

May 3rd.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth. Grant that we, mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Derek & Jean Smith, David & Fern Somerton/Ryan, Donna Spurrell, Glen & Lisa Spurrell, Janice Spurrell, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) - The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu-Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Gander Bay (3 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Gerald Giles & Deacon, Rev. Stella Mills and the Parish of The Good Shepherd, Mount Pearl – Rector, The Ven. Charlene Taylor.

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

May 10th.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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): God of glory, accept all we offer you this day and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who received this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Arthur Squires Jr., Catherine Squires, Randy & Christine Squires, Lydia Squires, Laura Hammond-Squires, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya – The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit – Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Grand Bank – Rector, Rev. Dianna Fry and the Parish of Grand Bay (3congregations) – Priest-in-Charge , Rev. Faye Coffin.

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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May 3rd. and May 10th, 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:

As I write my notes for the online bulletin for the next couple of Sundays, I reflect today on the 28th anniversary of my ordination as a Deacon in the church (April 29th, 1992), and am amazed by the present situation we find ourselves in now because of Covid-19. Over the years, prior to and since my ordination, the church has struggled with a number of issues, and, each one has been divisive and caused a lot of controversy, some which we have been able to move on from together and some not. I think of the ordination of women, the introduction of the Book of Alternative Services, and more recently the blessing of same gender marriages. Each one of these became the subject of many studies, reports written and given, diocesan and general synods, and thousands of hours of debate. It might even be that, a lot of unchristian words were harshly said on both sides of each debate which did nothing to promote the Gospel, and perhaps the opposite of that occurred. The church is an institution that has survived over 2000 years of controversy, extreme fighting (not only by words but violent, bloody and deadly), and division. Human nature as it is, we are often resistant to change, sometimes for good reason when it flies in the face of our values and faith, and, other times because we are afraid of what that change means, especially if we have to rethink some things we had always taken for granted, and see it through another lens. Despite where we sit on whatever issue the church has been confronted with in the past, or whatever may come in the future, I think that as long as we do so in a loving way, respecting the dignity of others, while being true to our own moral, ethical and spiritual convictions, we can find a way to move forward as a unified body, serving the best interest of the promotion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From the past nearly 7 weeks that the church buildings have been closed to public worship and gatherings, we have found ourselves doing "church" in different ways, perhaps through various forms of social media such as Facebook, Youtube, television programs, or simply by doing our own forms of private or family prayers in the confines of our homes. As I looked

forward to ministry past my ordination 28 years ago, I never once considered what that ministry might look like if our church buildings were closed down altogether, it was not conceivable, but here we are. How we have been feeding ourselves spiritually over the past 7 weeks is varied, and, perhaps less than the ideal, but we have managed to find a way to move forward together. In some ways we might even get a sense of the nature of the early church, as people gathered in different ways, and experienced the growth of Christianity without the comforts of beautiful warm and cozy buildings. In some ways it has caused us to pause and to reflect on what is really important in our Christian living. One of the comments I hear frequently from a lot of people who are missing the Sunday morning worship service is "*I miss seeing everyone else*", a reminder that fellowship with other Christians is vital to our spirituality. I think Jesus recognized that entirely as he called together his chosen band of disciples, and, as he sent them forward in groups to preach the gospel. So, what we do now is a necessary alternative to but not a substitute to our fellowship and communal worship. I think it may help us to be more equipped in communicating with our parishioners as we go forward post- Covid 19, a good tool to have in our mission tool-box, and, I think it has helped us to rethink the essence of *Being The Church*, in terms of what is most important. Some of the most valuable things that, perhaps, will come from this time of physical and social isolation is a greater appreciation for one another, and our dependence on each other to get us through difficult times. Also a new sense of appreciation on Sunday morning, to be able to gather together with each other to worship, and, to celebrate our faith in the risen Lord. Perhaps when things go back to normal, or the new normal, we will have recognized that we really do need that time each week to slow down and make room for worship. I think through all of this I have seen a yearning from many people to have that grounding with God in faith and worship. Be safe, care for one another and remember the church is still at work, still at prayer and you are loved by God.

(Rev. Randy)

We will ring the church bell every Sunday during our church close-down. Last Sunday (Easter Day), we joined with many other churches throughout our diocese in ringing the bells at 11:00 am. Rev. Randy heard from a parishioner after that who spoke very emotionally of how wonderful it was to hear the bell. It had a very moving impact on that person. Therefore, each Sunday that we are closed to public worship, we will continue to ring the church bell. It has great symbolism as it reminds the community that the church is still here and alive. It will help to keep that connection going with our people during this difficult time. So, if you are within earshot please listen on Sunday morning at 11:00 am for the church bell at St. Philip's.

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

Baptism services are also on hold right now! If you have a child for baptism, or have already scheduled a baptism, please know that with our churches closed down we don't know when it can occur. Do call Rev. Randy to discuss the baptism of your child.

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.

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

Rev. Randy plans to post another short worship service on Facebook every Sunday. Please share it widely with others once you see it. It will also be on the parish Facebook page.

Last Sunday Rev. Randy led service from the church door and a number of parishioners listened from the confines of their vehicles in the parking lot. If weather permits we will do so again, however, we must insist that everyone continue to maintain the principle of physical distancing by remaining in the vehicle at all times.

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 that we can all engage in.

July 26th - Please note the 2020 annual flower service will take place on Sunday, July 26th at 3:00 p.m.

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.

From our Primate: Dear friends in Christ: Recently we have heard news that the Corona virus has now spread into Canada. Many of us remember the SARS crisis and the precautions that were needed when it came close to our communities. First, our prayers are extended to those who are ill with this virus and those who are caring for them. So far there has been no call from public health officials for additional measures in public activities. However it is prudent to ensure that we have reviewed our practices in pastoral care and public worship to keep everyone, especially the most vulnerable due to age or infirmity, safe and to allay fears that may arise.

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

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I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me.	If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel	The Collect, Epistle and Gospel
1st Reading: Isaiah 30: 18-21	1st Reading: Acts 7: 55-60
Psalm 119 33-40 Pages: 870-871	Psalm 31 1-5 and 15-16 Pages: 740-741
2nd Reading: 2nd. Cor. 4 1-6	2nd Reading: 1st Peter 2: 2-10
Gospel John 14: 6-14	Gospel John 14: 1-14

This Bulletin (Mothers Day) is Given to the Glory of God, and in Loving Memory of

Ethel Rees

By

Eric, Gloria and Family

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.

This Winter has been hard on church attendance. Because of the January state-of-emergency, and a couple of other weather events, plus COVID-19, we have missed a number of Sundays. This naturally impacts our parish finances for the year which is always concerning to Vestry. We ask our parishioners that have been unable to make their offerings to please consider helping us make up the difference throughout the year.

Your continued financial support is greatly needed at this time. Even though the church is closed to public gatherings and worship services, we must still maintain our offerings to keep the financial obligations of the parish up-to-date. Rev. Randy is in the office most days for anyone that would like to drop their weekly or monthly offerings into the parish. Please call ahead first to ensure the office is open 895-0715, if no one is there leave a message and your call will be returned. You can also mail them to 20 Coady's Rd. Portugal Cove-St. Philip's A1M 1L1. A number of people over the past couple of years have signed up for automatic E-givings, where their offerings are made through their banking institution on the 15th and 30th of the month. This is an excellent way of giving at this time when we don't know how long the church building will be closed.

During this time with our church building closed down a few people are opting to sign up for E-Giving. 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 contributions bi-weekly or monthly in this way. You can also call the church office to get the form.

Rev. Randy will be at the church every Sunday morning during close-down for anyone that would like to come by the church to drop off their weekly offering. The time for this will be between 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Of course you can drop by anytime during the week as well when the office is open, or, you can mail it to the church. It is so important for us to keep up with our regular offerings to the church during this time so that we can keep all the church bills paid.

Invitation to be part of our Mission Team. As we enter into a new year (2020) we are going to make mission a big part of our congregational development. As the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador continues to emphasize the need for parishes to do some work in the area of mission, it is suggesting that every parish institute a mission team with goals and objectives to enable growth, including spiritual growth and renewal. If you have an interest in being part of this team we would love to have you join with us.

This year the ACW will be having a gift card tree as their Lenten/Easter fundraiser instead of filling a sock. The value of this tree is \$500.00. They are asking for your support by contributing a gift card of any value to their tree. The draw date will be determined later.

Interested in learning about what happens at the altar? Canon Morgan would be very interested in teaching you about it. If you would like to know what is involved in serving at the altar and the significance of it all, please speak to him. The invitation is to anyone 12 and over, and there is no obligation to be a server unless you want to be.

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.

What does the future of the Church look like? In this case of a global Pandemic, and, as we see the situation in our own nation, province and communities presently, the whole Church of every single denomination and faith are in exactly the same position. When this is all over every church will be seeking to find once again its place in the community. When we look at biblical history every desert experience ended with new hope and new life. We pray that as we come through this desert time the church will find that it has been strengthened and given a clear vision of ministry. We pray that there will be a resurgence of living faith and that the church will be bold in leading it.

Please keep our building secure. We have had no major security issues, but from time-to-time it is good for us to remind everyone entrusted with a key to the building that it is the responsibility of that person to safe guard the key, and to ensure the key is never given to any unauthorized person. Please ensure that all lights are turned out, the door securely closed and locked. If a person receives a key for a specific duty and that person is no longer in that role the key must be returned so it can be given to the new person in that role.

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).

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Prayerfully consider your Parish in your Estate planning.

Stewardship thought for the Week

***Generosity is to materialism
what kryptonite is to Superman.***

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 etransfers, 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.