

**Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your 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) Shirley P. Sharpe, Steve & Majella Sharpe, Tony & Sharon Sharpe, Tracy & Blair Sharpe, Olive Sharpe and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Bangladesh.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Bay L'Argent – Rector, The Rev. Renee Eason (6 congregations); Parish of Bay of Islands – Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Effie Organ (2 congregations); Parish of Bay Roberts/Coley's Point – Rector, The Rev. Christine Lynch (2 congregations).

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Fredericton – Archbishop David Edwards and Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces – Nigel Shaw and all military chaplains.

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**

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**Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 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:**

Time, as we know so well, goes by quickly and there never seems to be enough of it to achieve the goals and objectives we set for ourselves in everyday living. Here we are, quickly nearing the end of the first month of 2021, and what exactly are our goals and objectives for this year ahead? Many people are simply hoping that we might emerge from this dark and anxious time of a global pandemic and be able to pick up our lives from whence we left them in March of last year. I think most of us are hopeful that the approved vaccines will be made available to everyone as quickly as possible and that the high rate of infections and deaths will end. One thing is for sure – there seems to be a lot more hope and optimism in the air than a few months ago. There are very clear signs around us that soon everything will be ok again, and people will return to work, college and university students will return to campuses, the economy will pick up speed. We sure pray that will be the case, and I believe we can indeed expect those things in 2021. So too, in the life of the parish and our diocese, we have emerged from the old year and embrace the new one with much hope and enthusiasm. We have, throughout this time of pandemic felt the presence of God with us through dark valleys as we found ourselves wrestling with how to be *"The Church"* in the midst of great challenges. When our buildings closed down in March of 2020, and our way of doing ministry was forced to change, it brought much worry and anxiety to us all – parishes and diocese. Because of the heavy financial burden placed on the diocese from supporting struggling parishes, our diocese needed to sell the building at 19 King's Bridge Road, which has been our diocesan home for the past 40 years, just to free up resources to keep working through the pandemic. As of Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, our diocesan

archives have found a new home in the very large church of St. Mary's. Our bishop and his staff, diocesan Executive and committees are visioning toward a much brighter and hope-filled future. All of our parishes are still moving forward, albeit some are struggling more than others, but there now seems to be a new found sense of renewed hope in all of that. As we pray, and listen to the voice of God we are finding reassurance that, though the road is still bumpy, and there is still much anxiety and uncertainty, and tough decisions will need to be made, yet, as we strip everything else away we are finding new and innovative ways to be *"The Church"* in this modern time in which we live. We have found ways to connect in a meaningful fashion with both parishioners and non-parishioners through the use of modern technology such as Facebook and other media forms. Our buildings are mostly reopened, and, while abiding by public health protocols, we are emerging from this dark pandemic season to a Spring of new life. Spring is always welcome after a long hard Winter, and that's how we all feel in the church, that we are an Easter people and from death we will see new life and hope. We have been doing very well here at St. Philip's and all of you are to be commended for your generous support to the parish throughout the past year. We are very blessed to have such faithful and caring people in our congregation, and because so many of you really stepped up in a time of crisis we are presently very strong and vibrant, and we give praise to Almighty God for guiding us. It's not over yet, we still find ourselves in a tedious and precarious place, there is still many uncertain and much anxiety, but we are assured of God's grace and that is sufficient. We thank you for your love and support of your parish in 2020 and ask that you do the same in the coming year, and together we will all emerge victorious from this pandemic.

*(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](mailto: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.**

office is in the process of moving to a new location  
next to our Cathedral and our diocesan

## **NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES**

**Ordination announcement.** The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rose will ordain to the sacred order of priests the Rev. Dale Careen on **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** at the church of St. Cyprian and St. Mary on Bell Island. Due to Covid-19 regulations this service will be by invitation only. Please keep Rev. Dale, his family and the parish of Bell Island in prayer as they prepare for this joyous occasion.

**This Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, will be the last day to purchase tickets for the Jigg's dinner.** The right amount of food has to be purchased by this time. There are still lots of tickets available up to this time so please spread the word that they must be purchased by Thursday.

**Takeout Jiggs Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.** The cost will be \$20.00 and can be picked up in the foyer of St. Philip's church that day at 5:00 pm. Tickets are available from ACM members or the parish office.

**Choir will resume its Sunday duties** on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Next ACW Meeting** will be held on

**The annual congregational meeting** will be held on **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you to our outgoing ACW President and Vice President** for their hard work and devotion in carrying out their duties. Both Pheobe and Viola are to be commended for their service. The past year was a particularly challenging one, but despite this, and with the help of other ACW ladies, they did what they could within the confines of public health restrictions and still made a substantial contribution to the parish budget. Thank you Pheobe and Viola for all you do in the life of St. Philip's parish.

**Welcome to our incoming ACW President and Vice President.** Bernice King was elected President and Barb Skinner Vice President at the ACW annual meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>. We are very happy to have them and call upon all ACW members to get behind and support them in all that they do in the coming year.

**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

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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***

**Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> . & Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> .**

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

**a Dear Husband, Dad  
& Pop**

**Edgar Clark**

**Who went to Heaven  
January 16, 2018**

***Given by:*  
Wife Joyce & Family**

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

growing our parish.

**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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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><b>Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Third Sunday</b> <b>after Epiphany</b> <b>Page 350</b></p> <p><i>The time is fulfilled,</i> <i>and the Kingdom of</i> <i>God is at hand,</i> <i>repent, and believe</i> <i>in the gospel.</i></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> <b>(Rev. Russell</b> <b>Osmond)</b></p> <p><b>Jonah 3</b> <b>1-5, 10</b></p> <p><b>Psalm 62</b> <b>6-14</b> <b>Pages 782-783</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> <b>(Joan Osmond)</b></p> <p><b>1 Corinthians</b> <b>7: 29-31</b></p> <p><b>Gospel</b> <b>(Deacon Bonnell)</b> <b>Mark 1: 14-20</b></p>	<p><b>Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.</b> <b>Fourth Sunday</b> <b>after Epiphany</b> <b>Page 352</b></p> <p><i>Jesus went about</i> <i>Galilee, teaching,</i> <i>preaching, and</i> <i>healing every</i> <i>disease.</i></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> <b>(Allie Wheeler)</b></p> <p><b>Deuteronomy</b> <b>18: 15-20</b></p> <p><b>Psalm 11</b> <b>Page 860</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> <b>(Glenda Winter)</b></p> <p><b>1 Corinthians</b> <b>8: 1-13</b></p> <p><b>Gospel</b> <b>(Deacon Bonnell)</b> <b>Mark1: 21-28</b></p>
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*"Working for God on earth usually doesn't pay a lot, but His retirement plan is out of this world!"*

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### Stewardship thought for the Week

*"Throughout the New Testament, one can find examples of the principle that the motivations of the giver are as important, if not more so, than the gift itself."*

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 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](mailto: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.

