

Oct.18th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God who inspired Luke the physician to proclaim the love and healing power of your Son, give your Church, by the grace of the Spirit and the medicine of the gospel, the same love and power to heal, through Jesus Christ the Lord, 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 compassion, you are a strong tower for all who trust in you. Be now and evermore our defence, that we may proclaim the only name under heaven given for health and salvation, the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Living God, may we who have shared in these holy mysteries enjoy health of body and mind, and witness faithfully to your gospel, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Tanya King, William Lamswood, Bernadine Lawlor, Cynthia LeRoux, Winnie Lynch, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Episcopal Church – the Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

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

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

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Oct. 18th and Oct. 25th, 2020 (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's desk:

We just had opportunity to once more celebrate the Harvest Thanksgiving, a time to gather as families to thank God for the abundance of food grown from the earth, and to rejoice in the goodness of God. This year the global pandemic impacted our Thanksgiving celebrations, much the same as it has impacted every other celebration in our lives since March month. There are still restrictions on how we can gather, and, because there are still restrictions on travel outside the Atlantic Bubble, many were missing family members that otherwise might have been home for the occasion. Yet in all of that uncertainty we still find much to be thankful for, because our thanksgiving is not only about the abundance of food we are blessed with, but also God's love, grace and goodness to us in so many other ways. Perhaps the past 8 months have taken some of the shine off our thanksgiving, that can easily happen in times of fear and uncertainty, but one thing we can be assured of is that God is not absent from our lives, that as hard as it can get we are not alone. I'm not sure what things you were giving thanks for this past weekend, but I can assuredly guess it was for an abundance of food, safe and warm homes, good health, family, community and faith. As hard as this pandemic has been on all of us unfortunately it was even harder for many others in our world that don't have the good fortune of living in a country as rich and affluent as Canada. I think of those infected with Covid-19 in places in our world where they may not even have a home to live in, no access to nutritious food, healthcare or medicine. I fear those in these situations has little chance of survival. These are not issues that arise during pandemics or other difficult times in the world, these are ones that millions struggle with each day to survive yet another day.

I think this pandemic has been extremely difficult on so many that had the misfortune to be born in a place of poverty. I hope that when a vaccine is available it won't be distributed on the basis of which countries can afford it most. I also pray that greed won't be a determining factor, as we have seen from the pandemic so far many items being sold at highly inflated prices. I hope the generosity of nations like Canada will expedite the availability of the life saving vaccines to our brothers and sisters in the world that don't have the means to achieve it on their own. As this is a global pandemic it must also be a global effort to eradicate it; as long as impoverished nations go without the world will not be safe. So I am thankful that we are a nation of compassion for others, a nation that welcomes others and gives them a chance to flourish and be all that they can be. That is true of our church as well, as hard as it has been on churches in this pandemic we have not forgotten to be generous toward others. Our people are still going above and beyond and making contributions to PWRDF and other mission-minded ventures that improve the quality of life for others. Even as many parishes in this diocese and our diocesan entity struggles to keep afloat through this pandemic financially, many are still making their regular PWRDF offerings in the collection plate or online. It is wonderful when we can rise above the struggles we have and still find room to be compassionate toward others. We will get through this pandemic because we refuse to allow our lives to be filled with overwhelming despair, we refuse to lose hope and faith in a God that will never forsake us. Life is hard now in some ways, including in our church and diocese, but through it all we will emerge with a stronger and deeper faith, and a greater understanding of our need to be there supporting one another in all the struggles of life.

(Rev. Randy)

If anyone is going through a difficult time and in need of food because of the Covid-19 closedown please contact Rev. Randy by calling the church office at 895-0715 We have been reminding people that the church is here to help, and, if someone is in need of food we will do our very best to help with that.

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.

We received a grant from the Anglican Foundation to help with the plans we have for the cemetery space around the columbaria. Given the difficult year it is shaping up to be for investments we are very fortunate and grateful to receive this grant of \$2500. When we start and complete these beautifications will depend on the lifting of restrictions around Covid-19. Our parish supports the work of the Anglican Foundation, and, our own Debbie Collis is a member of the Foundation.

Thank you to all our parishioners for your financial support through this pandemic. We are very thankful that so far we have been able to keep up with all our financial commitments as a parish over these past 8 months. We have experienced a major shortfall in our fundraising income, especially as our ACW and ACM have not been able to carry out their normal activities. But we are grateful that our people have been very responsive by getting their regular offerings in throughout the pandemic. We have been keeping up with our monthly assessment to the diocese, and we are very happy to do that because we know how desperate our Synod Office is right now to receive the income. Many parishes have struggled to a point that they were unable to meet their commitments and our Synod Office had to help them through, to a point that our diocese is in a difficult financial position at this time. Our

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.**

diocese in order to be healthy must have healthy parishes, so we encourage all our people to keep up with their regular offerings to the parish.

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

Congratulations to Rev. Randy Lockyer as he celebrates his 28th anniversary of being ordained a Priest in the Church on October 19th.

Congratulations to Rev. Russell Osmond as he celebrates his 29th anniversary of being ordained a Priest in the Church on October 28th.

Please keep the family of the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Peddle in prayer. As you no doubt know by this time, last Thursday (Oct. 8th) Bishop Peddle passed suddenly away at the age of 57 years. This has been a difficult and confusing time for our diocese, and more especially for his wife Kathy and sons, Adam and Benjamin. We give God thanks for Bishop Geoff's faithful ministry among us. If you wish you can read his obituary on Carnell's website.

The 8:30 am worship service will begin again on Sunday, October 18th. Anyone attending the service will have to register the same as for the 10:30 am service, and adhere to the diocesan and medical officer's restrictions.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER SERVICE will take place this Fall. Because of Covid-19 restrictions we were prohibited from gathering in large numbers in our cemeteries this Summer, hence Flower Services were cancelled throughout the diocese. This service is a long standing tradition here at St. Philip's, because we

Sunday, November 1st (All saints day) at **10:30 am** inside the church building. We are still limited to gatherings of no more than 100 but if we surpass the registration numbers a second service will be held in the afternoon at 3:00 pm. Please remember the second service will only take place if we have more than 100 register for 10:30. So please register with Donna and Janice soon by calling 895-3581 or by email: dandjspurrell@nl.rogers.com.

ACM Salmon Dinner Takeout will be held on **Saturday, November 21st at 5:00 pm.** Because of Covid-19 restrictions there cannot be a sit-down dinner. The cost of tickets is \$20.00 each. This dinner was planned to go ahead months ago but had to be cancelled when everything closed down in the pandemic. If you purchased a ticket back then and did not get a refund your ticket is still good for this dinner. Dinners will be available to be picked up at the door beginning at 5:00 pm. Please wear a mask and maintain the principle of physical distancing as you pick up your dinner.

Diocesan Electoral Synod will be held on Saturday, **November 28th,** to elect the next bishop to lead our diocese. Bishop Peddle will retire from this position on December 31st. In addition to Rev. Randy our other delegates are Moses & Linda Tucker, and Brady Snow is our youth representative. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we chose our next bishop. This will be a different Synod from the past as it will

Baptisms and weddings are still being done inside the church building. For now, baptisms are still taking place outside the normal worship times. We must still adhere to the maximum number of 100 persons and sanitizing the building after each use. If you need to book a baptism or wedding please call Rev. Randy. We can do these as long as we abide by the government and health regulations around Covid-19. If you have a child to be baptized please call Rev. Randy to set up a time.

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

We are still checking out the possibility of an FM frequency at St. Philip's. Thanks to Vestry member Tom Tulk we know that such a system will cost approximately \$2500. Vestry must now decide if this cost is affordable in these difficult times of Covid-19 when parish income is dramatically down. If it is something anyone would like to donate in memory of loved ones please speak to Rev. Randy. The system would allow for outdoor services being broadcast via your car radio instead of having to lower your windows, especially on a cold wet day. It would also be good for the cemetery services for those who have mobility issues. The system is usable within a 500 feet radius.

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

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| <i>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good tidings, who publish salvation.</i> | <i>If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.</i> |
| Epistle & Gospel | Epistle & Gospel |
| 1st Reading | 1st Reading |
| Sirach 38: 1-4, 6-10 and 12-14 | Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 |
| Psalm 147 1-7 Page 906 | Psalm 90 1-6 and 13-17 Page 826-828 |
| 2nd Reading Timothy 2 4: 5-13 | 2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 |
| Gospel: Luke 4 14-21 | Gospel: Matthew 22 34-46 |

believe in the importance of gathering to remember and celebrate the lives and faith of our loved ones. The service will be held on

be all held virtually.

Notes

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.

St. Philip's building is now open for public worship. After much preparation, our bishop has given us permission to reopen at this time based on our following all public health and diocesan guidelines. We are excited to once more, after 6 months, be able to gather together inside our building. Things won't seem the same for some time, but at least we can be together.

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. Presently, because of Covid-19 restrictions, outside of regular worship there are not many other activities to report on. A limited number will be available on Sunday mornings, however, we do encourage parishioners to go online at stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund World of Gifts - Are you thinking of gift giving for friends and family? Why not check out World of Gifts! Go to gift guide online at pwrdf.org/worldofgifts and make your purchases 24/7. These gifts can truly change lives! As Christmas may look much different this year in terms of family getting together from away, and many of the traditional gift-giving ideas will not take place, maybe this venue with PWRDF may be a great way to give a gift to a family that will make a meaningful difference. Check out the site and see how cheap it is to provide a family with a gift of a goat, or chickens, or a donkey to carry water, or to provide PPE equipment to keep clinics safe. You can truly give the gift that gives life.

If your church can be of any help to you during this time of Covid-19 please let us know. We recognize that maybe some of our seniors may not be able to get out to purchase their groceries, or fill prescriptions, etc., if you are in need of someone to do these things for you please call the church office and we will ensure that someone comes to help you. Please call 895-0715 and leave a message or call Rev. Randy directly at 693-8537.

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>

Let's call one another – we are probably home! Many of us are missing those we are so used to seeing on Sunday morning in church. Why not pick up the phone and give them a call, no doubt it will make their day and reassure them that they are not forgotten. This is a real ministry of the church in which we can all engage.

What is the status of parish hall rentals? At this time The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is not available for general rentals. As of September, we made the hall available to our major renters, The Ballicatters and Eastern Health group, as long as they had documentation from Eastern Health showing their start-up plan.

Remember (when things get back to normal) that the first Sunday of each month there will be coffee/tea, juice and other refreshments served prior to the 10:30 am worship service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and welcoming everyone that comes. Thank you to Lisa for organizing it each month and to the youth that help her to serve. Anyone wishing to sponsor refreshments for a future time please contact Lisa Lake (Brown).

St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry will continue to operate during this difficult time. As you can imagine, there are a number of vulnerable people in our community who are in need. We are anticipating an increased demand for the pop-up pantry and as such we are asking those of you who are able, to continue to donate. Donations may be dropped off between 10 am and 1pm Mondays and Tuesdays at St. Lawrence's Anglican church. Please note that we now accept frozen items as well. Though it is at St. Lawrence's church it is a community venture supported by other churches and community organizations including our own parish of St. Philip.

Even though our church building is now open for worship services E-Giving is still a good way to make regular offerings. The form for this is available on the church website with all the relevant information. This is an excellent way to give because even if one cannot get to the church the offering is still given. We do have a number of people making their

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FROM THE CHURCH DICTIONARY:

Choir: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync!

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Stewardship thought for the Week

The worship offering is a pure gift to God in thankfulness for what we have already received. It should therefore be an exciting and major part of the worship service.

St. Philip's parish is now setup to receive E-Transfers. With the church building closed some people are looking for ways to make their weekly, biweekly or monthly contribution to the parish. After being closed down now for 7 Sundays the parish really does need those offerings. 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.

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You can also call the church office to get the
form.