

Dismissal Songs

“Go Now in Peace”

*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.*

“Let There Be Love”

*Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes;
may now your love sweep this nation,
cause us, Oh Lord to arise;
Give us a fresh understanding,
of Christian love that is real;
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.*

“May God’s Blessing”

*May God’s blessing surround you each day,
As you trust Him and walk in his way.*

*May his presence within
Guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

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January 2026 (Year A)

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.

Message from the Rector

How quickly the years seem to pass, it's hard to believe that we are now into 2026. As we begin to make our way through this new year, we don't know what lies before us, all we know is that God is with us, both in times of joy and sorrow. It was a marvelous thing again this Christmas, to be able to come together in a spirit of joy to celebrate God's greatest gift to our world, the gift of Jesus Christ, born in human flesh, but God incarnate. Christmas sets the mood of optimism and hope, we have for the new year, that no matter what comes our way, we are never alone. Christians, by virtue of who we are, are not meant to live apart from other Christians. We belong to a much larger family, the family of God, and coming together on Christmas Eve as families, and the wider family of God on Christmas Eve, lets us know that we are there for one another. The greatest example of collective and corporate worship and ministry is given to us by Jesus. When Jesus began his ministry, the first thing he did was to call together a band of disciples, then he sent them out in groups to spread the gospel message. These early followers knew that the success of the gospel would be determined by how successful they were in forming communities. St. Paul, in his epistles, was prolific in his letters to newly formed Christian communities. Paul knew the importance of encouraging these newly formed Christian communities. Part of what we do, when we come together each Sunday morning, or at Easter or Christmas, is to strengthen our sense of community and fellowship. That's why we always feel better when so many of the pews are filled, because we encourage one another, and the more of us there

are, then the healthier our church family becomes. Spiritual growth is a combination of personal faith and prayer, and corporate worship when the whole family of God is together. The family of God, the Church, is similar to most family units, we are happier when we are together. Think about Christmas, how excited we are when family members living away, perhaps we haven't seen them in a long time, finally make it home for Christmas. It really brings the home alive and lifts our spirits. That's how we should be in our churchfamily as well, we should be very excited when those we haven't seen for a while returns to the family gathering. I hope that's how 2026 will be for us in the parish of St. Philip. That many we haven't seen for some time will join us once again, that we may rejoice in the unity of the body of Christ, as we know and experience it here in our church life. Each Sunday we remember in prayer at the 10:30 am service a number of our parish family members, and their families. We do this in such a way that within a few months we remember every family on our parish list. We would love to add your names to that list as well if it's not there already. When it comes to what is most important in our parish life, it's not the building, or other things, as important as these things are, what is most important is each and every one of **YOU!** Without you and many others coming together on Sunday morning, we cannot truly be the body of Christ. A body is healthy when all members of the body are working together. You are a member of the body of Christ, you are important, and you are needed. As we start this new year, I encourage you and your family to consider making Sunday worship a regular part of your busy weekly schedule, setting aside that time for yourself and your church family will make you feel wonderful, and it will strengthen the life of our parish. May 2026 be a year filled with blessings for you and your family, and may our unity as a church family bring all of us great joy and blessing!

Rev. Randy

Happy New Year to all parishioners and friends of St. Philip's parish. We don't know what lies before us in 2026 but we do know God will be blessing us. Thank you for your generous support in 2025 and we ask that you maintain that support in the coming year. Your rector, wardens and vestry are here to assist you in any way we can in the coming year. At this time our church financial books are about to close off for the year, so we will update you later on how we fared, but we are optimistic that we ended the year on a very positive note. We are not a huge parish in our number of parishioners, but we are huge in heart, spirit and generosity. If you are not already a parishioner of St. Philip's parish and would like to join us, we would be very happy to welcome you among us.

Thank you to our ACM and ACW groups for their annual contributions to the parish budget in 2025. Our ACM group, through a lot of hard work, was able to do well from their recycling initiative again. Our ACW did a couple of Sub-Sandwich sales, and a Gift-Card Tree, along with card games. Each group, at the end of the year, made contributions to the parish budget of \$10,000 each. Thank you to both organizations for all your hard work to accomplish this in 2025. We ask our parishioners to continue to support our ACW and ACM in 2026.

Blood Donations Needed During the Christmas Season. During the Christmas season, the need for blood continues, even as donations often decline. Parishioners who are able are encouraged to book an appointment at the St. John's Donor Centre, 7 Wicklow Street. Holiday hours are attached. A single donation can help save lives in our community.

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.

There are still a very small number of 2026 church calendars available if you haven't purchased yours yet. The price of them remains the same as past years at \$8.00 each.

Mobile Ministry Bus Update. St. Philip's first donation of items for the diocesan bus ministry was taken to Church House over Christmas. Dawn Cheeseman collected the items from our parishioners, organized them in boxes, labelled the boxes, and Rev. Randy took them to Church House. There was a substantial number of knitted items, and our synod office staff were thrilled to receive such a generous contribution. Dawn is still collecting items, so if you wish to continue contributing items for the bus, please drop them to the church.

The diocese has physical possession of the 12-passenger bus from Metrobus. It is currently at a garage awaiting Motor Vehicle Inspection and several upgrades & modifications which should be completed within the next few weeks. A cabinet maker has taken measurements for a countertop and storage areas in the rear. These people are offering their services at no charge. It is our hope to have the vehicle on the road before the winter season. We continue to gratefully receive financial donations from parishes and individuals. Anyone wishing to offer a financial donation may make it to "Mobile Ministry Bus" and send it to 22 Church Hill, St. John's, NL A1C 3Z9. Receipts will be issued for tax purposes. Given the current postal strike, donations can be made by credit card by contacting Rev. Fred Marshall @ 709-727-4346. Within the next 3 - 4 weeks we will be looking for volunteers (drivers and host/hostess, meal providers and others) to help operate this important ministry. In addition, it is hoped to establish a committee to oversee scheduling and operations. If you are interested in any part of this innovative and exciting ministry, please contact:

- Rev. Amanda Taylor - rectorstmarksnl@gmail.com
- Rev. Fred Marshall - ph.: 709-727-4346 or email: fredjamarshall@gmail.com
- Rev. Gail MacDonald - ph.: 709-730-9290 or email: reverendgail@nl.rogers.com

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

January 11 – Coffee hour starting at 9:30 am. January month hosted by Barb Skinner and Gloria Earle.

January 13 – Vestry Meeting at 7:00 pm.

February 22 – Annual Congregational meeting

Confirmation 2026. At this point we do not have any registered for Confirmation in the new year. The deadline to do so is Sunday, October 12th. If we have nobody or less than 5 registered at that time, we will wait until 2027 for Confirmation. The bishop will still visit us on the scheduled Sunday, but not for Confirmation.

Our monthly Coffee Hour has now resumed. From now until June 2026 we will have our coffee hour on the second Sunday of each month, just before the 10:30 am worship. The next Coffee Hour will be on Sunday, January 11th, prior to the 10:30 worship. Thank you to Gloria Earle and Barb Skinner for sponsoring this one. Come along a little earlier and join us for tea/coffee and refreshments. If you would be interested in hosting one for March, April, May or June, please contact Lisa Brown by email: llake99@hotmail.com.

First vestry meeting of 2026 will be held on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 pm.

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, following the morning worship. After the 10:30 am worship we will have a pot-luck lunch in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Hall, followed by the meeting. All are welcome to attend, and you are invited to bring something for the pot-luck.

We will need some volunteers for Vestry at the annual meeting. Each year a few vestry members, having completed their 3-year term, moves off vestry and others are elected and/or appointed to come on. If you would like to serve your parish as a member of Vestry, please speak to Rev. Randy and he will bring your name forward at the meeting.

Sunday School we also would like to see up and going. In the past year our number of children and volunteers were very low, we would like to see a renewed interest this Fall. We are now looking for volunteers, and if you would like to get involved, please speak to Stephanie Smith or Rev. Randy.

Rev. Randy is available to do the blessing of homes. As a church family, whenever we open a new worship space, we have it blessed. Our homes also ought to be places of prayer and sanctity, so if anyone would like to avail of this ministry please speak to the Rector. A special liturgy has been prepared for our parish use, and it might be a family moving into a new home or into a newly purchased home.

2026 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. If you are not on our subscribers list but would like to make regular contributions to the parish, either through E-Givings or weekly envelopes, please contact the parish office.

New name replaces PWRDF envelopes. For as long as we can remember it has been Primates World Relief Development Fund (PWRDF) In the past year the name was changed to *Alongside Hope*, which is what your contributions provide, hope to those who are supported by this fund. The name has changed but everything else remains the same, your contributions go to support the same needs and ministries as before.

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Thomas Skinner, Jr.

(June 1949 – January 1984)

"Always Loved, Always Remembered"

Lorraine Whelan & Family



James Lilly

(March 29, 1942 – January 29, 2025)

"Always Remembered"

Wife - Trudy & Son – Jim



Val Pugliesevich

(January 27, 1960 – August 18, 2024)

"Forever Loved and Sadly Missed"

Karen & Family

January 4th

The Epiphany of our Lord **Scriptural Sentence**

"We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

1st Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14
Pages: 797-798
(Allie Wheeler)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12
(Glenda Winter)

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; 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 – Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion - God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

January 11th

The Baptism of the Lord **Scriptural Sentence**

"A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.'

1st Reading

Isaiah 42: 1-9
Psalm 29
Page: 738
(Dave Earle)

2nd Reading

Acts 10: 34-43
(Gloria Earle)

Gospel

Matthew 3: 13-17
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; 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 – God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion - Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.

January 18th

Second Sunday after Epiphany **Scriptural Sentence**

"The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who receive him, he gave power to become children of God."

1st Reading

Isaiah 49: 1-7
Psalm 40: 1-12
Pages: 755-756
(Canon Don Morgan)

2nd Reading

1st Corinthians: 1-9
(Todd Martin)

Gospel

John 1: 29-42
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion - God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

January 25th

Third Sunday after Epiphany **Scriptural Sentence**

"Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people."

1st Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-4
Psalm 27: 1, 5-13
Pages: 735-737
(Rev. Russell Osmond)

2nd Reading

1st Corinthians 1: 10-18
(Joan Osmond)

Gospel

Matthew 4: 12-23
(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – 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 – 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 - 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.