

Dismissal Songs

“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.*

“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.*

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October 2023 (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 gather my thoughts, and reflect upon them for this bulletin, I am thinking about "Thanksgiving", as we are in the Thanksgiving weekend. I suppose *Thanksgiving* means different things for different people. For some it is about the simple things of life, such as family, friends, food, good health, and warm homes to live in. For others it might be about an abundance of wealth and self-centered acquisitions that money can buy. When *Thanksgiving* becomes only about ourselves, and our self-gratifying appetites, then it goes against the very reason we have a Thanksgiving Day, and, the sincerity of our thankfulness may be somewhat questionable to say the least. Being a Christian and being thankful go hand-in-hand, for to be ungrateful strikes the very heart of Christian living in a very negative way. The German mystic Meister Eckhart is reputed to have said that "if the only prayer you make is "thank you," that will suffice. Thanksgiving is the virtue of interdependence, the recognition that our achievements are not fully our own, but emerge from a network of relationships that sustain and shape us, giving us the materials from which we create our experiences moment by moment. Thanksgiving as a spiritual practice reminds us that all our gifts are communal as well individual. Our creativity and freedom, our ability to choose the good and noble, have their origins in forces larger than ourselves -- God, this good earth, and persons who have guided, protected, inspired, and nurtured us. We have a responsibility to each other and we have a responsibility to God, for we all share this planet together, decisions we make will impact others in some way, because we live in community. Thanksgiving turns us from individualism to community and to wider and wider circles of care. It is important to remember that Paul's letters, such as Philippians, were written to communities and not just individuals. Paul is imagining God's harvest emerging from a small community of faith, in which each of the members matters for the well-being of the whole. In the spirit of Paul's description of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12), the well-being of the whole and the well-being of the members are interconnected seamlessly. No one can be left behind, rejected, or neglected if the body is to remain healthy and whole. A major problem in our world today is that significant loss of corporate or communal care and responsibility, society dictates to us that we should ignore everyone else

and look out for our individual selves. Since the beginning of the pandemic nearly four years ago we have seen this societal attitude more than ever, it's perhaps one of the biggest reasons why poor and middle- class people are suffering so much with the increased cost of living - affording food, mortgages or rent, and heating those places. During the pandemic, and in its aftermath, big business, such as grocery chains, oil companies, banks, and a host of others, have made profits that have never been seen before. They have been very quick to pass the costs onto the consumers in disproportionate ways, that burden ordinary people but make them very rich. As I was watching an American news station early this morning, they talked about some of those who are on the Forbes list of the richest people in the world. Top of that list was Elon Musk, the Tesla owner, and the guy who bought Twitter and renamed it "X", with a net worth of 251 billion dollars. To put that into perspective, the earth has a population of 8 billion people, Mr Musk could give every single person on the earth a little over \$31 each. Some will call this "success"; however, the true success of a person is not how much money they have, but what they are doing with it. The danger of this kind of extreme wealth is that the driving force in our lives becomes all about *how much more I can get* and not about *how much more good I can do*. When this happens it quickly goes from success to greed. It is a known fact that the earth provides way more than we need annually to feed the world's population, however, because of greed, the poor are starving in numbers that are staggering. We don't have a problem with the poor, we have a problem with greed.

What all of this boils down to for us, who seek to follow Christ, and live our lives as a reflection of his love to a very broken world, is how thankful are we? We hear over and over in Jesus' words that love, mercy, compassion and giving are always more important than amassing fortunes on earth. The sad reality is that life is temporal, in the space of eternity it seems like a flash and its over, and what we have gets left behind. In a spirit of thanksgiving for this new life Christ promises to us we go about in this life doing good wherever we can, spreading kindness, lifting up the downtrodden, being a voice for those who have no voice, and sharing with others what God has given us so richly. I hope everyone will have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and that all of us will take the time to reflect on our own individual lives and give God the thanks for who we are, where we are, and what we have. Amen. Blessings!

Rev. Randy

Both our ACW (women's group) and our ACM (men's group) have resumed their regular monthly meetings soon. We want to issue an invitation to any of the ladies or the men to feel free to join in with the meetings, and to be part of the activities that they undertake throughout the year on behalf of the parish.

To those who hold keys to the building we want to stress the importance of ensuring the building is securely locked after every usage. As a rule, if you unlock a door please lock it after, even if someone else is in the building. Ensure all windows are closed and locked, all lights are out and the door locked. Not often, but occasionally a door gets left unlocked all through the night, so please be extra vigilant in securing the building.

Our choir and organists have resumed their weekly practices soon. If you have an interest in joining the choir we would love to have you. What a joy it would be to have enough in the choir to need to use the seats on the other side of the chancel. We welcome people of all ages.

We will be scheduling our Eucharistic Assistants again this Fall. Over three years ago, when the pandemic was declared, much of what we were doing got sidelined, such as the use of the common cup. Now that we are back to offering the common cup we would like to reactivate our EA list. If you were on the list and would like to continue, or you were not on the list but would like to do this, please let Rev. Randy know.

Rev. Russell has scheduled a prayer leaders meeting for Oct. 11 Ada Lockyer joined the group last year, and as we start up again now we are proud to welcome Brenda Gavin – Harding, a new member of our parish. The list now includes Joan Osmond, Gloria Earle, Ruth Hiscock, Ada Lockyer, Joyce Fewer Keeping and Brenda Gavin Harding. If anyone else would like to join in this parish ministry we would be proud to have you, please speak to Rev. Russell.

Canon Shirley continues to look after our Sunday readings and reader lists. In the past year we added a couple of new readers to the list, but would love to have even more. If you would like to be one of our readers on a Sunday morning please speak to Canon Shirley.

Altar Servers are needed. We welcome any young people in our congregation that would like to serve at the altar to please speak to Rev. Randy. Duties include things such as lighting and putting out the candles, carrying the cross, helping with Communion, etc. Canon Morgan did some extensive training with a group of adults as well in the past year, so we would like to get them involved in this ministry as well this year.

THE BULLETIN FOR THE Month of October

**IS GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Gerald Sharpe
(Nov. 1938 – Oct. 2022)**

Given By:

Margaret & Family



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**Hubert Mercer
(Oct. 27, 1925 – April 26, 2011)**

**A Wonderful Father, Grandfather, and
Father-in-law**

"Forever in our Hearts"

Given by:

Ruth, Karen, Carol & Families

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

October 8 - Because of the long weekend there will not be Sunday School this Sunday, October 8th. Sunday School will resume on October 15th.

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

October 14 - Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Jiggs Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 14th at 5:00 pm. This is both a take-out or eat-in dinner, the cost is \$20 each. If you would like a ticket, you can purchase them from Harvey Hiscock 709-697-5280, Gary King 709-691-3902 or the parish office 709-895-0715

October 15 - The closing date to register for Confirmation will be Sunday, October 15th. Following this date, we will announce the beginning of Confirmation classes. If you have a child or grandchild for Confirmation in 2024 you must inform Rev. Randy on or before this date.

October 19 – Congratulations! to Rev. Randy on the 31st Anniversary of his ordination to Priesthood^h.

October 21 - Our ACM will be hosting a DAMA (Diocesan Anglican Men’s Association) Breakfast With The Bishop on Saturday, October 21st. It will begin with a Eucharist at 8:00 am followed by breakfast with our bishop (The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rose) in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. There is no charge for the breakfast and **all men of the parish are invited.** So we can prepare for everyone attending please let Harvey Hiscock or Gary King know if you plan to join us.

October 28 – Congratulations! to Rev. Russell on the 32nd Anniversary of his ordination to Priesthood^h.

Thank you to Dr. Greg & Lisa Brown for sponsoring and hosting our first “Coffee Hour” last Sunday (Oct. 1st). It was a great success and we look forward to our next one on October 29th. This one will be sponsored and hosted by Ruth Hiscock and Dawn Cheeseman. We will have one every fourth Sunday. If you would like to sponsor and host a future “Coffee Time”, please check with Lisa Brown as she is coordinating them.

Thank you to all those who helped with the Sub Sandwich sale. As in the past, it was another great success for our ACW. Thank you to those who took the orders, helped cut the meats, and prepared the subs. A big thank you to those who supported this fund raiser by purchasing the sandwiches.

Children wanting to be part of the Christmas Pageant this year at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service should be attending Sunday School. In the very near future, we will be assigning the various parts so that we can start rehearsing.

Sunday School. We are asking all parents who would like to enrol their children to please speak to Rev. Randy, Lori Gosse or Stephanie Smith. We also are in need of parents to volunteer to help out as well. We hope to get everything up and going soon so that we can begin planning our Christmas Eve pageant.

The lighting project is now completed. We are pleased to say that our church building is now very energy efficient. A few years ago we did all of the lighting in the parish hall, foyer, meeting rooms, bathrooms, offices and exterior with LED energy efficient lighting. The only place left was the main part of the church, the worship space. At a cost of approximately \$40,000 the lights in this space, has now been replaced with new lighting. Some of the lights have been donated (a few are still available to donate in full or in part), and we will place plaques on the foyer boards recognizing these contributions. We are pleased to announce that we also received a federal government *Community Service Recovery Fund* grant in the amount of \$30,000 to be applied toward the cost of the new lighting, for which we are grateful. The contractor for this work was Snow’s Electrical, and we are pleased with what they did.

The roof project is also completed. We are happy to report that we now have a brand new roof above us. After more than 20 years we realized that the old shingles were not going to last another year, and needed to be replaced. Our roof is both sloped and flat, the sloped roof has shingles and the flat sections (over the foyer & kitchen) have a torch-on membrane. At first we did not anticipate doing the flat sections this year, however, once we started the project, it was obvious that these areas too were in great need of replacement. It boosted the cost of the roof by another \$22,500 plus HST, for a total cost of just over \$91000.00 but it was really necessary. For the size of the roof, we believe as a Vestry, we got the very best price we could get for this work. It also included replacing a lot of rotten wood in the bell tower, and 4 days with a crane operator as two men worked on the tower suspended in a large bucket. The company that did this work was Metro Roofing, and they did perhaps even a little more than we would have expected them to do, such as the rot in the bell tower, without charging anything more.

We are inviting musical participation for the 4:00 pm Family Service on Christmas Eve. We really enjoy the talent shared with us by young people and families as they play and/or sing at the Christmas service. If you would like to play and/or sing at the service please let Rev. Randy know.

Ballicatter - We are pleased to report that they have a full program, with an extensive waiting list of children wanting to attend. This is great news for them and great news for our parish, as they are the main renter of the parish hall. This year, because of increased operating expenses, we had to increase their rent by \$250 making it \$2250 per month from September to June. They are very understanding of this and it is the first increase since they began using our space. As a reminder, because of government regulations under which they operate, we must ensure that when they are using the space, which includes the parish centre and washrooms, no other persons are allowed access. Their usual hours of operation are from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Help needed in our Sound Room on Sunday mornings? There is a real need for volunteers to control the microphones, etc. during our morning services so that we have the right volume and everyone can hear what is being said. This would be a great thing for some of our young people to get involved with, they have lots of technical ability for sure. We would also like to get back to using our screens on a more regular basis as well. Speak to Rev. Randy about it.

Our parish received a \$30,000 grant from the federal government Community Service Recovery Fund. This money is granted specifically for the lighting project we just completed. This means that, with the donation of some of the lights, this project will end up costing the parish very little. We are very grateful for this grant, and want to especially thank our parish treasurer, Debbie, for all the work she put into submitting the application.

Columbarium niches are still available for purchase. Approximately 37 of the 48 available have been sold since they were first installed in 2016. The cost is still \$3000 (no tax if purchased from the church, funeral home will charge tax) The plan is to install more of them once these are sold, however, the cost of future units will be determined by the cost of purchase and installation at that time. Anyone requiring more information about the columbarium is asked to speak to the Rector.

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.

Parish Recycling program is something we are very proud of in our parish. This is a project taken on by our men’s group (ACM) many years ago and still going strong. Residents of the town drop off their bottles and cans at several designated sites, our men pick it up and take it to the recycling trailer, where it gets sorted, counted and bagged every Monday night. Once we have enough its placed on a trailer and taken to the recycling depot in St. John’s. In addition to keeping a lot of stuff out of the landfill, it brings much needed money into our parish budget. There is a need for extra volunteers that can spare about two hours on a Monday night (7-9 pm) to come along and help out. If you can do this, please speak to our ACM president, Gary King at 709-895-6239.

Maintenance Fund. The work we undertook this summer was possible because we had a very healthy maintenance fund, therefore, we did not need to borrow the money. Now that the work is done, we need to rebuild our fund again for future work that arises. We have been using the maintenance fund as well for the past 7 years to repay the loan we acquired to install the geo-thermal heating system. We are happy to say this will be paid off fully this coming November, for which we give thanks. We can’t stress too much the importance of building up our maintenance fund, because it enables us to look after the physical structure of our building, so that necessary work gets done in a timely fashion because we have the money to do it. Please keep being generous with your contributions to our parish maintenance fund.

If you would like to receive the rector’s messages, bulletins and other parish information from time-to-time please provide him with your email address by contacting him at the following address: lockyerrandy@gmail.com

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. www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

October 8th

Thanksgiving Day (Oct. 9)

Scriptural Sentence

“Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.”

1st Reading

Deuteronomy 8 : 7-18

Psalm 65

Pages: 785-786

(Harve Hiscock)

2nd Reading

2 Corinthian 9: 6-15

(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel

Luke 17: 11-19

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

October 15th

Scriptural Sentence

“May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us.”

1st Reading

Exodus 32 : 1-14

Psalm 106 : 1-6, 19-23

Pages: 849-850

(Lori Gosse)

2nd Reading

Phil. 4: 1-9

(Reegan Gosse)

Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; 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, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

October 22nd

Scriptural Sentence

“Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life.”

1st Reading

Exodus 33: 12-23

Psalm 99

Page: 837

(Gloria Earle)

2nd Reading

1 Thess. 1: 1-10

(Dave Earle)

Gospel

Matthew 22: 15-22

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 – Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

October 29th

Scriptural Sentence

“If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.”

1st Reading

Deuteronomy 34 : 1-12

Psalm 90 : 1-6, 13-17

Pages: 826-828

(Allie Wheeler)

2nd Reading

1 Thess. 2: 1-8

(Glenda Winter)

Gospel

Matthew 22: 32-46

(Deacon Ed 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