

May 16th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Cecile Bradbury, Dr. Greg and Lisa Lake/Brown, Frank Burry, Trevor Burry, Elizabeth Bursey and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church of Korea.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Grand Falls, Rector - Rev. Robin Trevors and the Parish of Green Island (2 congregations), Deacon-in-Charge – Rev. Vernon Short.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, Archbishop Anne Germond and the Provincial Council.

May 23rd

Collect for the Day: Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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) Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Wanda Butler, Milton & Mary Carlson, Nicole M. Chafe, Randy & Marie Chafe, Stephen & Angela Chatman and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Harbour Breton (4 congregations), Rector - Rev. Roy Simms.

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

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May 16th and May 23rd, 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:

As I reflect this week, I am mindful that this Sunday is the last day of the Easter season as we observe the liturgical church calendar year. This Sunday (May 16th) is also *Ascension Sunday*, with Ascension Day being Thursday, May 13th. This is a very important observance in the Anglican tradition and theology. So important that we state it every Sunday when we gather for worship in both the Nicene and Apostle's Creeds, that Jesus died, rose again and ascended back to Heaven. Luke's gospel has a very lovely way of describing the Ascension, where Jesus goes as far as Bethany with the disciples, following the encounter on the road to Emmaus. Then he lifts up his hands to bless them and ascends to heaven at the same time. Ascension Day is commemorated 40 days after the resurrection and 10 days before Pentecost. The church will observe Pentecost on Sunday May 23rd, and we see this event, as described in the book of Acts to be the birthday of the Christian Church. Before Jesus ascended to heaven he promised the disciples that though he was going back into heaven he would not leave them desolate and hopeless, that he would send the "Comforter", the "Holy Spirit" to teach them and to lead them into all truth. The disciples really needed this reassurance, because, as you will recall, following Good Friday, and even after the resurrection, they were a frightened and confused bunch. They weren't sure even if they could carry on this work that Jesus had begun with them. They were in survival mode, afraid that they too would suffer and die because of their association with Jesus. The Ascension and the event of Pentecost really infused them with renewed vigor and faith, now they knew that Jesus was indeed who he claimed to be, and that true to his word Jesus was with them forever. This new enthusiasm and belief, set them on fire with the spirit of Pentecost and the world has not been the same since. For over 2000 years the Church has been marking these events, we have them in our church calendar, we do the appropriate scripture readings, but are we observing past events that are now locked into history, or are we celebrating that the Holy Spirit of Pentecost is still alive, moving and shaking the Church today? The past 16 months have been extremely difficult for the entire world, and maybe the world has not seen anything so frightening in many centuries as the pandemic we have been burdened with for so long. Like the disciples, our sense of hope and enthusiasm for the gospel may have been

diminished as a result of living under this dark cloud of Covid-19 for so long. We cannot underestimate the impact this global pandemic has on the overall physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health of all people, regardless of what faith we adhere to. If you have experienced this kind of fatigue you are not alone, it is a global issue and concern. Just like the disciples, following Good Friday and Easter Day, we are in need of comfort and reassurance that this too will come to pass. That this sense of fear and despair will be replaced with a newfound sense of peace, hope and infusion of the Pentecost Spirit that will once more be a catalyst to move us forward in faith and determination. I think we are already seeing this happening in our world, we are in a much better position now than when this pandemic was first declared in March of 2020, as more and more of the population is vaccinated. It doesn't mean that we have arrived, it means that we are on the road and moving in the right direction. Unfortunately, we still see huge numbers of infections, and, sadly many more people will die yet from Covid-19 or its variants before we emerge victorious from this pandemic globally, that is the sad reality. But, like the disciples that watched Jesus ascend into heaven, and were empowered 10 days later with the Holy Spirit, we are determined not to give up, not to lose hope, because the promise Jesus made to be with us always, even to the end of the age, is still real and relevant today. As people of faith we have seen and experienced the presence of God in our lives throughout these difficult months, we have seen God present in those who have worked tirelessly to keep us safe, nurses and doctors, political leaders, in our neighbors who have reached out to us and to others with tangible expressions of care, words of comfort and reassurance; in those who have kept our local stores stocked and open with essential items, and so many more. It truly has been remarkable in how God has been present to us through others in this pandemic. In them we see the face of God and know what it means to love our neighbors as ourselves. So, to you all, hang in there, we are getting through this, and soon our lives will be so much better. If anything wonderful has happened to you because of someone else in this pandemic, believe that it had the print of God upon it, if you have expressed kindness and generosity to others, know God was moving within you, and you were living out your faith in ways that brought the core message of the Gospel alive. Here at St. Philip's you are always in our prayers, and we look forward soon to a day when we can all be together once more without being fettered by Covid-19. Blessings to all !!

Rev. Randy

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF

May 16th and May 23rd

IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Robert Edward Tucker

A loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather

Always Remembered

**Given by
Margaret & 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

May 19 – ACM meeting - 7:00 pm - Church Boardroom.

June 5 – Tickets are now available for the Salmon Dinner (including dessert) – coming up on June 5th. The cost is \$20.00 and the meal is take-out only.

Thank you to those who completed their term of office on Vestry as of the annual meeting held on May 2nd. They include Moses and Linda Tucker, Donna and Janice Spurrell, Ruth Hiscock and Pheobe Parrell. Thank you for your service and continued ministry in other ways to the parish. **We also welcome new members of Vestry** elected at the annual meeting, Karen Puglisevich, Todd Martin, Harvey Hiscock, Margaret Tucker and Barbara Skinner.

A second refugee sponsorship has arrived. You will recall that several years ago we became part of a larger refugee committee, consisting of the parishes of St. Philip's, Paradise, St. Lawrence, Gould's and Foxtrap. The chair of the committee is Dr. Greg Brown, and includes Moses Tucker, Karen Puglisevich and Rev. Randy. They concluded their first sponsorship of a family of five in 2020 and now the second has arrived. This time we are sponsoring just one individual, a young Syrian lady named Farrah Youssef Sheikh, who has been waiting in Cyprus to come to Canada for quite a long time. She finally arrived in St. John's last Monday, and is doing her 14 day quarantine period. Farrah speaks great English, she is of the Christian faith, so we look forward to meeting her soon. Please pray for Farrah as she adapts to her new home of Canada, and more specifically Newfoundland & Labrador.

St. Philip's Annual Flower Service will be held on Sunday, August 8th at 3:00 pm. We hope to do the service in the cemetery, however, in the event of inclement weather it will be held inside. With the advantage of our 98.5 FM channel, anyone unable to walk from the parking lot to the cemetery, should be able to remain in the car and listen to the service through the radio.

Congratulations to Hayley Puglisevich and AJ Fagan on the birth of their daughter *Sophia Rosemary Fagan*, born on Wednesday, May 12th at 7 pounds 13.5 ounces. We look forward to when she is able to run around the church and make lots of noise. Congratulations as well to Karen and Val on becoming *GrandPa and Grandma Puglisevich*. Psalm 127: 4 says *"Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift"*.

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.

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.

Dr. Rick Singleton retired as the provost of Queen's College on April 30th. We join with the parishes of all three dioceses of Newfoundland and Labrador in congratulating Rick on his retirement, and to say thank you to him for the excellent job he did in the past five years of giving leadership and vision to the college. We also welcome the Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer as she took the position of Provost on May 1st. Joanne is a graduate of Queen's College, and was just ahead of Rev. Russell, Canon Shirley and Rev. Randy. For a period of time they were all students there together. Please pray for the work of Queen's College in these challenging times. +

Anyone with children for baptism is asked to speak to Rev. Randy. Because of the restrictions and very limited numbers around gathering, we continue to do baptism outside of the regular Sunday worship times.

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.

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 - Ballicatter and Eastern Health group - as long as they had documentation from Eastern Health showing their start-up plan.

We are now back to indoor worship for our 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. We are restricted to a maximum of 100 people, including sidespersons, register, organist and clergy. It is also still important that you register for Sunday worship by calling Donna or Janice Spurrell at 895-3581. If you attend on Sunday and you plan to be there the next Sunday just let them know at the registration table.

Beautification work around the site of the Columbaria has started again. Thank you to Dawn Cheeseman and Joyce Fewer for the work they have been doing there in the past couple of years, and others that have been helping them. Vestry is in the process of having constructed a story-board that will highlight the history of St. Philip's, which is a long history. As more and more columbaria niches are purchased there is a need for us to continue to enhance the area as well as the rest of the cemetery. Summer is always a time when family members are working on the graves of loved ones, we ask everyone working in the cemetery to help us keep it looking good by removing debris, and abiding by the cemetery regulations. If you see a grave nearby not being cared for, by all means cut away the grass and tend to it. Sometimes there are no family members around anymore to attend to the upkeep. Out of the 48 niches in the columbaria we have now sold 24 of them, with 24 more still available for purchase.

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.

Confirmation names are being accepted. We hope that by this Fall we can begin Confirmation preparation again. Rev. Randy will determine a date for Confirmation in consultation with the bishop once we have a list of names to begin.

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 FM Radio Frequency is up and going! For the past couple of weeks we have been availing of this new way of worshipping together safely, and keeping warm as we do so. Simply park in the church lot and tune your radio to 98.5 FM and the service will be heard through your car radio. It can also be heard by those who live in the immediate vicinity of the church building. This gift to the church was donated by the following families in memory of their loved ones:

IN MEMORY OF Arthur W Squires (By sisters, Florence Morgan (Canon Don), Winnie Lynch, Dorothy Clarke (Lewis))

IN MEMORY OF Edgar Clark (By wife Joyce and family)

IN MEMORY OF Leila Tulk (By husband Tom and family)

We thank them for this generous contribution to St. Philip's parish and we will be able to make excellent use of it.

The 98.5 FM frequency is always in use whenever we are gathered for worship. If our numbers inside exceed 100 people there is still the ability to listen to the service through your car radio while in the parking lot of the church.

Notes

Summer is approaching and after a long Winter and wet Spring we look forward to warm and sunny days to come over the next few months. Traditionally it is always a slow time for church finances as parishioners are away, camping and doing all kinds of activities. The majority of parish expenses are spread over 12 months, such as stipend, diocesan assessments, maintenance, utilities, loans, etc. so we want to remind our parishioners of financial obligations we have to meet during these slow months. Many have signed up for Electronic Giving, some make Email Transfers, some send post-dated cheques, etc. If we can all be mindful of our parish needs during the months of June, July and August our treasurer will be very happy.

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. Due to the church being closed again because of Covid, we do encourage parishioners to go online at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

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.

The food collection container at St. Philip's Church is still being used. We want to remind everyone that they can still bring donations of non-perishable food items for the container located in the foyer of the church. Each time the box is full we take the items to the "Pop-up Pantry" at St. Lawrence's parish, which is a community food bank. This is a good outreach ministry to be involved with regularly.

Please remember to abide by the pandemic protocols of the parish. When we were permitted to reopen our church building for worship we were given instructions on how to keep everyone safe. Therefore, we still require pre-registration for worship, so that contact tracing can be done if needed; please use hand sanitizers, keep a safe space between others, and wear masks. If we are vigilant in following these instructions we will do our part to keep everyone safe. We hope and pray that our province can keep moving forward without a major outbreak of Covid-19 or its variants, though it is a real threat at the moment. Let us work together to keep all our parishioners and visitors safe at St. Philip's church.

We are now permitted to have up to 100 people in church. This is good news indeed. However, it is still necessary for people to call Donna or Janice to be put on the list, as we must keep an accurate record of attendees just in case we are asked for it. As well, people from the same household are allowed to sit next to any of their 20 consistent contacts. Masks must be worn at all times and can only be removed to receive the Eucharist. Readings and sermons can be done without the mask as long as nobody is within 6 feet of lectern or pulpit. We will continue to adhere to all safety protocols as before for as long as we are advised to do so. It is working and we are seeing the results of it in our province.

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.

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Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always to the close of the age.	Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.
1st Reading Acts 1: 1- 11	1st Reading Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 47: Pages: 764-765	Psalm 104: 25-35, 37b Pages: 844-845
(Canon Morgan)	(Rev. Osmond)
2nd Reading Ephesians 1:15-23	2nd Reading Romans 8: 22-27
(Todd Martin)	(Joan Osmond)
Gospel Luke 24: 44-53	Gospel John 15: 26-27, 16:4b-15
(Deacon Bonnell)	(Deacon Bonnell)

Church Chuckle

The "Over 60's Choir" will be disbanded for the Summer with the thanks of the entire church.

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Stewardship thought for the Week

To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.

Author – Anne Morrow Lindbergh

St. Philip's parish is set up 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.

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.