

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison): Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Prayer over the Gifts:** (In Unison): God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison): Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendor of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families. (This week we remember): Bernadine Lawlor, Cynthia LeRoux, Winnie Lynch, Todd Martin, Nina Martin-Sheppard, Darren & Courtney Melindy and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song – Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Cox's Cove/McIver's, (2 congregations), Rev. Mario Melendez, Rector and the Parish of Deer Lake (2 congregations), Rev. Canon Paulette Bugden, Priest-in-Charge.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for National Indigenous Bishop and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Bishop Mark McDonald.

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**

Primate: The Most Rev. Fredrick Hiltz

Metropolitan: Archbishop Ron Cutler

**Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador**

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**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (Year C)**

**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 continue our Lenten journey, we are now at the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, two weeks from now we will be celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the glory of the palms, followed by the solemn events of Holy Week. Every year we take the 5 weeks of Lent and the services of Holy Week to prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter morning. Easter is not a once a year celebration, we are *Easter People*, every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. The joy of Easter is the very foundation of the Christian church, it is the basis for our faith, and, nothing is more important than the belief that Jesus died once, for all, and that he rose victorious and lives forever. Sometimes it's hard to see the joy of that in our lives, but the reality is that Jesus died for our sins and paid the price for our redemption on the Cross of Calvary, and, his love for us is so great that we can't possibly do anything on our own merit that would make us worthy of his great sacrifice. We don't have to, the sacrifice Jesus made enables us to receive the free gift of God of grace and eternal life. For a good many years now the Christian church has expended much energy and time arguing and fighting over who belongs in the church and who should be excluded, and, yes, the Anglican church must be included in that list of churches. We become like the Pharisees and Scribes in today's gospel reading who are grumbling and saying *–this fellow (Jesus) welcomes sinners and eats with them.* Jesus goes on to tell them the famous parable of the prodigal son, to show that the love of God for each one of us is like the love of a father (or a mother) for a wayward child that returns home. Of course Jesus welcomed sinners, if that was not the case, none of us would have a place in the church or in the Kingdom of God. Every one of us has a place around the table of God, that's what we celebrate every Sunday morning at the Eucharist, that no matter who we are, regardless of our place in society, Jesus' invitation is open to us all. We should all hope, dream and work toward a time when nothing will separate or divide us as the children of God. We may not all agree on everything, but let us at least agree that the church is our home, and the door is open to everyone that chooses to enter in. The story of the Prodi-

gal Son is applicable to the church every Sunday morning, we become like that son, and the church is the home we return to for refuge, and, God welcomes us with open arms and an immeasurable depth of love. We must never stand in the way of God's children returning home each week because of our own preconceived ideas of who is worthy and who is not, because the reality is none of us can earn that, God gives it freely because of the gift of God's son, Jesus Christ. May we live week by week with thanksgiving for what Jesus accomplished for us on the cross, and may the joy of Easter reign in our hearts. I think the Christian Church, fractured and divided for so long, must now begin in earnest to heal itself, and set its priorities in such a way as to be true to what is at the heart of the Gospel – love, forgiveness, compassion, grace and mercy for all.

*(Rev. Randy)*

**Rev. Randy and family will be moving into St. Philip's** at the beginning of May. After quite a long time, their house finally sold a month ago in Grand Falls Windsor, and, they have now purchased a home in St. Philip's (28 Megan Ridge Dr.) which closes on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Randy will be quite busy moving from their rental home in St. John's during the first week of May to their new home.

**The date for the annual Flower service** is Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. We opt for an afternoon service so as to accommodate those who live further away, as well as those who worship in the morning at other parishes, but have loved ones buried in our cemetery.

**Anyone wanting to donate a memorial gift to the church** we are in need of a new Eucharistic Flagon (the vessel in which the wine is brought forward for consecration) These are relatively expensive and vary in price. If you are interested in donating this in memory of a loved one(s) please speak to Rev. Randy. It could also be a gift that a number of family members would give together.

**Learn, Laugh and Leave Relaxed Retreat**, Friday, May 10 evening and all day Saturday, May 11. St. James United Church at 330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, is offering an integrative, interactive approach to personal growth of the mind, body and spirit. Through practical sessions with experienced leaders, it will help you to re-nourish your soul, plant the seeds for optimal benefit for yourself and others, rediscover the best in you and find emotional and spiritual health. Cost: \$125.00. Gift certificates for Easter/Mother's Day available, and all information from St. James office at:

330 Elizabeth Avenue, info@stjamesuc.org, 722-1881, ext. 200.

- **The bishops have now been nominated for the office of Primate.** This coming July, at the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, our current Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, after 12 years, will retire and a new primate will be elected on the last day of the Synod. The bishops of the country met this past week at Niagara Falls, and part of their agenda included nominating the bishops that will stand for election for Primate. Even though the bishops put forth the nominations, they will not have a vote at the General Synod, the new Primate will be elected by the House of Laity and the House of Clergy only. It's important that we begin to pray now for the General Synod (July 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver), and for the bishops nominated for election as Primate. The following is the list of bishops up for election at that time (July 16<sup>th</sup>):
- The Right Reverend **Jane Alexander** of the diocese of Edmonton;
- The Most Reverend **Ron Cutler** of the diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada;
- The Most Reverend **Gregory Kerr-Wilson** of the diocese of Calgary and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land;

- The Right Reverend **Linda Nicholls** of the diocese of Huron; and
- The Right Reverend **Michael Oulton** of the diocese of Ontario. Please keep them in your daily prayers, and may the work of the Holy Spirit be visible at the General Synod throughout their gathering.

## **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.**

**Notices**

**Spring Fundraising with Flowers!** We hope you'll join us and either purchase or help us sell Vesey's summer bulbs and flower seeds. In the Church Office you'll find a 16 page color catalogue that describes all of the Vesey's products that are part of our fundraiser. Our Parish will keep 50% of all the sales we generate. Vesey's covers all other costs such as shipping, delivery bags, etc. You'll find everything from flower seed mats that are easy and fun to plant to herbs, tomatoes and strawberries! If you'd like to take a catalogue to sell some items on our behalf, you'll find an order form and a payment collection envelope inside the catalogue. Please return all order forms and money to the Church office by Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The orders will arrive a few weeks later in plenty of time for Spring planting. If you'd like to place an order, just fill out the order form and bring your money to the Church office by April 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support.

**ACW Meeting: Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> following the Mid Week Lenten Service.**

**Upcoming Event** – The ACM will be sponsoring a **Salmon Dinner including Dessert and Dance on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** at the EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. Tickets are \$20.00 and are now available from the parish office or members of the ACM. **The cut-off date for the purchase of tickets** will be Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. This is necessary because we have to purchase the amount of food needed. There will be no tickets available beyond this date. Cost of the tickets is \$20.00

**ACW Sub-Sandwich Sale: Thursday, April 11th.** 9" -three-deli-meat sandwich with cookie and pop for \$8.00. If you haven't received a call by March 29th and you would like to purchase a sub, please contact an ACW member. The deadline for ordering is March 31st.

**No Story So Divine:** Join us for Sundays@Seven (today March 31 at 7 pm) for an hour of singing and hearing stories of hymns that explore the sacred journey of sacrifice on behalf of all of humanity. We will sing some favourite hymns and songs as well as a few that may be new to you, selected from a wide range of traditions. **Sundays@Seven at The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist:** All Welcome.

**Rev Randy is now receiving names for 2019 Confirmation.** Bishop Peddle will be visiting our parish for Confirmation on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at the 10:30 am worship service. Once the registration process is complete the classes will begin. The person to be confirmed must be at least 11 years of age on or before the date of Confirmation. All those to be Confirmed should be registered no later than April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Anyone wanting to sign up for Electronic Givings** there are forms available from the parish office. This takes the place of the regular offering envelopes on Sunday morning and ensures that even if you are away or can't make it on a particular Sunday the parish still receives your regular offering. This helps the parish to keep up with its financial obligations.

**Memorial Hymn Sing** will be held on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. More details will be available later, including the selection of hymns to be sung. Rev. Randy hopes that the music and singing will be led by both our choir and our newly formed church band. The band is still working out some things, such as scheduling of practices, etc., but we hope to have them up and going very soon.

**Don't forget your Queen's College envelopes.**

**GPS (God's Positioning System)** for the youth of the diocese will take place at Lavrock Camp and Conference Centre from April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speaker will be Jenny Salisbury. Posters and registration forms are available in the church foyer.

**You need to renew your Anglican Journal/Anglican Life subscription.** Unless you take the time to renew your subscription now you may not get your monthly paper after the June edition.. If you receive the paper and wish to continue your subscription simply call 1-866-333-0959 or visit the Anglican Journal website [www.anglicanjournal.com](http://www.anglicanjournal.com) and fill in the information form. The Anglican Life paper is mailed with the Journal paper so you only need to renew your Anglican Journal one.

**Church Chuckle**

**Item for sale: "Used church lights. Contact Minister during the day."**

The church is on Facebook - Take a look!



[www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch](http://www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch)

**Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning**

**Stewardship thought For the Week**

**"I have held many things in my hands and have lost them. But whatever I placed in God's hands, I still possess."** Martin Luther King

<b>Yearly Budget for Envelope Giving for 2019 - \$97,000.00</b>	
<b>Needed Monthly - \$ 8,741.67</b>	
<b>Needed Weekly - \$ 2,108.00</b>	
<b>Rec'd Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1,765.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
<b>Rec'd Year to Date</b>	
<b>Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$16,607.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 3,432.10</b>
<b>Total Brought in for Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,285.60</b>

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary**

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***I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him: Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.***

**Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Eucharistic Assistant – Mose Tucker**

**10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Sunday School**

**Eucharistic Assistants – Ches Barfitt/Joan Tucker**

**Counters: Susan Powell & Karen Puglisevich**

**Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe**

**Altar Duty: Donna Spurrell & Janice Spurrell**

**Wednesday Mid Week Lenten Service**

**7:00 pm**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Eucharistic Assistant – Charlie Gosse**

**10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Sunday School**

**Eucharistic Assistants – Dave Bartlett & Todd Martin**

**Counters: John Parrell & Gloria Earle**

**Sidesperson: John Parrell**

**Altar Duty: Donna Spurrell & Janice Spurrell**

**The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Today – Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**1st Reading:**

**Joshua 5: 9-12**

**Psalm 32: Pages 742-743**

**(Rev. R. Osmond)**

**2nd Reading**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinth. 5: 16-21**

**(Joan Osmond)**

**Gospel**

**Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32**

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

Our Queen's student, Charlie Cox, following his ordination in the Spring, will be appointed to the parish of Fogo Island East. He will be leaving us in a couple of weeks, following his convocation. Anyone interested in contributing towards a farewell gift for Charlie, please speak to Rev. Randy.

**St. Thomas' Church Spring Silent Auction and Cold Plate Supper** (with our popular all-you-can-eat salad buffet) will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 5p.m. in Canon Wood Hall, 8 Military Road. Tickets (\$15 each) are available by calling 754-0151.

**The Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada**, The Rev. Canon Judy Rois, will be visiting our diocese in April, and will be in attendance at our worship service on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Anglican Foundation was started in 1957 to support and encourage ministry in the church through very low interest loans and grants. Our own parish would have been a recipient of this when our present day church was built. The work of the Foundation is enabled by annual membership fees from parishes, memorial gifts, bequests, donor-designated trusts, life insurance and investment income. Canon Judy will be accompanied by Heather Skanes, a member of the board and a member of St. Mark's church, and also by our own Debbie Collis, chair of the AFC Audit Committee. Please say hello to Canon Judy that morning.

In recognition of the 30th Anniversary of the Lavrock Centre, our Board of Management is pleased to offer the first of two new events at Lavrock. The first is a "Vestry Night" at Lavrock. Does your parish host a year end get together for your vestry, choirs, etc? Instead of holding an evening at your Parish Hall, or going out to a restaurant, we want to invite you to a night at Lavrock. As this is a new venture for us, we are open to suggestions, but will start with the following two options: OPTION "A" – Single supper only. BBQ Steak or Quarter Chicken with salads, baked potato, mushrooms, onions, and dessert. The total, including HST is \$17.25 per person. Head home before 9:00pm. OPTION "B" – Supper, Stay overnight, and Breakfast. BBQ Steak or Quarter Chicken with salads, baked potato, mushrooms, onions, and dessert. The total, including HST is \$45.70 per person. Quiet time after 11:30pm and checkout before 11:00am. We have set aside June 13, 14 and 15 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). You select the night you want to celebrate your year end and contact our Manager, Todd Martin to sort out the details.