

June 4th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) – Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) – Eternal God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us the wisdom of obedience and help us to do your holy and life-giving will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) – Eternal God, you have fed us at the table of your grace. Deliver us from all spiritual pride, and give us a quiet confidence in your mercy. 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: Carol Mercer, Denise Mercer, Dennis Mercer, Ernest & Barbara Mercer, Mildred Mercer and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Hermitage (3 congregations) – Rector – Vacant, The Parish of The Holy Innocents (Shared Ministry with Torbay) – Rector – The Rev. Canon Byron Barter and Parish of The Holy Cross (4 congregations) – Rector – Vacant.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Fredericton, Archbishop David Edwards, Bishop & Metropolitan and Synod Staff.

June 11th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) – O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) – Merciful God and Father, in Adam's fall we were born to death; in the new Adam we are reborn to life. In all we offer you this day may we share a taste of your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) – O God, we have shared in the mysteries of the body and blood of Christ. Nourish us by this feast, that we may live the risen life and serve you faithfully in the 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: Millicent Mercer, Ronald & Lori Mercer, Rose Marie Mercer, Vera Mitchell, Jerred & Renee Moore and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI, Bishop Sandra Fyfe and Synod Office Staff.

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June 4th and June 11th, 2023 (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.

From the Rector:

Well, it seems that Summer is finally in the air, at the time of reflection today (June 1st) the sun is shining and the temperature has risen a little higher than we have been used to thus far this Spring. I suppose everything is relative, we are longing for hot sunny days, while, at the moment, Nova Scotia and Alberta are praying for cooler wet weather, to help control the fires that are raging and have caused immense destruction of property. Life is never as clear as black and white, not everything is easily defined, because what is good for some is bad for others, what is healthy for some is unhealthy for others, etc. That's the kind of world we live in and these are the lives we live, and what makes life exciting is knowing that God has created such a diverse world and people, and each day brings with it new experiencers of the divine. As much as we know, think we know, and have even proven scientifically, there is so much more to experience, so that even in our life-time we shall never know fully the mind of God, and the mysteries of the universe, or the complexities of life on this one small planet amongst many. So much of God remains, and shall always be, a mystery, and those who proclaim to know fully the mind of God are delusional at best, for God, by definition defies logic and transcends all human comprehension. I think the one thing we need to understand about God, and it is not shrouded in mystery or open to various interpretations, is that *God is love*. Whatever language we speak, wherever we live, love is universal and is the very heart of God. There is not a more powerful word in scripture, that perfectly describes God than *love*. Imagine a world where love is embraced as a way of life, and all human interaction is grounded in love. There wouldn't be war, there wouldn't be hunger and homelessness, there wouldn't be loneliness, there wouldn't be oppression and injustice, because we would be taking care of one another in a way that brings the gospel alive. Since the beginning of human time there has been war, there has been violence and hatred, and the absence of universal love has been the darkest cloud of our existence. Since the very beginning God has been calling us to love, and humanity has been rebelling against it. Certainly, when we look at the world we live in currently, there is an absence of good will and a spirit of peace and reconciliation. When we narrow that window down to our own local situations, we also see evidence of that as well, and the question must always be – *what are we doing, and what can we do to make a difference?* It's hard to make a positive difference when we don't even know the name of our next-door neighbour, where everyone keeps to themselves and has no interest in fostering

relationships. There was a time, especially for those of us who grew up in small communities, where we knew not only our neighbours but everyone in the community on a very personal basis, and where there were community efforts to take care of each other. Sadly, much of that has gone by the wayside, and society now lacks that spirit of care and compassion on a large scale. Though that may be the case, the reality is that God is calling us into relationships, and that in essence we are one human family living together, in the words of Eucharistic prayer number 4, on *this fragile earth, our island home*. Somehow or other we must break free from the notion that we don't have a duty to others, and that we can live in isolation from others. The most destructive thing during the pandemic on our overall well being, were the times when we were isolated from each other. The absence of people in our lives can be very difficult, because we are created to be in relationship and to be in community. When Jesus sent his followers into the world, he didn't send them alone, they were sent forth in pairs or small groups. When he called together his disciples, he called them together as a group of 12 and he prepared them to be the foundation of the church as a community of believers in relationship. We are, together, the body of Christ, and when one part of the body is injured, we all hurt, and when one rejoices, we all rejoice. When every part of the body is healthy and working well, much can be accomplished. The global pandemic did a lot of injury to the body of Christ, but thank God the body is healing and together we can be all that God wants us to be as the church.

Talk about mystery, this Sunday (June 4th) is known as *Trinity Sunday* in the life of the church. It begins the longest season of the church year. I have written before of the mystery of the Trinity, three persons in one God, and any explanation we give is couched in the inability of our human language to adequately describe it. Father + Son + Holy Spirit = one God. It is a deep mystery, but the words of Jesus, reinforces our theology behind it. The death of Jesus on the cross was far greater than the death of a martyr, and there were many early church martyrs. We believe that the love of God for us was so great that God came in human flesh and dwelt among us. What great love for us, undeserving as we are, but given freely by grace. We can never do enough to earn salvation, it is the free gift of God for all who will receive it – Amazing grace! Remember, God loves each of us, and all is asked is that we spread that love to others and change the world.

Rev. Randy

The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rentals. If you would like to book the hall, or would like information about rental costs, please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell at 895-3581. Because of costs, earlier this year Vestry made a slight increase to rental rates. It was a very minimal increase and the facility is still the least costly venue in the town.

All individuals, church and non-church groups are reminded that the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre and washrooms are not to be accessed until the after-school Ballicatter group concludes at 6:00 pm Monday to Friday and all children are picked up. This is in accordance with provincial rules that govern the Ballicatter operation. If access to the kitchen is required, please check with Michelle first. Anyone using the facility during the time the program is operating must have a code of conduct letter on file at the parish office, as well as permission from Michelle, the Ballicatter program administrator.

Please keep our building secure. We have had no recent security issues, but from time-to-time it is good for us to remind everyone entrusted with a key to the building that it is the responsibility of that person to safe guard the key, and to ensure the key is never given to any unauthorized person. Please ensure that all lights are turned out, garbage placed in the outside box, the door securely closed and locked. If a person receives a key for a specific duty and that person is no longer in that role the key must be returned so it can be given to the new person in that role.

Columbarium niches are still available for purchase. Approximately 34 of the 48 available have been sold since they were first installed in 2016. The cost is still \$3000 (no tax if purchased from the church, funeral home will charge tax) The plan is to install more of them once these are sold, however, the cost of future units will be determined by the cost of purchase and installation at that time. Anyone requiring more information about the columbarium is asked to speak to the rector.

If you would like to receive the rector's messages, bulletins and other parish information from time-to-time please provide him with your email address by contacting him at the following address: lockyerrandy@gmail.com

Dismissal Songs

“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.*

More help is needed on the Altar & Church cleaning Guild schedule. If you would like to help out with the cleaning of the church by being placed on a schedule it would be really appreciated. Please let Rev. Randy or Margie Tucker know.

Vestry is now seeking an individual to do weekly cleaning. This would involve about 4 hours per week of ensuring the foyer, Parish Centre, kitchen, washrooms and hallway are cleaned in preparation for Sunday worship. This person would begin on September 1st. Anyone interested in this position, and would like more information, please contact our church wardens. Gloria Earle at 727-8524 or Gary King at 691-3902

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.

We will be re-shingling the church roof soon. In the past year we have noticed that each time we have strong wind we lose a few shingles. We have determined that the life of the shingles have now expired and the problem will only get worst over the near future. We also want to avoid the damage that comes from water leaking through the roof. We were hoping to do this work another year, especially doing the lighting project this year, however, it is necessary to get it done now. Vestry received a number of bids on the work, and they did range in price vastly; we decided to accept a bid from Metro Roofing of \$56,850.00 plus HST for a total of \$65,377.50 We will receive half the HST back (4,263.75) and we will receive a rebate from our diocesan account (2,500). Once we receive these rebates the cost of doing the roof will be approximately \$58,613.75. We ask all our parishioners to support the ongoing work of maintaining our building, by regularly contributing above and beyond our regular offerings, to the Maintenance Fund.

The lighting project will begin soon. Snow's Electrical will begin the work of replacing the lighting in the main part of the church in the very near future. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the lights that would be wonderful. Presently there are 57 lights hanging in that area. Going with new LED lighting we will have 36 lights at an average cost of \$1150 per light. A few people have expressed interest in donating a light in memory of loved ones, and we appreciate that very much.

A call for musical talent is going out to all our parishioners. As we all know, there are a lot of people in our congregation with gifts of music and/or song, which we would like to incorporate into our worship from time-to-time. Rev. Randy hopes to hold a Memorial Hymn-Sing in March, and draw on some of our parish talent to participate in addition to our choir. This service will be held on a Sunday evening on a specific date to be determined later. If you or anyone in your family would like to prepare a hymn(s) or gospel song(s) please speak to Rev. Randy. It is our hope to be able to occasionally do some services to involve members of the congregation in this way.

A message from our hospital chaplains – whenever you are admitted to one of our local hospitals, and would like to receive a visit from one of our Anglican chaplains, please register as “Anglican” and indicate at that time that you wish to see a chaplain during your stay. Unless you do this the chaplain may not know you are there.

More help is needed with the ACM recycling program. Did you know that over the many years our ACM has been collecting recyclables they have brought over \$250,000 into the parish? Each week the recyclables are picked up from designated drop off bins in town, taken to the sorting and counting location, and counted and bagged on Monday nights. Once there is enough collected, they are taken to the recycling depot in St. John's There is a need for more help in doing this work. If you would like to be part of this very important work, and can spare a couple of hours on Monday nights, please speak to Gary King or John Parrell.

Maintenance Fund: We continue to ask our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us lower our debt on the heating system. We borrowed the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan, we are happy to say will be completely paid off this coming November. We will need to keep paying into our maintenance fund on a regular basis, especially with two ongoing major projects this summer, the interior lighting and replacement of roof shingles; which means this year alone we will spend approximately \$100,000.00. Your ongoing support of the Maintenance Fund is extremely important to the parish.

2023 church envelopes are available. If you don't yet have yours, please check the table in the foyer. If you don't see them there, please speak to Rev. Randy and he will provide them to you. If you are new to our parish and would like to offer regular support, please ask for your box of envelopes as well..

Envelope drop-off box in the foyer. The box formerly used to collect Canadian Tire money, has now been repurposed to receive weekly envelopes. This box is accessible most days of the week (Monday – Friday) in the afternoons, when the main doors are open. If you have church envelopes to drop off to the church during the week, and the office is not open, please drop them into the box next to the nursery room door. This box will be checked at the end of each day and any envelopes inside will be transferred to the office safe until monies are counted on Sundays.

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

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.. 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. **As we move toward the Summer Season, please remember the needs of the church.** Summer is a time when many parishioners are away on holidays, camping, spending time at the cottage, etc. There are several ways that we can still be regular in our weekly offerings, so that the treasurer is able to keep all our commitments up-to-date. We have many signed up for regular E-Givings, if this is something you would like to do, simply pick up a form from the parish office. We can keep post-dated cheques in the office safe, and we can use the Email Transfer method, by simply using the parish email: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com You may simply type the message “weekly offering” in the message box. Thank you for all your generous support to the parish, it helps us stay financially strong and viable. This is especially important at a time when some parishes are struggling to stay afloat and joining up with other parishes to share a priest.

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

June 7 - ACW closing dinner and fellowship will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at the Rustler's Restaurant, Torbay Road. Any ladies interested in attending should let the ACW president, Bernice King, know immediately, as we have to provide the numbers to the restaurant.

July 23 - The 2023 Annual Flower Service will be on Sunday, July 23rd at 3:00 pm. We want to give everyone lots of advance notice, as some people living away may schedule their visit home around the time of the service.

Sunday School is up and going and we encourage parents with young children to bring them to the 10:30 am Sunday service so they can be a part of it. The last day of Sunday school until September will be Father's Day, June 18th. Parents are encouraged to bring a lunch for the kids on that day. We will resume again when school opens in September. We would love to see more children and also ask for more volunteers to help out when we reopen.

We are now receiving names for the 2024 Confirmation class. If you have a child that you would like to have enrolled in Confirmation class later this Fall, please speak to Rev. Randy. The child should be, or will be age 11 by the time the bishop comes for the service (no date set yet but probably in Spring).

Thank you to all those who attended the information session on Tuesday, May 30th. Bishop Rose, Archdeacon Charlene, Archdeacon Nancy March, and lay person Angela Morgan did a fabulous job presenting the diocesan strategic plan – Set Sail, Charting The Course For Christ's Church. There were about 40 people in attendance from our parish, St. Lawrence, Paradise, Pouch Cove and Torbay. About 20 of those were from our parish so we were well represented. As the plan unfolds in the very near future we will be providing more information. We would like for you to take one of the colorful cards today which describes briefly what the plan is about.

A Summer student has been hired. Once again, we received a government grant to hire a student for 8 weeks. The job was advertised and we did receive a small number of applications, each one was interviewed, and we wish we could hire them all. It was agreed to hire Kaiden Snow, you will remember him from last Summer, he did an excellent job before and is excited to be with us again this year. Much of his work will be in the cemetery, getting everything looking good in preparation for our annual Flower Service on July 23rd.

If you are not currently receiving our Tri-Diocesan newspaper, Anglican Life, which also includes our national church paper, *The Anglican Journal*, please contact The Rev. Fred Marshall, Officer of the Anglican Joint Committee at 709-727-4346 or send an email to anglicanlifenl@gmail.com so that he can add you to the subscription list. There is no charge for the monthly paper and it keeps you informed about what is going on in the life of the church in NL, Canada and the world.

Please Beware of scammers impersonating Archdeacon Taylor: Archdeacon Charlene's name is being used requesting itunes gift cards. This is a scam, please do not respond. If you receive any such emails from anyone, please disregard as this is scammers ways of getting money. Staff at Church House will never ask in this type of way for money or gift cards.

Anglican Charitable Foundation For Children is a tri-diocesan fund in existence for many years, and is available to help families in need of assistance. If you know of a family that could avail of this assistance and meet the criteria, please let the rector know. This fund is also available to children that would like to attend the Church Camp this summer at Max Simm's Camp in the Central diocese. Those who qualify may be able to have their camp fees paid. As well, later when school reopens there may be families in difficult financial positions that could use assistance in getting the children ready for school again.

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF

June 4th and June 11th

IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

George M. King

Sept. 24, 1942 – June 4, 2013

*Given by
Daughter Tonya King and Family*

And

Thomas James Skinner Jr.

*Given By
Lorraine & John Whelon & Family*

And

Manuel & Vera Spurrell

Forever Loved and Sadly missed

*Given by
Daughter Fern & Family*

June 4th

First Sunday after Pentecost.
Trinity Sunday

Scriptural Sentence
(Page 359)

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

1st Reading
Genesis 1- 2: 4a

Psalm 8
Pages: 711-712

(Canon Don Morgan)

2nd reading
2nd Corinthians 13:
11-13

(Ches or Ethel Barfitt)

Gospel
Matthew 28: 16-20

(Deacon Bonnell)

June 11th

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence
(Page 360)

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives.

1st Reading
Genesis 12: 1-9

Psalm 33
1-12
Page: 743

(Harvey Hiscock)

2nd reading
Romans 4:

13-25

(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel
Matthew 9:
9-13, 18-26

(Deacon Bonnell)