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. We are restricted to a maximum of 100 people, including sidespersons, register, organist and clergy. It is also still important that you register for Sunday worship by calling Donna or Janice Spurrell at 895-3581. If you attend on Sunday and you plan to be there the next Sunday just let them know at the registration table.

Beautification work around the site of the Columbaria has started again. Thank you to Dawn Cheeseman and Joyce Fewer for the work they have been doing there in the past couple of years, and others that have been helping them. Vestry is in the process of having constructed a story-board that will highlight the history of St. Philip's, which is a long history. As more and more columbaria niches are purchased there is a need for us to continue to enhance the area as well as the rest of the cemetery. Summer is always a time when family members are working on the graves of loved ones, we ask everyone working in the cemetery to help us keep it looking good by removing debris, and abiding by the cemetery regulations. If you see a grave nearby not being cared for, by all means cut away the grass and tend to it. Sometimes there are no family members around anymore to attend to the upkeep. Out of the 48 niches in the columbaria we have now sold 24 of them, with 24 more still available for purchase.

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.

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.

Anyone with children for baptism is asked to speak to Rev. Randy. Because of the restrictions and very limited numbers around gathering, we continue to do baptism outside of the regular Sunday worship times.

Confirmation names are being accepted. We hope that by this Fall we can begin Confirmation preparation again. Rev. Randy will determine a date for Confirmation in consultation with the bishop once we have a list of names to begin.

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.

The 98.5 FM frequency is always in use whenever we are gathered for worship. If our numbers inside exceed 100 people there is still the ability to listen to the service through your car radio while in the parking lot of the church.

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.

Parish Finances is always a concern for us as we endeavor to keep up-to-date on our commitments. Last year (2020) turned out to be an excellent year for the parish financially, as all of you, parishioners of St. Philip's parish rallied to ensure the bills could be paid in the midst of the pandemic as our building was closed. We are very grateful for that, and, not many parishes in the diocese had this experience, and it happened here because of your faithfulness to God and your devotion to this parish. We are now coming to the end of the first quarter of 2021, and we want to remind everyone that the challenges of the global pandemic are still with us, our building continues to be closed down for inside worship and fundraising is non-existent at the moment. We ask everyone to be mindful of our situation and to help us keep up financially by being regular in your financial support of the parish. God bless you for all you do in the life of our parish.

Notes

Summer is approaching and after a long Winter and wet Spring we look forward to warm and sunny days to come over the next few months. Traditionally it is always a slow time for church finances as parishioners are away, camping and doing all kinds of activities. The majority of parish expenses are spread over 12 months, such as stipend, diocesan assessments, maintenance, utilities, loans, etc. so we want to remind our parishioners of financial obligations we have to meet during these slow months. Many have signed up for Electronic Giving, some make Email Transfers, some send post-dated cheques, etc. If we can all be mindful of our parish needs during the months of June, July and August our treasurer will be very happy.

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.

The food collection container at St. Philip's Church is still being used. We want to remind everyone that they can still bring donations of non-perishable food items for the container located in the foyer of the church. Each time the box is full we take the items to the "Pop-up Pantry" at St. Lawrence's parish, which is a community food bank. This is a good outreach ministry to be involved with regularly.

Update from PWRDF. In addition to the note in the bulletin about the PWRDF project titled – "A Light For Every Birth", to provide 50 solar suitcases for rural clinics in Mozambique, we have been told by PWRDF that an anonymous donor has stepped forward to match every dollar given between now and September 30th, up to \$100,000. This is fantastic news and means that whatever you give will be doubled.

PWRDF Making birth safer for moms and babies in rural Mozambique. We are writing to share an exciting opportunity to engage your parish in the work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. **A Light for Every Birth** will make labour and delivery safer for moms and babies in 50 health clinics in rural Mozambique without electricity. In 2016, PWRDF partnered with **EHALE** in Mozambique and **We Care Solar** in California to install "solar suitcases" in 30 health clinics. A solar suitcase is a wall-mounted unit that connects to a solar panel on the roof. It opens like a suitcase and includes phone charging ports, a headlamp and a fetal Doppler to monitor baby's heartbeat. The solar suitcases continue to work beautifully and are making a world of difference to moms and babies. With 50 more solar suitcases installed this summer, more moms and babies in Mozambique will have a safer, brighter birth experience, and a healthy start. As we look forward to the warmth of the summer sun and emerging from various stages of lockdown, we can gather hope from knowing that the same sun is shining in Mozambique, powering health clinics. A single solar suitcase costs \$5,800, including installation. That may be a challenge for many churches to raise. But together we can accomplish a lot. Your gift of any amount will support our mission towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world. Please visit the solar suitcase page on **our website** or contact Donor Relations Officer **Mike Ziemerink** to learn more. Thank you for your commitment to PWRDF and for helping to make a world of difference.

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>

The Lavrock Camp and Conference Centre will not be open this Summer. Because we are still in the midst of the pandemic traditional camps and other church activities will not be going ahead this Summer. This is unfortunate but beyond diocesan control, we look forward to a time when our youth and other church groups can once more assemble at our beautiful diocesan camp. If there are any virtual diocesan events being offered they will be promoted.

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

June 6th

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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The ruler of this world shall now be cast out; and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.

1st Reading

1st. Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

Psalm 138

Page: 895-896 (Joyce Keeping)

2nd Reading

2nd Corinthians 4:

13-5:1

(Dr. Greg Brown)

Gospel

Mark 3: 20-35 (Deacon Bonnell)

June 13th

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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Quietly accept the message planted in your hearts; it can bring you salvation.

1st. Reading

1st Samuel 1: 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20

Page 726-727 (Gloria Earle)

2nd. Reading

2nd. Corinthians 5:

6-10, 14-17

(Dave Earle)

Gospel

Mark 4: 26-34 (Deacon Bonnell)

Church Chuckle

'I understand your vicar has gone to the Holy Land for a month.'

'Yes, that's right.'

'For a holiday, I suppose?'

'Yes, the Bishop decided that we were entitled to one'.

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege.

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.

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.