

June 5th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty and everliving God who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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 life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Father, may we who have received this eucharist lie in the unity of your Holy Spirit that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Scott & Cherie Howe, Maple Hussey, Gordon Jackman, Jean Janes, Ernest & Maxine Jones and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Hermitage (3 congregations) – Rector, awaiting appointment 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 Central NL – Bishop John Watton; Archdeacon Terry Caines and Synod Office Staff.

June 12th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your Salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church of South Africa.

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

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June 5th and June 12th, 2022 (Year C)

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:

Perhaps one of the greatest threats to our faith in the modern world, is the idea that God has become outdated, perhaps even obsolete, in the face of secularism, commercialism and individualism. That, somehow, we can chart our own course, set our own destiny, solve our own problems, without the help and presence of God. We have seen this kind of attitude before in scripture, indeed it was because of this moving away from God, this watering down of faith, this belief that human beings can do it on their own, that the Incarnation was necessary. People had neglected their faith, turned to false idols and Gods, and moved drastically away from the teachings of the Hebrew scriptures, including the 10 Commandments. We remember the story of the commandments, how God, through Moses, delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, and they wandered 40 years in the desert before coming back to their homeland. During that time of searching the people become restless, beginning to question their faith and Moses' leadership. Moses goes up to Mount Sinai, there he has an encounter with God, that leads to the 10 Commandments being inscribed on tablets, God's rules for living in relationship with God and one another. While Moses is away on the mountain, the people started to conduct themselves in ways that were unbecoming of people of faith, most vile being the worship of a golden calf, in place of God. Moses was so angry he threw down the stone tablets and shattered them. The Old Testament is filled with examples of the kind of society and world we have when faith in God is replaced with the illusion that human beings can make it on their own. When Jesus was born into the world, it was God's way of drawing us back into a healthy and faithful relationship with God, with one another and the rest of creation. Through Jesus we were given redemption, we were forgiven for past transgressions, and made whole once more.

Today we aren't falling down to worship golden calves, but what are the things in our lives that take precedence over our faith and our relationship with God? When we see the state of the world we have to wonder, how did we get to this, what went so wrong? The past two years of living with Covid-19 in the midst of a global pandemic has certainly shown us the fragility of human life, and how inter-dependent we really are on each other. Then we have the ongoing unjust war in Ukraine, only last week we were all heartbroken to hear of the 19 young children and 2 teachers massacred at an elementary school in Texas. The song titled 'The Love of God', has the following verse:

*"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every one a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above*

*Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."*

It refers to the depth of God's love for us, and it is true, but it might also require the same amount of ink and parchment to write the evils of our world today. There has always been the battle of good and evil in our world, and there has always been a great deal of inaction and indifference toward it by God's people. The saying "*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing*" (attributed to Edmund Burke) might well be true. We may well be seeing this played out in Ukraine with the reluctance of NATO to become more involved, I don't know, but the writing of history will tell us later.

All this happens at a time when even the Church struggles to find its place in the world. Its almost as if Satan has taken humanity as a whole to the top of the mountain, and like he said to Jesus, now says to the multitude – "*if you will fall down and worship me, I will give you the kingdoms of the world*". Many have, unfortunately, been tricked into doing just that. The thing we need to remember is that the good things of this world never ever belonged to Satan to begin with, it all belongs to God. There is an old saying that says -*For where God built a church, there the Devil would also build a chapel*. It's just a simple way of telling us that evil is never far away, and the more we try to live near to God and increase our faith, the more the devil will tempt us. I hope and pray that the Church of Christ, once it finds its footing, will also find that its mission and purpose has never changed, and, though it will go through a time of dying to some of the things that defined it in the past, it will be reborn with a new and even more powerful vision for the future. You and I are an important part of defining the future of the church. It is both an exciting and frightening idea, but in the end God's Church will stand strong and mighty. This Sunday (June 5th) is **Pentecost Sunday**, traditionally known as the birthday of the Church, when Jesus ascended to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to lead us. What a wonderful opportunity it presents to us, as the people of faith, as followers of Jesus Christ, to renew our own faith, and to come together as one, and dedicate ourselves anew to service. Together we can be Christ's Church in a powerful way, divided we weaken the church and empower evil. May God bless each one of us and place upon our hearts a true desire to eradicate the darkness of the world by shining as beacons of light for Christ. Amen!

Rev. Randy

Our Parish Vestry is engaged in the area of Mission. In accordance with diocesan direction, we want to look at ways in which we can ensure our parish remains viable and sustainable well into the future. Vestry met for a brainstorming session this past Thursday, and we hope to be able to focus on some areas of parish life that we can strengthen and enhance. In accordance with our parish mission statement, we want to also look at ways we can be the church to the wider community. The mission of our parish is of importance to all of us, so we want to hear from any of our parishioners that might have ideas to share, that will grow our parish and enable us to do effective ministry in the church and in the community. If you have ideas to pass along to us, simply write them down and pass them along.

St. Philip's Mission Statement: God's people in the parish of St. Philip, in a covenant relationship with God, through baptism, are called:

- To be fishers of people, in response to the call of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- To be a House of Prayer.
- To be a Centre for Christian Teaching.
- To be Disciples in Learning.
- To be a fellowship of Loving and Sacrificial Service.
- To be witnesses to our Lord's love through word and example.

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.

Over the next two Sundays we will celebrate baptism. Because we are still exercising a degree of caution in these pandemic times, we are permitted to baptize only one child at a service. Therefore, on Sunday, June 5th, we will welcome into the Church and into the family of God, **Samuel Jeffrey Williams** (parents Megan & Jeffrey), and on Sunday, June 12th, we will welcome **Emerson Lee** (parents Deanne & Tristan). Please pray for those who will receive the sacrament of baptism.

The Anglican Life tri-diocesan church paper has a new website. You can visit it by going to anglicanlife.ca You can read or download the current issue; you can share your favourite articles with friends by email or on social media; you can read or share past issues from the archives; search by author or diocese for stories you want to read. The paper will also continue to be printed with the full 10 issues per year. If you want to subscribe to receive the printed paper monthly or make a donation toward the cost of the paper, you may do so by mail at Anglican Life, 22 Church Hill, St. John's, NL A1C 3Z9 or call The Rev. Fred Marshall at (709) 727-4346

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

Sunday, June 5th is Pentecost Sunday. This is a very special day in the life of the church, and considered to be really the birthday of the church. Jesus had returned to heaven but sent the Holy Spirit upon his disciples, empowering them to go into all the world and preach the gospel, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. That same Spirit directs the Church today, and fills each of us with faith, and a desire to tell others the good news of Jesus Christ.

June 8th - ACW & ACM closing dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30 pm. This is open to all men and women of the parish and will be held in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. Our ACM & ACW presidents (Gary & Betty) will organize the list from each group. Ordinarily, each group does their own closing dinner but this year we thought it would be good to meet together in fellowship. Both the men and the women's group are always looking to get more involved in their work, so there is an open invitation to anyone in our parish that might be interested in attending the meetings and helping with the work they do. Everyone will be responsible for their own meals (\$10.00 per person) and should be paid to Gary on or before Sunday June 5th.

June 12th - A call to prayer. My dear Family in Christ: The Archbishop of Canterbury has called the whole Anglican Communion to prayer on Trinity Sunday – June 12th, 2022, for the Lambeth Conference. The call to prayer invites delegates and the wider Christian community to devote a day to pray for the event. I humbly ask you to download the prayer guide to learn more about the Lambeth Conference and invite your Church Family to join with thousands of other Anglicans in prayer on Trinity Sunday - June 12th - in our Diocese. Please visit: <https://www.lambethconference.org/the-archbishop-of-canterbury-announces-a-call-to-prayer-for-the-lambeth-conference/> In God's Love,+Sam (Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador)

Sunday, June 12th is Trinity Sunday. On this Sunday we celebrate the essence of our faith, our belief that there is One God but yet three distinct persons – Father, Son & Holy Spirit. The season of Trinity is the longest one on the church liturgical calendar. It begins on June 12th and goes until the season of Advent. The BCP marks each Sunday as being after Trinity, while the BAS tends to count them as Sundays after Pentecost. For example, the 5th Sunday after Trinity (BCP) is actually the 6th Sunday after Pentecost (because Pentecost comes a week before Trinity). A bit confusing at first but just two ways of counting the Sundays to Advent.

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.

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?

Rev. Randy would like to organize a parish concert in support of Ukrainian refugees. If you would like to participate by sharing your gift and talent of music and song, please let him know. We have no doubt that there are many in our parish that play instruments and sing. This would be a one-time concert, and we invite individuals and groups. It might even be a family group. A date and time will be set once we have a list of volunteer participants.

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF

June 5th & June 12th

Is dedicated 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...”
(Ecclesiastes 3.1)*

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

June 5th

Day of Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence
(Page 345)

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of your faithful; and
kindle in us the fire of your
love.*

1st Reading
Acts 2: 1-21

Psalms 104
25-35,37b
Pages 844-845

(Lori Gosse)

2nd Reading
Romans 8: 14-17

(Reegan Gosse)

Gospel
John 14: 8-17
(Deacon Bonnell)

June 12th

Trinity Sunday

Scriptural Sentence
(Page 346)

*Holy, Holy, Holy is the
Lord of hosts; the whole
earth is full of his glory.*

1st Reading
Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8
Pages 711 & 712

(Rev. Russell)

2nd Reading
Romans 5: 1-5

(Joan Osmond)

Gospel
John 16: 12-15
(Deacon Bonnell)