

Feb. 21st.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) God of refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of Life. We ask this in his name. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Gerald Squires, Gordon & Jackie Squires, Halley Squires, Joseph Jr. & Evelyn Squires and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Brooklyn – Rector, The Rev. Isaac Hutchings (8 congregations); The Parish of Buchans – Vacant (2 congregations).

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for Diocese of Montreal , Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson.

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Feb. 21st and Feb. 28th 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: Well, here we are on our Lenten journey, albeit, a little different from previous years. You will recall that it was in the midst of the Lenten season last year (2020) when all of our churches were ordered to be closed because of Covid-19 and the declared global pandemic. Even though, still under pandemic restrictions, we reopened our churches back in September, and everything was progressing well until a week ago (following worship on February 7th) when we experienced a concerning increase in a new strain of the Covid-19 virus, which abruptly closed our churches again. As a church, a parish, a diocese, we understand fully the need to take serious measures to protect our population, especially those that are most vulnerable, such as seniors and those who have preexisting health conditions. It is the responsible thing to do, and, our diocese and parish will do everything possible to keep our parishioners and our communities safe. In the media, throughout the past year of this pandemic, we have seen religious groups in both the USA and Canada thumb their noses at health care initiatives and directives meant to keep the population safe. They have ignored all the rules and encouraged their faith adherents to gather together in large numbers, unmasked and in close confines. Somehow they believe it is their God-given right to gather, that rules don't apply because of religious freedoms. They have spewed forth all kinds of government conspiracy theories, and in disobeying rules they have spread the virus to thousands. I am convinced that some religious groups actually caused the death of some of their members. That is shocking, but in reality it has been the outcome of reckless and irresponsible behavior by faith groups. We have been blessed in Newfoundland & Labrador to have religious groups that recognize the danger of this virus and the need to do everything in our power to protect our citizens. I am not aware of any faith congregations that have refused to cooperate with healthcare directives from Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, our Chief Medical Officer or Dr. Haggie, our health minister. I believe this cooperation by churches of all denominations and faiths have and will go a long way in gaining the victory **desk** over Covid-19 and its variants. So, here at St. Philip's parish we will continue to be led by Dr. Fitzgerald and our bishop

Like before, this closure of our church building will restrict our ability to meet together weekly as we desire to. However, in the meantime I will continue to post weekly services on Facebook, as well as services in the parking lot when weather permits. I want to stress as well the need for us to maintain our level of financial support to the parish, as our obligations remain the same. This can be achieved by dropping envelopes off at the parish office, mailing them, signing up for E-Giving, doing E-Transfers or dropping them in the offering basket following the parking lot services. I don't know, and nobody does right now how long we will be in this alert level (5), so we will do everything we can to keep communications open with our parishioners. I am still in the office daily and available to chat and/or pray, so please don't hesitate to call me. Let's hope that we can quickly get the virus under control again, and be able to meet in our building before Easter, it is my prayer that we will be able to celebrate Easter inside this year. We are now in the process of installing an FM frequency for our parish. Tucker's Electronics have ordered what is necessary and we hope within a few weeks we will have it available. This will be great for the times we are worshipping outside our building, the congregants will simply tune into the radio channel and listen without lowering the car window. These are unusual times we find ourselves in, and God is providing us with the means to be creative in still worshipping together as the family of God. I encourage everyone to make a conscious effort to observe a holy Lent. See the Facebook services, worship from the parking lot, get out your own prayer books, read scriptures and meditate. Do whatever it takes to make the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We won't always be in a global pandemic, the time will come, and we pray soon, when we will once more be able to gather together in our church building for worship. As we wait for that time, do everything you can to stay safe and help others to do the same. Watch out for your neighbours, be there to lend a helping hand, that is so much what the church is about. Every Sunday we meet together to be spiritually fed and nourished in worship, and this is so we can be of service in the wider community. The church building may be closed but the work of the church goes on every day.

(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 Clarendville, Burin, Bonavista, Old Perlican, the Health Sciences and St. Claire'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

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.**

and his diocesan Covid-19 task force.

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.

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

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..

The FM frequency channel has been ordered. This may take a few weeks to be done, but it will then give us the ability to broadcast services to those in the parking lot through the car radios. It will eliminate the need to lower car windows especially in bad

Annual meeting of the congregation was originally scheduled for the 28th of February, however, because our church buildings are closed down that date will now have to be determined at a later date once we are permitted to safely gather.

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

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. 21st. & Feb. 28th.

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

**Alma Earle
December 24, 1925 – February 25,
2015**

And

**Charles Earle
January 12, 1925 – February 21, 2018**

***Given by:
David, Gloria, Christopher, Mark
& Alexa***

weather.

faithful congregation where our parishioners
have gone above and beyond to meet the
needs.

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

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 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.

[Church Chuckle](#)

<p>Feb. 21st. First Sunday of Lent Page 286</p> <p><i>We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.</i></p> <p>1st Reading</p> <p>Genesis: 9 8-17</p> <p>Psalms 25: 1-9</p> <p>2nd Reading</p> <p>1 Peter: 3 18-22</p> <p>Gospel Mark 1: 9-15</p>	<p>Feb. 28th. Second Sunday of Lent Page 288</p> <p><i>I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.</i></p> <p>1st Reading</p> <p>Genesis :17 1-7 & 15-16</p> <p>Psalms 22 22-30</p> <p>2nd Reading</p> <p>Romans: 4 13-25</p> <p>Gospel Mark 8: 31-38</p>
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Note in Parish magazine: 'the congregation is requested to stay seated until the end of the recession.'

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Real charity doesn't care if it's tax deductible or not.

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.

