

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. 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): **Thelma Squires Hicks, Don & Sandy Stevens, Derek & Ellen Stevenson, Edna Strowbridge, Gary Sullivan and their families.**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Lusitanian Church (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury) Lusitanian Church – (Portugal) The Rt Revd Jose Jorge De Pina Cabral.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Parish of St. Timothy, Rigolet; Rev. Sarah Baikie, Deacon and The Parish of Stephenville Crossing, Rev. Canon Ruby Carter RD, Priest-in-Charge & Rev. Gwen Butler, Hon. Assistant.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for The Diocese of Montreal, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson.

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Nov. 25th, 2018 (Year 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.

From the Rector's desk: This Sunday marks the end of the Sundays of Pentecost or Trinity, depending on which we use in following our lectionary. It is called *The Reign of Christ Sunday*, and, it also tells us that next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the countdown to Christmas. Reign of Christ Sunday invites us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus, to remember that he is the King of our lives, and, reigns in our hearts, or at least he should in the lives of every Christian. The world we live in today, as we know so well in the church, is not the world where our parents, grandparents and even some of us grew up in. Of course, it's the same planet earth, we know that, but our existence on it has changed dramatically, the way we live our lives bears hardly any semblance to the way life was up to a couple of generations ago. We cannot deny that, in many ways, there has been much progress, especially in the areas of technology, communications, medicine, travel and so much more. In so many ways our lives have gotten easier, but, at the same time they have also become very complicated. We live in a fast-paced world, and we are constantly bombarded with new things and new information, and the process of keeping up with it can sometimes distract of us from the joy of experiencing moments of simplistic living. It can be a real pleasure to sometimes turn off that cell phone, or whatever piece of sophisticated technology we have, and just bask in the company of our

family and friends. This Reign of Christ Sunday helps us to focus ourselves on Christ, and, to realize that, despite all we have in our lives, still there is nothing more important than nurturing our relationship with God. The world has a lot of glittery stuff that can easily distract us, and, it can be hard to take our eyes off it, but, we have to be careful we don't get so captivated by it that we lose our focus on the simpler things of life. Jesus said in the gospel reading – *my Kingdom is not from this world...*, so, we have to be careful that it does not become ours either. That's the essence of Advent, to remind us that we are on a journey to a mighty Kingdom, not of this world, but an eternal one in the heavens. As we enjoy the wonderful things that God gives to us in this world (it is still his world), we must not forget we are but pilgrims on a journey to the Kingdom of God. When we get sidetracked, as we often do, we have to be reminded of who we are, whom we serve, and where we are going to. That's the story of Advent, these next 4 weeks will be an opportunity for us to refocus our lives, so that we can prepare ourselves for the Incarnation, the coming of God into our world in that vulnerable little baby Jesus so long ago. Despite all the ways that God could have come to us, he chose to take on our human form and come as a baby, born in a stable to Mary & Joseph in Bethlehem. Despite all the advancements since, it still remains the most glorious event of human history to this day. He still is, or, ought to be the focus of all our lives.

(Rev. Randy)

What is PWRDF? Have you ever wondered what those little blue monthly envelopes in your box of envelopes are used for? The **Primates World Relief & Development Fund** is described by the national church as the *Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. Through the support of Anglican parishes across Canada, PWRDF makes financial and human resources available to partners around the world working to improve health, food security and livelihoods for vulnerable people.*

“Working towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world.” – Micah 6:8

In an age where we want to ensure that our charitable donations get used for their intended purposes we can rest assured that practically every dollar given to PWRDF is used to make a difference in the lives of others in need, whether that is a neonatal clinic in Burundi saving the lives of babies, or providing resources to help families all over Africa become self-sufficient by farming, or making health care more accessible to poor people in Mozambique, to name a few. This year marks the 60th anniversary of PWRDF making a difference in the world. This is made possible because you and others make a generous contribution each month in that little blue envelope, or make regular contributions online. Please keep giving so that PWRDF can continue to make a difference.

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.**

St. Thomas' Anglican Church Men's Service Club will be hosting a Card party on November 28th at 7:30pm in St. Thomas' Church Hall. All are welcomed, please bring your own lunch and cards. Tea and coffee will be provided. Cost \$5.00 per person.

As we approach the end of another year, your rector and vestry are hoping that we will end the year at least financially on target as a parish. As we try to adhere to the diocesan expectation of parishes to be more ministry and mission minded going forward, we will need to put a special emphasis on envelope givings and less on fundraising. A financially healthy parish is one that meets at least 80 – 90 percent of its annual budget by free-will givings in the offering plate. Many of the folks that do fundraising in parishes are the ones that are getting older and just don't have the energy to keep up with it. We would like to arrive at a time and place where fundraising activities will be used for outreach ministry more than meeting parish budgets out of necessity.

When do I stand, sit or kneel? Some call this "Anglican Calisthenics"... sometimes people are confused especially when others around them are kneeling, standing or sitting. but feel free to follow your preferences. Our goal

is worship and not conformity, so, whatever you choose to do is right for you.

Time to get moving with our band! Rev. Randy would like to meet briefly with those who have signed up, Dr. Greg Brown, Kenny Brown, Trevor Eddy, Dr. Keegan Au and Cathy Squires, following today's worship service. In the meantime, we would love to have others join us as well.

Advent is drawing near. This Sunday is the last Sunday of Pentecost or *Reign of Christ Sunday*, then the first Sunday of December will be the first Sunday of Advent. Advent, by definition, means to wait for or anticipate something or someone. We have 4 weeks of Advent to wait for the celebration of Christ's birth, so let us each week of Advent prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas. It is also a busy time of year as we prepare for Christmas with the busyness of shopping, decorating, baking and preparing food for the family gatherings. Let us take the Sundays of Advent to really prepare ourselves for the true celebration of Christmas – the glorious coming of that baby Jesus so long ago in Bethlehem, bringing light, joy, peace and hope into the world.

Notices

NEXT ACW Card Game will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 27th. Cost is \$5.00 and lunch will be served.

The next Bible study will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:30 pm in the Board Room. All are welcome.

The next Confirmation class will be held on Friday, November 30th at 4:00 pm. Please keep the young people preparing for Confirmation in your prayers, and, so you may pray for each one by name they are: Daniel Sharpe, Amy Ryan, Tristan Penney, Kenny Brown, Aiden Osmond, Olivia Shik, Roisin Tucker, Myles Baker, Jacob Whelan, Lauryn Au, Morgan Brown, Brett Crane, Jessica King, Ryan Jones.

Christmas Eve services will be as follows this year – we will have our family worship and children's Sunday School program at 4:00 pm and our service of Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm.

New choir gowns for Christmas. Our choir gowns are getting quite tattered now, which is no surprise as they are somewhere between 30 to 40 years of age. The cost of the gowns are approximately \$2500 (10 gowns), thank you to the family of the late Audrey Picco, for their contribution of \$1000 toward this cost, and to our ACW and ACM for contributing the remainder between them. We look forward to our choir members and organists having them for the

Christmas Eve services -unless delayed by a postal strike.

Church Chuckle

An Anglican priest was about to deliver his sermon. Approaching the microphone on the pulpit he tapped it and said 'There's something wrong with this mike.' Immediately came the response 'And also with you.'



The church is on Facebook
Take a look!

www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning.

Stewardship thought For the Week

Give to God what's right – not what's left over.

Yearly Budget for Envelope giving for 2018 - \$95,000.00	
Needed Monthly - \$7,916.67	
Needed Weekly - \$1,979.16	
Rec'd Nov. 18th Regular Giving	\$ 1,295.00
Shortfall	684.00
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Rec'd Year to Date Regular Giving	\$ 71,820.00
Maintenance	\$ 10,871.00
Total brought in for Nov. 18th	\$ 1,674.00

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary
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***Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord! Blessed is the
kingdom of our father David that is
coming!***

Last Sunday after Pentecost - Nov. 25th
Reign of Christ Sunday

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Mose Tucker
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &
Sunday School
Eucharistic Assistants – Charlie Gosse &
Ches Barfitt
Counters: Don Morgan & Ruth Hiscock
Sidesperson: Don Morgan
Altar Duty: Viola Squires & Mary Sharpe

First Sunday of Advent - Dec. 2nd

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Joan Tucker
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &
Sunday School
Eucharistic Assistants – Dave Bartlett &
Todd Martin
Counters: Viola Squires & Susan Powell
Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich
Altar Duty: Viola Squires & Mary Sharpe

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for
Today – Last Sunday after Pentecost
Nov. 25th Reign of Christ Sunday
Scripture Readings

1st Reading – 2nd Samuel 23: 1-7
Psalm 132: 1-13; Page 889
(Ches or Ethel Barfitt)

2nd Reading – Revelation 1: 4b-8
(Debbie Collis)

Gospel: John 18: 33-37
(Deacon Bonnell)

**Our Bulletin today is given to the
Glory of God**

And

In Loving Memory of

Claudine Gillingham

April 20, 1937 – Nov. 18, 1997

**By Gloria, David, Christopher &
Mark**

OTHER NOTICES

Thank you from the ACW – The ACW
would like to thank everyone who helped to
make their Fall Sale a wonderful success...To
those who cooked, baked, donated and
attended...a sincere thank you.

The ACW Christmas dinner will take place on
Wednesday, December 5th at 6:00 pm. The
location will be Jack's Restaurant in the
Capital Hotel on Kenmount Road. All ladies of
the congregation are welcome and indeed
encouraged to join us. If you are interested in
attending please call Phoebe Parrell at 722-
5937 or Ruth Hiscock at 895-2011. We look
forward to the fellowship together.

Anglican Church Men (ACM) will be having
their Christmas dinner social on Tuesday,
December 5th at 6:00 pm. The dinner will be
at Swiss Chalet on Kelsey Drive. Anyone
interested in attending please let president
Gary King know by calling 691-3902 Any of
the men in our parish are invited to attend.

2019 calendars are still available to purchase
at \$1.00 each. The calendars were **donated**
by Skinner's Oil Company, for which we are
very appreciative. There is a big variety of
themes and each calendar has very lovely
pictures. **You will also have the last calendar**
with the company name (Skinner's Plumbing
Heating & Oil) on it, as the company has been

sold, so it can be a keepsake also. The
calendars are located in the foyer.

2019 CHURCH CALENDARS are also available
for purchase at \$5.00 each. Only 50 calendars
were ordered so they may not last long.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance will be lit on
Tuesday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm. If you
would like to have a bulb lit on the tree in
memory of loved ones, there are some forms
in the foyer. Simply fill in the information,
and, place it with your donation in the
offering plate by December 16th. That evening
we will gather around the tree outside the
main entrance, Rev. Randy will read the
names of loved ones, a prayer of
remembrance will be prayed, and the tree will
be lit up. The Christmas tree will remain lit
throughout the Christmas season, both as a
remembrance of our loved ones, and, as a
symbol of the light of Jesus in our world. Light
refreshments will be served in the Canon EB
Cheeseman Parish Centre, followed by the
singing of Christmas carols.

Home burnt in Portugal Cove on Nov. 14th,
housed Mr. John Fowlow, his partner, Jackie and his
mother. The house burnt completely very quickly,
especially with the very high winds we had that day. All
their possessions were destroyed, and, no insurance
was carried on the house, or its contents. Efforts are
underway to help this family with donations of clothing
and other items needed to get by temporarily. It is their
hope to rebuild on that site again, with the help of
friends and community. If you would like to contribute
in any way please speak to Rev. Randy and he will find
out what may be needed.