

Sept. 5th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Harvey & Ruth Hiscock, Mabel Hiscock, Scott & Sherie Howell, Maple Hussey, Gordon Jackman and Jean Janes, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan .

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Southeast Labrador (8 congregations) – Rector, The Rev. Gail Williams, Deacon – The Rev. Jennifer Rumbolt and the Parish of Spaniard’s Bay (2 congregations) – Rector, The Ven. Josiah Noel.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sept. 12th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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: (In Unison) Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord . Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. 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) Ernest & Maxine Jones, Canon Edward and Joyce (Fewer) Keeping, Bernice King, Georgina King, Selina King and Yvonne King, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Anthony – Deacon-in-Charge; The Rev. Dcn Arthur Kinsella and the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Corner Brook – Deacon-in-Charge, The Rev. Dcn Cynthia Haines Turner.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Sept. 5th and Sept. 12th , 2021 (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 weekend is the Labour Day weekend, which is always a reminder to us that the warm sunny days of Summer are quickly turning into the cool days of Fall. We are still in hope of a few more weeks yet before we bid farewell to Summer, and, even as we prepare for the Fall season it comes with anticipation of the transitional beauty of beautiful changing colors of the landscape around us. Each season brings its own uniqueness and reminder to us that God's plan for our lives unfolds in a similar fashion. Our very lives are like seasons, we are born into the world, we are children, then we become adolescents, then adults when our lives are a mixture of work, leisure, raising a family and many other adult responsibilities, then we retire (God-willing) and enjoy the more relaxing, perhaps less stressful activities of life. Maybe we get to enjoy the presence of grandchildren, time to travel and do all the things we had long dreamt of doing in our retirement years. God willing, we have the blessing of good health and strength, of body, mind and spirit in that last season of life. We never know what to expect in the rapid change of the seasons of life, but we do have hopes and dreams. The one thing we can depend on in every season of life is that God's presence will not depart from us, even though when we are confronted with the challenges of living imperfect lives in an imperfect world it might seem as if we are alone at times. Whatever season of life you might find yourself in presently, know you are cared for and loved by a God that knew us from our mother's womb and has a plan for our lives that is unfolding at every breath we take. My prayer, as I referenced already, is that you are in a good place, that you are strong in body, mind and spirit. As we continue in this pandemic it is vitally important that we be there for each other as a source of strength and comfort in difficult times. We have been nearly 18 months living in very stressful and uncertain times. Our hope is that soon we will emerge to the brightness of a post-pandemic life, when things revert back to a greater sense of normalcy, though what the new normal will look like is to be seen. In addition to dangers of being infected by Covid-19 or its variants, and the threat to our physical health, there is the very real and present danger it poses to our mental well-being, not necessarily just from the physical infection, but simply from living so long with our lives altered so drastically for so long. As we saw as a diocesan family last October (2020) when our bishop died so tragically, that the loss of

mental wellness is something that can affect any of us at any time. Our prayers are still for the family of Bishop Geoff, and for our diocesan family, as we continue to work through this tragic loss. At this time we have been informed that our current bishop, the Rt. Rev. Samuel Rose, on the advice of his doctor, and his family, will be taking medical leave to address his own mental health issues that he has been dealing with for the last few months. I will provide you with the letter sent out by Archdeacon Charlene Taylor, which we have been asked to share with our parishioners. With that comes our prayerful support of Bishop Sam as a parish, and I hope that you will take time each day to uphold him, his family, Archdeacon Charlene and the Synod staff in prayer. As Paul reminds us, we are many members but one body, and when one part of the body is sick so is the whole body. Here is the letter we have been asked to share:

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September 1, 2021

Dear Diocesan Family;

I pray this letter finds you and those you love well. I am writing today to share some news with you about someone we all love, our beloved Bishop Sam. After consultation with his physician and family, he will be taking a medical leave of absence to address ongoing mental health issues that he has been dealing with for the past number of months. This medical leave will take effect immediately. In Bishop Sam's absence, and with the approval of the Metropolitan for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, Archbishop David Edwards, I have been appointed to act as the Diocesan Administrator. I ask for your prayerful support for Bishop Sam and his family as they travel with him on the path of wholeness and healing. I also ask that you respect his privacy and give him the time and space he needs to be restored to health. A Prayer for Bishop Sam: May you be wrapped up in God's love. Found deep in his everlasting wings. Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now. Amen.

Blessings,
The Venerable Charlene Taylor
Diocesan Administrator

Perhaps you might want to use this prayer each day as we pray for our Bishop's health.

Rev. Randy

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF

Sept. 5th and Sept. 12th

IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Harold W. Sheppard

(September 6, 1911 – December 14, 2003)

Given by

Nina Martin-Sheppard

&

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Canon Bert Cheeseman

(July 16, 1927 – September 10, 2016)

Given by

Dawn & Family

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/MEMORABLE DATES

Pre-registration for worship will no longer be required after **September 5th**. However, should we be aware of a possible Covid case of anyone that attended our service public notice will be issued.

Sept. 8 – ACW Meeting - 7:30 pm – Church Boardroom.

Choir to resume on Sunday, September 19th, if all is well and no further restrictions are in place at that time. We have missed seeing our choir sitting in their places, and are look forward to seeing them again.

Confirmation classes will resume in early October. If you have a child, or know of someone else, please let them know so they can contact the rector to register.

The 2021 annual Flower Service was held successfully on Sunday (August 8th). It was such a good feeling to be able to gather in the cemetery and have so many attend. It was also good to see the cemetery looking so lovely, as so many commented on. Thank you to our student worker, Aiden Osmond, for his hard work getting the grass cut and trimmed. A job well done! Aiden is now finished work and we wish him well as he begins his first year of studies at MUN.

Updated diocesan Covid-19 protocols. Currently the mandatory mask rule has been lifted, and it is one's choice to wear one. We are still very much aware that there is Covid-19 in our province, so we must still be very cautious when we gather for worship. We are suggesting that masks be worn when not sitting in the pews and when coming forward for Eucharist. We will still respect everyone's private space by maintaining distance. We are encouraged by the high number of vaccinations in our province but we are still not quite where we would like to be in relaxing all the restrictions.

The Canon E.B. Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rental for birthday parties, showers, etc. We will still need to exercise care and caution when using the parish centre, and we are not yet at a point where we can rent it out for maximum occupancy, as we must still observe the rule of physical distancing. If anyone is interested in renting the Centre please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell and they will be able to inform you of the current rules around its use. These rules can change at any time based on direction from our Chief Medical Officer and/or our Diocesan Covid team.

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.

Our Food Bank boxes are still in the foyer and we welcome donations of non-perishable food items to be dropped into them. Once they are full we take them to the Pop-Up Pantry (food bank) at St. Lawrence's church.

Who is an ACW member or an ACM member? The short answer is, every woman of our parish is an ACW member and every man is an ACM member. We would love to get the numbers of active members up that attend regular meetings. Contrary to what some might think, it's not always about meetings and planning fundraisers, it is also about fun and fellowship together. We would love to see more of our ladies and gentlemen meeting together, getting to know one another better and growing our parish.

Hospital visitation is limited to only the appointed chaplain. Whenever any of our parishioners are admitted to hospital, parish clergy are prohibited from visiting because of Covid-19 guidelines. So please ask for the Anglican Chaplain, and, he will be most happy to visit you regularly during your hospital stay.

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.

The 98.5 FM frequency is always in use whenever we are gathered for worship. If our numbers inside exceed the permitted numbers, there is still the ability to listen to the service through your car radio while in the parking lot of the church.

Parish Finances is always a concern for us as we endeavor to keep up-to-date on our commitments. Last year (2020) turned out to be an excellent year for the parish financially, as all of you, parishioners of St. Philip's parish rallied to ensure the bills could be paid in the midst of the pandemic as our building was closed. We are very grateful for that, and, not many parishes in the diocese had this experience, and it happened here because of your faithfulness to God and your devotion to this parish. We are now coming to the end of the first quarter of 2021, and we want to remind everyone that the challenges of the global pandemic are still with us, our building continues to be closed down for inside worship and fundraising is non-existent at the moment. We ask everyone to be mindful of our situation and to help us keep up financially by being regular in your financial support of the parish. God bless you for all you do in the life of our parish.

Notes

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. We do encourage parishioners to go online at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

Help at recycling is needed. For many years now our men's group (ACM) has been involved in a parish recycling program. We have a trailer where recyclables are carried after they have been picked up from various locations, and a group of parishioners gather most Monday nights to sort and bag them. When enough has been collected then they are taken to the depot and turned into cash that mainly ends up in the parish budget each year. The pandemic has really hampered this work, and some of our men have not been able to get back at it yet. The other reality is that some of our helpers are not as young as they once were when the program was started. We really do need to have extra help on Monday nights in order to be able to continue this vital work, which is a service to our environment and a bonus to our budget. Seven or eight thousand dollars each year comes from this program. If you have time to help out some Monday nights please let our ACM group know or speak to the rector.

Sunday School we also would like to see up and going again. This will require several volunteers to do so. We are now looking for teachers and leaders to help with this. The date we resume will not be known until we have our volunteers in place. This is a vital part of our parish life that got sidetracked during the pandemic, that we hope to get up and going again soon. Please speak to Rev. Randy if you have an interest in getting our Sunday School up and going again.

Notice from Anglican Life. Many parishioners stopped receiving a subscription to Anglican Life / Anglican Journal at the end of 2019 as they were requested to "confirm" their subscription in order to continue receiving the paper. We continue to re-build the subscribers list for Anglican Life with much success in 2020, thanks to your assistance. Anglican Life / Anglican Journal is available FREE to all Anglican in Newfoundland and Labrador. All anyone needs to do is contact the Editor, Ms. Emily Rowe @ anglicanlifent@gmail.com or call Rev. Fred Marshall @ 709-727-4346

As part of the Columbarium beautification area of the Cemetery we are going to purchase **2 matching Garden Benches**, as the ones there now are getting the worse for wear. The benches we plan to purchase are made of recycled plastic, are very durable and heavy and can withstand harsh weather. They are approximately \$600.00 each plus tax(\$690). If there are families in the congregation who would like to donate these or contribute towards the cost please speak to Rev. Randy or one of the church wardens. Memorial plaques can be attached if desired.

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.

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>

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

Sept. 5th

**15th Sunday
after Pentecost**

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**Jesus preached the
gospel of the kingdom
and healed every
infirmity among the
people.**

**1st Reading
Proverbs 22: 1-2,
8-9, 22-23**

**Psalm 125
Pages: 884-885**

(Todd Martin)

2nd Reading

**James 2:
1-10, 14-17**

(Canon Shirley)

**Gospel
Mark 7: 24-37**

(Deacon Bonnell)

Sept. 12th

**16th Sunday
after Pentecost**

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**I do not glory except in
the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ, by which
the world has been
crucified to me, and I to
the world.**

**1st Reading
Proverbs 1: 20-33**

**Psalm 19
Pages: 725-726**

(TBA)

2nd Reading

**James 3:
1-12**

(TBA)

**Gospel
Mark 8: 27-38**

(Deacon Bonnell)

Church Chuckle

A Minister who had been blessed with the gift of humour along with the gift of teaching, began his salvation message as follows: "This is a dangerous world we live in. Yes...very few get out alive!"

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Stewardship in the Bible has to do with understanding that your life is not your own. Your life is on loan from God and God calls you to steward everything about your life for his glory and the good of others.

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. 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.

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.