

Oct. 17th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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) Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Vera Mitchell, Renee & Jerred Moore, R. David Moores, Canon Donald & Florence Morgan, Wesley Morris and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Mary's – Rector, The Rev. Keith Denman (2 congregations) and the Parish Upper Island Cove – Vacant (3 congregations).

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Quebec, Bishop Bruce Myers.
Metropolitan Archbishop David Edwards.

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Oct. 17th and Oct. 24th , 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: As we approach the middle of October, we are already starting to see telling signs of a change of seasons. The air is a little cooler, the days are becoming shorter, the leaves are changing color and beginning to drop from the trees. This weekend (Oct. 15-17), I travel to the West Coast to officiate a wedding in the Corner Brook area, during which I will admire the beauty of Fall colors driving through the Humber Valley. This time of year it must be about the most picturesque place anywhere in the world, perhaps I am a little bit biased having grown up on the West Coast of the island. Such beauty is as if the very hand of God is painting a magnificent picture of unmatched beauty. You know what? I believe it is exactly that – God's hand at work in creation, and what God is creating in all of that cannot be matched by human minds or hands. As we admire the beauty of Fall, we also realize that the hand of God is also creating something immensely wonderful and beautiful in the hearts and lives of God's people. The writer of the book of Hebrews (Paul) writes the following verse: *"For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord. I will put My laws in their minds and inscribe them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they will be My people."* (Heb. 10:16) This verse is practically quoted word for word from the book of the prophet Jeremiah nearly 700 years earlier. Paul writes to the Hebrews to encourage them in their faith in Jesus Christ, as he was keenly aware that many of them were beginning to doubt that Jesus was actually the expected Messiah. They had expected the Messiah to come as a militant king and destroy the enemies of his people, instead Jesus comes as a man

What God does expect is for us to devote ourselves to it and to get back up each and every time we fall. The example we have in Jesus is very much one that reminds us that God's love is not one to be earned but is given by grace. Jesus made it possible for us to be redeemed and saved not by deeds but by grace. At the same time we try our very best to be everything that God desires us to be, and to live our lives in a way that is worthy of the title we carry – Christian. The word printed on our foreheads and hearts means that we are chosen by God, and that we have chosen God, through Jesus Christ. The past 19 months have been excruciatingly difficult months for everyone. Living through this pandemic has required much sacrifice and discipline. It has altered our very lives in practically every way; it has affected everyone physically, psychologically, emotionally and spiritually. It will continue to do that at least for the foreseeable future, and we all long for a day soon when this pandemic will end and we can once more get on with a greater sense of pre-pandemic normalcy.

It will come, the rate of vaccinations are steadily increasing in our nation and especially so in our province. Our hearts still ache for those who become infected with the virus, and we still grieve with those who lose loved ones to it. That is natural for us because, again, God has written upon our hearts, we are a people of love, care and compassion. We will get there, but in the meantime we must still do our part to see that we get there as soon as possible. I hope and pray that by this Christmas we will have more opportunity to come together freely to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. The church too longs for a time when God's people (that's all of you) can return to pre-pandemic normalcy. Like Paul writing to remind the Hebrews that indeed Jesus is the long awaited Messiah, and to encourage them in the Christian life, so too I hope this message has been captured in my notes and messages throughout this pandemic. We need

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.

Vaccine passports and worship. As things continue to move and change rapidly in this pandemic, it is now required by Public Health that we show proof of double vaccination when accessing many public venues. Recently church leaders, including our Anglican leaders, met virtually with Premier Fury, Minister Haggie and public health officials, to discuss how Vaccine Passports would affect faith communities once they come into effect on October 22nd. The law states emphatically that as of October 22nd, it will be mandatory to show proof of vaccination when arriving for worship. Without proof of vaccination no one over the age of 12 can be admitted. There are to be no exceptions to this rule for anyone. If the Archbishop of Canterbury himself turns up without proof of vaccination he is not to be admitted. Who thought this would ever be the case? Yet it has been deemed necessary in order to get through this pandemic and essential to controlling this virus and its variants. Some people have downloaded this in the form of a QR code to their phones and have easy access to it, however, as long as a person has an official copy of their two vaccinations it can be a paper copy. Beginning on Sunday, October 24th, when you arrive at church on Sunday morning, someone on duty will want to see your proof

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.**

who was arrested by the Jewish leaders and suffered terribly and was crucified by the Romans. And although he was seen resurrected he still left earth and seemingly his people and now these people are suffering persecution. Paul wanted to reinforce the words of Jeremiah upon them that God had not and would not ever abandon them; in fact God has written that promise upon their very hearts. These words point to a God that knows us thoroughly and intimately, a God that has written on our hearts is a God that loves us with a love unfathomable. Like the Hebrews Paul wrote to, we too need to be reminded of whom we are and to whom we belong. It is so easy in the midst of fear, anxiety and chaos to forget that God's promise is written upon our hearts as well. I like to think of baptism and Confirmation in that way as well, that is some powerful way, through the mystery of sacraments, God is writing indelible words upon our hearts, that we have the very seal of God upon our foreheads and hearts. Like the covenant God had with the people of the Old and New Testaments, it implies that we too have a very important obligation to uphold with the very same God. When we are baptized and confirmed we are in essence entering into a covenant relationship with God. God promises to be our God and we promise to do the very best we can to bring honor and glory to our God of love. I don't think we will ever enter into any type of human covenant that even comes close to comparing in difficulty to uphold. The good news is God knows already how difficult it is to honor this covenant we have, and does not expect perfection from us.

to hear and be reminded of God's love, especially as revealed in Christ Jesus, and to be assured that we are never alone, that we are a community of faith, that we belong to a family of believers that will care for, encourage, pray for, and support one another on the journey we share together. Your church will always be here for you, but also pray for your church, as the pandemic has been hard on everyone, so too it has been very challenging for the church, because, as we know so well, the church is the people, it's you and me and all of us together. (I am also including some information with regard to vaccine passports and how that affects worship services)

Rev. Randy

Rev. Randy is away this weekend (Oct. 15 - 17) officiating a wedding on the west coast. Many thanks to Canon Shirley for celebrating Eucharist at 8:30 am and Canon Don for celebrating Eucharist at 10:30 am, and Rev. Russell for preaching. Thank you to our faithful Deacon Ed for his help as well. Rev. Randy will be traveling back to the parish today (Oct. 17th).

of vaccination, please show them using your phone or your paper copy. Again, this is vitally important to remember to have with you on that Sunday and the weeks after. We are hoping that this will not be required for a long time, but we are required to obey the law. It has to be **proof of two vaccinations**. Children under the age of 12 are not yet being vaccinated so they will be allowed to come in as usual. Proof of vaccination will also be required for other services such as funerals, weddings, etc.

***Again we stress that this is not a church rule but the church has been ordered by law to adhere to it. Not following the law can mean very substantial fines for individuals and the church. So we ask that everyone be kind to and patient with anyone that requires to see proof of vaccination, not only at church but other public places we go to. Cooperating and obeying public health rules have served us very well thus far in this pandemic, so let's keep it up so we can emerge from it soon.**

Land & Sea featuring John and Pheobe Parrell will be airing on Sunday, October 31st at 1:30 pm on CBC. Earlier this past Summer Pauline Thornhill of Land and Sea decided to do a show on the very active lives of John and Pheobe, it was an exciting time for them and we look forward to seeing the finished product.

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

In addition to selling tickets on the Christmas stocking the ACW will also be selling tickets on a gift-card tree as well. In canvassing local businesses to find gifts for the stocking the ACW had so much success that they surpassed what they needed so now they will have three projects. Please support them by purchasing tickets from them.

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 near the end of 2021.

October 21st - Queen's College Convocation will be held on Thursday, October 21st 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. The guest speaker will be our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls. Rev. Randy will be robed and join the rest of the Corporation members in the procession. Please pray for those who will receive their degrees and certificates at the convocation.

ACM takeout Jiggs dinner will be held on Saturday, October 23rd. We had hoped this year to make it a sit-down meal as part of our larger Harvest Thanksgiving, however, because we are still in a pandemic with many regulations around gathering and serving food, we decided to make it a takeout dinner. Tickets can be purchased from ACM members or from the parish office. The cost is \$20.00 per plate and must be purchased no later than Thursday, October 21st. Dinners will be ready for pickup at 5:00 pm on the 23rd.

whose memory we light the tree will be read, a prayer offered, then the tree will be lit. It will remain lit until the end of the Christmas. Following the lighting hot chocolate and Timbits will be served in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. All are welcome! If you would like to participate by submitting names of loved ones the forms are available in the foyer and can also be downloaded from the parish website.

Updated diocesan Covid-19 protocols. Currently the mandatory mask rule has been reinstated, and must be worn by everyone. We are still very much aware that there is Covid-19 in our province, so we must still be very cautious when we gather for worship. Masks must be worn when not sitting in the pews and when coming forward for Eucharist. We will still respect everyone's private space by maintaining distance also. We are encouraged by the high number of vaccinations in our province but we are still not quite where we would like to be in relaxing all the restrictions, especially in light of recent outbreaks of the virus in parts of the province.

The Canon E.B. Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rental for birthday parties, showers, etc. We will still need to exercise care and caution when using the parish centre, and we are not yet at a point where we can rent it out for maximum occupancy, as we must still observe the rule of physical distancing. If anyone is interested in renting the Centre please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell and they will be able to inform you of the current rules around its use. These rules can change at any time based on direction from our Chief Medical Officer and/or our Diocesan Covid team.

Our parish website can be accessed now through a **QR Code** (Quick Response Code). By scanning the code with your cell phone, tablet or

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.

Our Food Bank boxes are still in the foyer and we welcome donations of non-perishable food items to be dropped into them. Once they are full we take them to the Pop-Up Pantry (food bank) at St. Lawrence's church.

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.

Thank you to Canon Ed and Joyce for the donation of three white crosses in the cemetery. These metal crosses have replaced wooden ones that mark three unknown gravesites behind but in the centre of the columbaria units. The crosses remind us that though these children of God are unknown to us, they are fully known by God and that once they lived among us. Canon Ed and Joyce paid for the materials and the crosses were made by Canon Ed's brother, Charles. We appreciate very much these grave markers and the spirit of respect and remembrance in which they were made and erected.

ACW fundraiser this Fall is selling tickets on a very large Christmas stocking that will be drawn for just before Christmas. Again, because of

Dawn Cheeseman will be selling Christmas cards with the picture of St. Philip's church on them later. This is a fundraiser Dawn is doing on behalf of the ACW. She is in the process of designing the card and having them printed right now but they will soon be available for purchase. When they become available we will let everyone know.

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.

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 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.

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

October 24th will be designated Queen's College Appeal Sunday in our parish. Envelopes will be available prior to this Sunday and we ask parishioners to place a special contribution for the work of the college in preparing men and women for both ordained and lay ministry.

Confirmation registration will be held on Sunday, October 24th, following the 10:30 am worship service. Rev. Randy will meet with the candidates and parents for about 15 minutes to complete the registration forms and to establish a startup date for classes. A date for the actual Confirmation service will likely be early in 2022.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance official lighting will take place on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. As before, we will assemble near the tree, the names of loved ones in

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:



pandemic restrictions they are limited as to what they can do for fundraisers, so we ask for your generous support by purchasing tickets. Whoever wins the stocking will have a very big Christmas stocking filled with all kinds of items including gift cards, gift certificates, and so much more.

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.

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>

Notes

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.

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.

Sunday School we also would like to see up and going again. This will require several volunteers to do so. We are now looking for teachers and leaders to help with this. The date we resume will not be known until we have our volunteers in place. This is a vital part of our parish life that got sidetracked during the pandemic, that we hope to get up and going again soon. Please speak to Rev. Randy if you have an interest in getting our Sunday School up and going again.

Notice from Anglican Life. Many parishioners stopped receiving a subscription to Anglican Life /

Religious exemptions from vaccines apparently have been asked for in some Anglican dioceses in Canada. The following is a note from our diocesan office from Archdeacon Charlene Taylor: "*There is neither legal nor doctrinal authority within the Anglican Church of Canada or any of its ministers to issue the requested religious vaccination exemption*". Our position, as the Anglican Church of Canada, is that there are no religious reasons not to be vaccinated. There may be medical reasons but not religious ones, and this has been researched in depth.

As part of the Columbarium beautification area of the Cemetery we are going to purchase **2 matching Garden Benches**, as those there now are getting the worse for wear. The benches we plan to purchase are made of recycled plastic, are very durable and heavy and can withstand harsh weather. They are approximately \$600.00 each plus tax (\$690). One of the benches is being donated by Ruby, Donna and Janice Spurrell. If there is a family or individual in the congregation who would like to donate the other one, please speak to Rev. Randy or one of the church wardens. Memorial plaques can be attached if desired.

Yesterday was "Food Drive For World Food Day" (Oct. 16th). Our Parish, with the Parish of St. Lawrence, are accepting donations of none perishable food items and grocery gift cards. All donations will go to St. Lawrence Pop-up Pantry to help members of our community.

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 geothermal heating system) of \$653.93 per month and other items of regular maintenance around

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

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**21st Sunday
after Pentecost**

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**The Son of man came
also not to be served
but to serve, and to
give his life as a
ransom for many.**

**1st Reading
Job 38:
1-7**

**Psalms 104
1-9, 25, 37b
Page: 843-845
(Debbie Collis)**

2nd Reading

**Hebrews 5:
1-10
(Gary King)**

**Gospel
Mark 10: 35-45
(Deacon Bonnell)**

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**22nd Sunday
after Pentecost**

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**Our Saviour Jesus Christ
has abolished death,
and brought life and
immortality to light
through the gospel.**

**1st Reading
Job 42:
1-6, 10-17**

**Psalms 34
1-8
Page: 744-745
(Ruth Hiscock)**

2nd Reading

**Hebrews 7:
23-28
(Harvey Hiscock)**

**Gospel
Mark 10: 46-52
(Deacon Bonnell)**

Church Chuckle

JUNIOR: "Dad did you go to Sunday school when you were a little boy?"

DAD: "I sure did. Never missed a Sunday?"

JUNIOR (turning to his mother) : "You see, Mom. It won't do me any good either."

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Just a few days ago I heard a fellow say, "I'm giving more and loving it more!"

Do you think he was a kind of odd? Not at all!

That's the witness of many growing Christians. As I live more of the lifestyle of Jesus Christ, I will enjoy it more.

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

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 rebuild 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 @ anglicanlifenl@gmail.com or call Rev. Fred Marshall @ 709-727-4346

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.