Dismissal Songs

"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.

"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.

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November 2026 (Year A & B)

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:

From the Rector's desk:

It seems but a short time ago we were welcoming parishioners back from summer holidays, and wishing children and young people the best of luck as they begun another school year. We are now into the month of November, Halloween is over, All Saints Day has come and gone, Remembrance Day is almost here, and we are a couple Sundays away from the beginning of the Advent season, and about 6 Sundays from Christmas Day. With only two months left in the calendar year, we are nearly to the end of 2026. With each passing year we are reminded of the brevity of life. We pass through the seasons of the year much too quickly, especially going from fall to winter. We are watching the changing colors of fall, the dropping of the leaves, the fluctuation of temperatures, the cool days that precede the much colder ones, and the best we can do is hope for a mild winter, with not too much snow. In all of that we are mindful of the reality that we have absolutely no control over the seasons, we cannot change those cold days of winter nor the excessive hot days of summer. In the end we accept the stark reality that time marches on, and like the changing seasons of the year, so too we are helpless to halt the changing seasons of our lives. We can reminisce about years gone by, dream of the days of our youth, and lament that these days are long past, but it doesn't change the present reality of our lives, and the knowledge that time never has and never will stand still. What we can do is be thankful that in every season of life we have been blessed by God. From the days of our childhood to whatever season we are currently in, life has been and still is a blessing, that each day is a gift from God. To the children of today, don't be rushed to become adults, enjoy the energy and innocence of youth, run, play, do childish things, and don't be dismayed by world problems. To the young adults, just starting out with careers and families, make sure that life never gets in the way of family living and healthy relationships, you are not yet too old to enjoy the zest of life. To those who have been blessed to see their children raised, and gone on to adventurous and successful lives of their own, perhaps now gifting them with grandchildren, feel blessed, and if you have entered the stage of retirement, spend that extra time on your hands to impart wisdom, and continue to enjoy the activities of life. If you find yourself in the last season of life, unable to do what you once took for granted, look for the blessings around you, and be joyful that God has seen you through so much.

Scripture views aging as a gift, a time of wisdom, and a season of continued purpose rather than a decline, encouraging believers to find deep contentment by relying on God's sustaining presence rather than physical strength or worldly status. Ecclesiastes 3:10 says: "Do not say, "Why were the old days better than these?" For it is not wise to ask such questions." Finding peace and contentment, as we go through the stages of life, can be difficult, unless we keep in mind God's promises to be with us in all times, the good and the bad, in joy and in sorrow. Isaiah 40: 31 says: *but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.* In the practical aspect of life, we might not feel like we are strong or flying like an eagle, but our hearts are joyful and thankful, our faith is renewed and strong.

As we near the end of another year, may we be thankful for what God has done for us. If we have experienced pain and sorrow, may we be thankful that God sustained us, and put other people in our lives to see us through. If we feel that our cup has been flowing over with blessings, may we be motivated to bless others. No matter what, or how we feel, or even what we believe, God has been there to walk with us, especially in those difficult times. Amen.

Rev. Randy

Thank you to parishioners who continue to contribute to the food bank boxes in the foyer. Whenever the boxes are full Gloria Earle takes them to St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry, where it is used in food hampers for those in need. They are very happy to receive the food items, and we will continue to collect for this very worthy cause.

ACM Association in need of recycling receptacle boxes. The boxes where our men's association collects recyclables from, at Sharpe's Store and Country Convenience, are in need of replacement. Now that the town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's uses only bins provided by the town for garbage collection, we wondered if there might be a few wooden boxes not in use anymore that you would be willing to part with? If you do, please speak to Moses Tucker, and he can check to see if they are suitable in terms of size, etc.

ACM would love to have some extra help. If you have a couple of hours to spare during the week, our men's group sorts and counts recyclables every Monday night 7:00 – 9:00pm. In addition, as we prepare for the winter months, sometimes we need help to keep the boxes shoveled out next to Sharpe's store and Country Convenience, as well as the recycling trailer. If you can assist with this please speak to Moses, Deacon Bonnell or Harvey.

ACM asking for gift cards. Our ACW will not be doing the Christmas Gift Card Tree this year, so our men's group decided to do it instead. They are collecting donated gift cards (gas cards, grocery cards, restaurant cards, store cards, etc) and then selling tickets on them, to be drawn as we approach Christmas. If you would like to donate a gift card, simply bring to it church and pass it on to one of the men in the ACM or leave it with Rev. Randy. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be passed on from the ACM to the parish as part of their annual contribution to the parish budget.

Additional Sides persons are needed! Currently we have about 5 teams that alternate, which means each group is on duty one week out of 5. A couple of the teams need additional help because their numbers are smaller. Duties include greeting parishioners and visitors on Sunday morning, raising and taking down the flags (when weather permits), passing out service books and bulletins, taking up the offering, ringing the bell, etc. If this is something you would consider please speak to Rev. Randy. Youth are also invited to be a part of this important ministry.

Rev. Randy is always available for the blessing of homes. Some people, especially as they move into their new home, like to have a blessing of the home. If this is something you would like to have you can speak to the rector and he will be happy to do this.

All parish forms can be found in the large rack standing in the foyer. These include the Sanctuary Flower Fund, Memorial Bulletin, Columbarium Niche Purchase, Queen's College Envelopes, Leaving a Legacy Brochures, Christmas Tree of Remembrance (Dec. 15th), Cemetery Envelopes, Daily Bread Devotionals, E-Giving forms, etc. There are also a few books there that anyone can take and read. This large rack was generously given to us by the former St. Augustine parish.

NOTICES

Nov. 10th - **Vestry meeting** will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, at 7:00 pm in the boardroom.

Nov. 15th - Monthly Coffee Hour – Next Coffee Hour is Nov. 15th, hosted by Ada Lockyer & Brenda Harding. Sponsors are needed for the Coffee Hour for December. If you would like to sponsor for December please let Lisa Lake know at llake99@hotmail.com or let Rev. Randy know and he will pass it along to Lisa.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance forms are available for our annual tree lighting to be held on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. As always, we will meet in the church, be seated for the reading of the names in whose memory the tree will be lit, then go outside for a prayer and the lighting of the tree. Followed by hot chocolate and Timbits in the parish hall.

Children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve family service. Lisa Lake and Courtney Melindy, among others are looking at what the children might do on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm. Because we don't have a functioning Sunday School at the moment, though we would love for some volunteers to step forward to do so, we would like to know how many children are interested in participating at this service. Please let us know as soon as you can so we can start compiling the list.

The 2027 church envelope boxes will be available for pickup before the end of the year. If you currently don't have envelopes but would like to have them, please let our envelope secretary (Marie Chafe) know or Rev. Randy. If you have 2026 envelopes but have not used them so far, please note our books for 2026 will close off on December 31st.

Two more months to go to meet our parish budget for 2026. As we know, from the experience of budgeting for household expenses, the cost of everything is up dramatically these days. The church is no exception, though we try to be as efficient as possible, and to be good stewards of our resources, we still face additional costs. In 2026 we had some extra expenses with our heating system and increase in insurance premiums. We feel confident that all our parishioners will join with us in meeting our 2026 budget and start out the new year without any arrears. There are several ways to help us do that; of course, the best way is drop your offerings in the collection plate on Sunday. We also have e-transfer, by using the church email address: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com and our parish treasurer receives it into the church account instantly. Most days the church door is open and there is a collection locked box on the wall next to the nursery room. You can simply drop your envelope offering in there, the box is checked daily. Thank you for your ongoing support of the parish, especially in those days where so many churches are either closing or sharing resources and clergy with other parishes.

Queen's College annual appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution to the appeal simply drop it in the offering plate. This year marks 185 years of the founding of Queen's College, founded in 1841 by the Rt. Rev. Aubrey George Spencer (first bishop Bishop), and established as *The Theological Institute,* and reestablished in 1847 by his successor, the Rt. Rev. Edward Field (Bishop) and renamed *Queen's College*, in honor of Queen Victoria, and his alma mater, The Queen's College, Oxford. It was primarily established as a place to train men for ordained ministry, but in more recent decades, has evolved to train both men and women for ordained ministry, as well as lay people to better equip them for lay ministry in their own parishes. Rev. Randy chairs the Queen's College Corporation and Debbie Collis, our treasurer here at St. Philip's is also the treasurer for Queen's College. Envelopes will be placed in the bulletins on Thanksgiving Sunday (Oct. 11) please consider using them to make your contribution to the work of the college on October 18th.

Families to bring forward the gifts. If you would like to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine at the Sunday morning Eucharist, as part of the offering, please speak to Rev. Randy.

Items for the church bulletin should be submitted by the 15th of the previous month. We print the bulletin on a monthly schedule so if you want to put in a memorial, donate the bulletin, flowers, etc. or any other notes, please get it in early. For example, if you have something to go in the bulletin for October, you should submit it by September 15th. By being mindful of this we can ensure everything gets included.

Sunday School volunteers needed. This year we would really like to get our Sunday School going again, but to do so we need a few volunteers to help. If you would like to offer yourself to help with this important ministry, please speak to Rev. Randy.

The 2027 church calendars are available from the parish office. We have a limited number, so if you are interested in purchasing one, they cost $8 each.

Flowers For The Altar: Anyone wishing to place flowers on the Altar for the **Christmas Season** in memory of departed loved ones can pick up **Sanctuary envelopes** in the foyer.

The 2027 annual Flower Service has been scheduled for Sunday, July 18th at 3:00 pm. We always like to set the date for this service very early because some people living away like to be home for it. In the event of poor weather, it will be held in the church.

Many thanks to Gloria Earle and Jennifer Cross for representing St. Philip's parish at the annual *Trunk or Treat* event held at Beachy Cove Elementary school on Sunday, October 25th. Treats were passed out to nearly 500 children, weather was great, though a little cool. This is the third year our parish has participated in this event.

THIS BULLETIN
IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Edgar Clark Sr.
(Nov. 11, 1976 - Age 77)
Gladys Clark
(Oct. 22, 1995 – Age 87)
Given by
Daughter-in-law
Joyce Clark

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Noel Christopher Tucker
Uriah Tucker
Given by
Walter, Susie & Jennella

❖

Mother- Claudine Gilingham
(April 20, 193 7- Nov. 18, 1997)
Father-Gerald Gillingham
(Dec. 29, 1934 – May 28, 2003)
Given by
Gloria, David & Family

November 8th

24th Sunday After Pentecost / Remembrance Sunday

Scriptural Sentence

"Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

1st Reading

Joshua 24 : 1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78 : 1-7 / Pages : 806-811

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading

1st Thess. 4: 13-18

(Canon Shirley Gosse)

Gospel

Matthew 25: 1-13

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect - Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts – Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

November 15th.

25st Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence

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

1st Reading

Judges 4: 1-7

Psalm 123 / Pages : 883-884

(Allie Wheeler)

2nd Reading

1st Thess. 5: 1-11

(Glenda Winter)

Gospel

Matthew 25: 14-30

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts – Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

November 22nd

Last Sunday After Pentecost/Reign of Christ Sunday

Scriptural Sentence

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming."

1st Reading

Ezekiel 34 : 11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100 / Page 838

(Harvey Hiscock)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 1: 15-23

(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel

Matthew 25: 31-46

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect - Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; 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 constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

November 29th

1st. Sunday of Advent/Year B

Scriptural Sentence

"Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

1st Reading

Isaiah 64 : 1-9

Psalm 80 : 1-7, 16-18 / Pages : 812-814

(Canon Don Morgan)

2nd Reading

1st Corinth. 1: 3-9

(Todd Martin)

Gospel

Mark 13: 24-37

(Deacon Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect - Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen

Prayer over the Gifts – God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen