

<u>May 1st</u>	<u>May 8th</u>	<u>May 15th</u>
<p><u>Collect for the Day:</u> (In Unison) Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth. Grant that we, mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>	<p><u>Collect for the Day:</u> (In Unison) Shed upon your Church, oh Lord, the brightness of your light, that we being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may walk in the light of your truth, and come at last to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>	<p><u>Collect for the Day:</u> (In Unison) 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 forever. Amen.</p>
<p><u>Prayer over the Gifts:</u> (In Unison) Almighty God, to know you is to have eternal life. Grant us to know your Son as the way, the truth, and the life; and guide our footsteps along the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>	<p><u>Prayer over the Gifts:</u> (In Unison) Eternal Light, receive all we offer you this day that we may share in the wisdom of your eternal Word revealed at this eucharistic table. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word. Amen.</p>	<p><u>Prayer over the Gifts:</u> (In Unison) 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.</p>
<p><u>Prayer after Communion:</u> (In Unison) Holy God, in Jesus Christ we find the way to you. May we who met him in this banquet be kept in your unending love, and see you working through your Son, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.</p>	<p><u>Prayer after Communion:</u> (In Unison) Eternal God, your apostle and evangelist John, proclaimed the Christ, your Word made flesh among us. May we who have shared the bread of life remain for ever your children, born according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p><u>Prayer after Communion:</u> (In Unison) 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.</p>
<p><u>Parish Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Joyce A. Clark, Alvin & Effie Clarke, Hilda Clarke, Martha Clarke, Lewis & Dorothy Clarke and their families.</p>	<p><u>Parish Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Wallace & Georgina Clarke, Debbie Collis, Dianne M. & Roland Deans, Wendy Decker, Gloria Dempsey and their families.</p>	<p><u>Parish Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Cavell Durdle, David & Gloria Earle, Charlene & Sean Escott, Winnifred Farrell, Dean & Darlene Foote and their families.</p>
<p><u>Anglican Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.</p>	<p><u>Anglican Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.</p>	<p><u>Anglican Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.</p>
<p><u>Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for the Parish of Gander Bay (3 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Gerald Giles; Deacon, Rev. Stella Mills and the Parish of the Good Sheppard – Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Donna Mercer.</p>	<p><u>Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for the Parish of Grand Bank – Rector, Rev. Charlie Cox and the Parish of Grand Bay – (3 congregations) - Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Faye Coffin.</p>	<p><u>Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for the Parish of Grand Falls – Rector, Rev. Robin Trevors and the Parish of Green Island (2 congregations) – Deacon-in-Charge, Rev. DCN Vernon Short.</p>
<p><u>Provincial Prayer Care:</u> We pray for the Diocese of Eastern NL – Bishop Samuel Rose; Archdeacon Charlene Taylor and Synod Office Staff.</p>	<p><u>Provincial Prayer Care:</u> We pray for the Diocese of Eastern NL – Bishop Samuel Rose; Archdeacon Charlene Taylor and Synod Office Staff.</p>	<p><u>Provincial Prayer Care:</u> We pray for the Diocese of Eastern NL – Bishop Samuel Rose; Archdeacon Charlene Taylor and Synod Office Staff.</p>

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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:

Another Easter Sunday is behind us, and now we find ourselves in the Easter season for the next 5 Sundays, leading up to the day of Pentecost. To my great dismay I was unable to participate in the great celebration of Easter on April 17th. On Good Friday, following the mid-day worship, I tested positive for Covid-19, and needed to isolate for one week. Thanks to being fully vaccinated, my symptoms were fairly mild, which meant that the isolation part was the most difficult. As Anglicans, we celebrate and commemorate many special days and seasons on the liturgical church calendar, but none are more important than Easter. We are people of the resurrection; our very hope is in the resurrected Christ. Every Sunday Eucharist is a celebration of Easter, a celebration of our faith in the resurrected Christ that comes to us in the mystery of gathering to partake of his body and blood in a way that unites heaven and earth. Last Sunday (April 24th) many churches read the gospel account of Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his resurrection. The disciples are gathered together, no doubt trying to make sense of what has happened, what their future would be as disciples, coupled with a real fear of what would happen to them now once the authorities catch up to them, and suddenly here is Jesus standing in front of them in the flesh. This brings a newfound and profound renewal of hope for the future, it infuses them with a sense of joy and excitement for what would come. One of the disciples, Thomas, was not present when Jesus appeared, and when told about it, refused to believe unless he could place his fingers in Jesus' wounds and see for himself. Sometimes Thomas gets a bit of a raw deal for his refusal to believe without proof, but maybe undeserving of this title "doubting Thomas", because would any of us be different? The last Thomas knew Jesus was crucified and laid in a tomb; there was no doubt in anyone's mind that Jesus was murdered in a horrific way. The other disciples had the benefit of seeing Jesus, it was a little easier for them to accept it, all of us would perhaps have responded like Thomas. There are many things in the world that we would give no credence to unless we could see it for ourselves. The natural instinct for most of us is to be skeptical of things that appear to be unlikely or even impossible, especially if it goes against the laws of nature or the realm of possibility. The lesson we get from this whole encounter is that with God all things are possible. What seems illogical or does not line up with the natural order of things does not define God, nor does it limit God's ability to break in on our world in a way that both surprises us and leaves us in awe of an omnipotent and omniscient God. Jesus is aware of Thomas' doubt and for that reason he appears to the disciples again one week later. This time Thomas is present, and Jesus invites him to feel the wounds of the nails and the spear. Thomas falls down and says "my Lord and my God". Jesus says, "do

you believe because you have seen? Blessed are those who believe without seeing". Perhaps a bit of a scolding to Thomas, but it was important to Jesus that Thomas be included in the work he had in mind for the disciples. When Jesus first appeared to them he said – "peace be with you, as the Father has sent me, so I send you". Their call is now to the great mission of the Church, unlocking those doors and going out into the world to boldly proclaim the resurrected Christ. Today the Church is once again struggling with the call to mission and evangelism. How do we effectively proclaim the good news of the gospel to a world far removed from the call of Christ to love God and to love one another? One of the biggest issues in our own diocese, and I'm sure it's a major one for other dioceses and denominations, is the struggle to maintain buildings that were designed for much larger congregations than the ones that currently exist. This directly impacts the sustainability and viability of congregations that struggle with an aging and declining population. I suspect that just as the church of today is different than that of previous generations, so too, the church of tomorrow will look vastly different than that of tomorrow. This in no way diminishes the need for ministry, and, in some cases it might actually be life-giving. The past 2+ years of a pandemic has seen the church embracing and adapting to additional methods of ministry, such as online worship, which has proven to be a blessing to many when church buildings were closed. This new way of technology will no doubt continue to be a blessing to those who, because of age or infirmity, are no longer able to participate in in-person worship. That being said, there will always be a need for the people of God to meet together in worship and fellowship, it is the very essence of who we are as "the community of faith". For 300 years the early Christians did not have defined places of worship, but meeting together in catacombs, private homes and outdoor venues was absolutely vital to their growth. In the future, as some church buildings close, I hope it will not be seen as the death of worshipping communities, but an opportunity to come together to enrich and grow other faith communities. So far, we have been very blessed in our own little parish of St. Philip's. We have managed to be financially viable, and we have great hope of rebuilding our parish ministries that have been on hold for the past couple of years. What makes us strong and viable is the faith and commitment of the people who make St. Philip's their worshipping family. It is my hope and prayer that going forward we will grow our parish even more, and strive toward even greater heights of our potential. Not so that we can have lots of money in reserve, but that we will be a welcoming and inviting community of faith, where God's people can grow in love and grace. To do that we will need the full participation of all our parishioners, for it is when we meet together as the body of Christ that new life and energy explodes. The resurrection teaches us that we ought never to be without hope, and that sometimes new life comes from death. I suppose in all our lives, and in the life of the church, there are many things that sometimes we need to die to in order for the true ministry of Christ to come alive with vitality and be life-giving for many. We live in exciting times, where even in the midst of doom and gloom there exists the opportunity for light and hope to emerge. Blessings!

Rev. Randy

Beautiful homemade quilt will soon be on tickets. The ACW was gifted with this quilt by the Jackman family to sell tickets on as a fundraiser. The quilt will soon be on display and tickets will be available. The ACW is very grateful for this gift and looking forward to presenting it to some lucky person in the near future.

Thank you from the ACW to everyone who helped with the recent Sub sandwich sale. Nearly 500 sandwiches were sold, which is a wonderful success. Thank you to those who sliced meat, picked up supplies, prepared the subs and made deliveries. Thank you to Barb Skinner for the use of her space to work in; and thank you to those who supported by purchasing the subs. Another is planned for later this year.

Rev. Randy wishes to thank Canon Shirley, Rev. Russell and Canon Don for stepping in on short notice to look after the worship services on Easter Sunday when he was isolating with Covid-19. We are blessed to have such dedicated honorary associates.

It is our hope that we will be ready to resume Sunday school and bible study this coming Fall. We still live in very delicate times when it comes to Covid-19, but, God willing we hope to be able to get back on track at that time. We will need more volunteers to come forward to help with Sunday School, and once that is achieved we will make available registration forms. Maybe you and/or someone you know might be interested in this important ministry of the church?

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.**

The Ballicatter After-school program still has openings for children that need this service. The pandemic has made it difficult for them to keep their numbers up, especially when so many parents were working from home. This program has been a tremendous benefit to our parish budget bringing in \$20,000 annually in rent. Please, if you know of any parents needing afterschool care for their children tell them about this great program we have right here in our parish centre.

Fundraisers and parish hall rentals continue to be down because of the pandemic. This has created a decline in our overall parish revenues to date. Our regular envelope offerings are up but what we budgeted from other sources are down. We want to stress the importance of all our parishioners helping us to meet our financial obligations as we enter 2022.

Maintenance envelopes in your box of envelopes are very important. So far this year we have noted a decrease in maintenance offerings. Your maintenance offering helps to pay our outstanding parish loan (cost of the geo-thermal heating system) of \$653.93 per month and other items of regular maintenance around the church. We look forward to retiring this outstanding loan in a couple more years and we ask all our parishioners to consider using the maintenance envelope each month.

Rev. Randy is now accepting names for the 2023 Confirmation class. The date for Confirmation next year has not been determined yet, however, we will begin the classes in October. If you have someone to be confirmed please speak to the rector.

PWRDF is supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes due to the Russian invasion. The initial grant of \$20,000 issued to an ACT Alliance appeal has been increased to \$50,000. The grants will fund the work of Action by Churches Together (ACT) member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA). If you would like to support this effort simply place your donation in a plain envelope, mark it PWRDF Ukrainian Help, with your name and envelope number.

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

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. We do encourage parishioners to go online at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

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.

Youth Employment Opportunity: The Anglican Church of St. Philips has received funding to employ: 1 Individual (15 -30 Years of Age) for 8 Weeks, 35 Hours/Week. Anticipated start date: May 25, 2022. Resumes can be emailed to: gloriajoyearle@gmail.com

Application Deadline is May 13,2022

Duties to include:

- Painting of Church Office Spaces and Property
- Ongoing beautification and restoration of church property and memorial spaces
- Assisting with church events and projects
- Procurement and distribution of food for local food bank
- Other assigned duties as necessary

With the lifting of pandemic measures in our province this past week our churches can now resume many of the functions that were halted or changed two years ago. Presently our building is back to full capacity and we are no longer requiring proof of vaccination. There are still a few things that we are not ready to resume yet, such as the common cup, for now Eucharist will still be in one kind, bread only. As well, there are still a few restrictions around baptism that we will observe, simply because infant children are still vulnerable because they are unvaccinated. Rev. Randy will address that with families as baptisms are scheduled. We are still encouraging the use of masks and hand sanitization as much as possible. For the first time in two years we will resume taking up the offering in the traditional way with the passing of the plates, and you are free to sit wherever you want during the worship service. We must be mindful that, though the restrictions are lifted, Covid-19 is still very much present among the population, so please exercise care and caution as we interact with each other.

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.

St. Philip's parish is set up to receive E-Transfers. 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.

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

Our parish website can be accessed now through a **QR Code** (Quick Response Code). By scanning the code with your cell phone, tablet or some other compatible device you will immediately be taken to the parish website. We are also in the process of updating our website so it can be current. Here is the QR Code:



NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

May 4th - St. Philip's ACW meeting - 7:30 pm.

May 7th - St. Philips ACM will be holding a Roast Beef dinner on **Saturday, May 7th at 5 PM.** Cost is \$20.00. Eat in or take out. Tickets available from ACM members or Parish office.

May 7th - St. Mark's Anglican Church (203 Logy Bay Road) will be holding a Spring Sale on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Stalls will include baked goods, preserves, craft and surprise tables. We do hope to see you there!

May 8th – **Happy Mother's Day** to all the Moms of our congregation, including any that may be visiting us this morning. We hope you all have a wonderful day with your families.

May 12th - **Queen's College Convocation** will take place at St. Mary's parish on Thursday, May 12th at 7:30 pm. This year we are quite pleased that Dr. Janice Fitzgerald has been chosen to receive an honorary doctorate degree from the college, in recognition of the fine way in which she has led our province through this pandemic as our Chief Medical Officer. We hope this year that the convocation will be open to anyone that would like to attend. Rev. Randy will be in attendance as one of the members of the Queen's College Corporation.

May 14th **Congratulations!** to Rev. Russell Osmond who celebrates his 31st anniversary of ordination as Deacon on May 14th

May 16th - **Topsail United Church Men's Club** will be holding a takeout Flipper Dinner on Monday May 16, Pick up will be From 4:30 until 6 P.M. Tickets \$25, and must be paid for in advance. No Sales at the Door. To purchase please call the Church Office between 9 to 12, Monday Thru Friday at 834-4567.

July 24th – **Our Annual Flower Service** will be held on Sunday, July 24th at 3:00 pm.

Now that our choir is up and going again we would love to welcome new members of all ages. It would be wonderful if we could have enough members to fill out the choir pews on both sides of the chancel. In addition to singing to the glory of God on Sunday morning it is also a time of fellowship and fun each week at practice.

The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is once again available for all rentals. With the rising cost of operating our facility, and the lack of rental income during the pandemic, this year (2022) there has been a slight increase in our rental fee structure. When booking the Centre through Donna and Janice they will provide all the information regarding the rental cost. Our rental fees are still well below comparable facilities in the area.

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<p data-bbox="1494 175 1728 240">3rd Sunday of Easter St. Philip & St. James</p> <p data-bbox="1499 293 1723 358">Scriptural Sentence (Page 405)</p> <p data-bbox="1454 407 1811 529"><i>Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, says the Lord; that the Father may be glorified in the Son.</i></p> <p data-bbox="1507 578 1714 643">1st Reading Isaiah 30: 18-21</p> <p data-bbox="1499 691 1723 756">Psalms 119: 33-40 Pages 870 and 871</p> <p data-bbox="1521 805 1701 837">(Debbie Collis)</p> <p data-bbox="1507 919 1714 984">2nd Reading (none appointed)</p> <p data-bbox="1507 1073 1714 1179">Gospel John 14: 6-14 (Deacon Bonnell)</p>	<p data-bbox="1916 167 2171 232">4th Sunday of Easter St. John the Evangelist</p> <p data-bbox="1929 285 2158 350">Scriptural Sentence (Page 406)</p> <p data-bbox="1876 399 2212 488"><i>The word of the cross is the Power of God to us who are being saved.</i></p> <p data-bbox="1889 578 2198 716">1st Reading 1st John 1: 1-9 Psalm 92: 1-2 and 11-14 Page 829 and 830</p> <p data-bbox="1970 764 2118 797">(Gary King)</p> <p data-bbox="1938 878 2150 943">2nd Reading (none appointed)</p> <p data-bbox="1938 1073 2150 1179">Gospel John 20: 1-8 (Deacon Bonnell)</p>	<p data-bbox="2300 167 2529 199">5th Sunday of Easter</p> <p data-bbox="2306 285 2524 350">Scriptural Sentence (Page 340)</p> <p data-bbox="2274 399 2556 488"><i>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.</i></p> <p data-bbox="2327 578 2502 643">1st Reading Acts 11: 1-18</p> <p data-bbox="2300 691 2529 756">Psalms 148: Pages 907 and 908</p> <p data-bbox="2327 805 2502 837">(Todd Martin)</p> <p data-bbox="2300 919 2529 984">2nd Reading Revelation 21: 1-6</p> <p data-bbox="2327 1032 2502 1065">(Debbie Collis)</p> <p data-bbox="2300 1114 2529 1211">Gospel John 13: 31-35 (Deacon Bonnell)</p>