

ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU



A Brief History: An Anglican presence can be traced back to the early 1700's, as fisherman arrived from England, Scotland and Ireland primarily and begin to settle the community. The first official church building was built in 1846, and served until 1893. In 1893 a new building was constructed on the same site, and served the congregation for more than a century. As the town of St. Philip's continued to grow so did the needs of the congregation, and a new modern church building began construction in 2000, dedicated in 2004, fully paid for in 2013 and consecrated. We are very proud of our present building, and it serves the congregation very well, as well as the town of St. Philip's, as it is also a community space. The worship space, parish center, meeting rooms and washrooms are all on one level, making the building totally accessible to all. Today, St. Philip's parish consist of descendants of original settlers, as well as those who have moved from other places to live here. Being the only physical church building in St. Philip's, we are very much a community church that welcomes everyone.

What We Offer

Worship: We offer two worship services each Sunday. The first service begins at 8:30 am, and is a traditional Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Eucharist without hymns or sermon. The main service of the day is our **family service** at 10:30 am, and is usually Holy Eucharist from The Book of Alternative Services (BAS). We follow the church liturgical calendar, observing all the season of the year, such as, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost and Trinity.

Baptism: Any occasion to welcome new members into the church, through the sacrament of baptism, is always a joyous event. This is normally done in the context of the main Sunday morning service at 10:30 am. Anyone wanting their child baptized should contact the Rector, and he will be very happy to arrange it.

Sunday School: We recognize the need for children to be involved in the life of the church, and to be taught the stories of Jesus at their age level. We are still building our Sunday School as we emerge from nearly three years of pandemic living. We welcome all children, as well as teachers and helpers. If you would like to have your child(ren) involved in Sunday School you are most welcome, simply join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 am.

Bible Study: The Rector normally leads a bible study on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, usually during an evening time slot. It may be to study a book of the bible, the parables of Jesus, the miracles of Jesus, or issues that we all struggle with in everyday life. This is open to anyone interested.

Anglican Church Women (ACW): Every Anglican woman is a member of the ACW by virtue of its name. The invitation is always there to join monthly for meetings of business, planning congregational events and fellowship. Ladies of the congregation are sometimes called upon to offer help and support for various projects, dinners, card games, and other fundraisers.

Anglican Church Men (ACM): This group meets monthly as well for the same purposes as stated above. Our ACM has a very active recycling program, whereby donated recyclables are picked up from several drop-off points in our town, taken to our recycling venue weekly, sorted, bagged and taken to the depot in St. John's. Income from this helps the parish in its outreach and ministry. It is estimated that over the years more than \$250,000 has been realized. We are always in need of volunteers to get involved in this program.

Choir: We are always overjoyed when a new member joins our choir. If that is something you would like to do, we would love to have you. We have two organists who share the duties of choir practice and Sunday playing. There are no age restrictions, we would love to have junior choir members as well.

Altar Servers: We would love to have a large group of servers to participate on Sunday mornings, and other special services. Duties would be to carry the cross, receive the offering, help the celebrant to prepare for Eucharist, etc.

We offer much more

The things listed are meant to give you a little bit of insight into the life of our parish, we offer much more. Our church doors are open to anyone who would like to participate in our worship, or other programs and events we do. Our Eucharist is offered to **all** who are present on a Sunday morning regardless of religious denomination or affiliation. When we come together what is most important is that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We are a community church that welcomes **everyone** in our community. Please see this as your invitation to join with us at any time, you will be most welcome. Our Christmas Eve services will be as follows:

4:00 pm Family Worship (Sunday School pageant & Eucharist)

7:00 pm (Holy Eucharist)

11:00 pm (Holy Eucharist)

About our current rector: The Rev. Randy Lockyer (B.A. M.Div. Hons) has been our rector since December 1st, 2017. He has been an Anglican priest for nearly 31 years, having served in all three dioceses in our province. Him and Ada have been married for over 27 years, and they have three sons, Kirkland, Dylan and Adam, all presently pursuing post-secondary education at MUN. Ada has been working in long-term care for over 30 years. Shortly after arriving in the parish from Grand Falls – Windsor, they moved into their home in the town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's. Rev. Randy is always available to anyone that would like to see him, and all of us are happy to welcome new people into our church family here at St. Philip's