

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): Spring of life and Source of goodness, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God of our pilgrimage, we have found the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forth on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember): Jim & Barbara Pender, Nicholas & Melissa Pender/Hancock, Carl & Ann Picco, Louise Picco, John & Winnie Piercey and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of England, the Most Revd and Right Hon Justin Welby-Archbishop of Canterbury.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Corner Brook, Interim Dean – The Ven. David Taylor and all Provincial Hospital Chaplains.

Provincial Prayer Care. We pray for the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton.

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March 15th. 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: One of the great themes of Lent, and, the one we started with two Sundays ago, is that of *temptation*. It told the story of Jesus' three great temptations from Satan, that were thrust upon Jesus at his weakest point as he was famished from fasting 40 days in the wilderness. Of course it comes as no surprise to us that Jesus would defeat the devil in this situation, as he is the Son of God. You and I know too well temptations in our own life, and, how Satan comes to us at weak and vulnerable times in our lives, and, it might even be argued that many times we fail in resisting these temptations, to a point that Christ's Church suffers from it. One of the main reasons the church today is placing much emphasis and resources on Mission is because the Church is being battered today from within and without, and greatly shaken. We are told that there is a crisis of faith, that many people have either lost faith or has allowed it to be watered down to a point where they don't feel the need to practice it in traditional forms that include corporate worship. For leaders in the Church we might have been for much too long like Peter, James and John in last week's gospel, content to stay in that safe place. They go up the Mountain of Transfiguration with Jesus, Jesus is transfigured before their very eyes, the voice of God is heard, they encounter Moses and Elijah (who died centuries before), and they are overwhelmed with emotion and contentment to stay in that moment forever. Jesus makes it clear that there is still ministry to be done, people to be healed, lives to be changed, and it means

they must leave that sacred place and moment to go back into the world below them. Sometimes it's easy for us to stay in that safe place, behind our church doors on Sunday morning, where nothing more is expected of us. We might say this is a corporate temptation we face, and, in good times we can get along doing so. Arguably, we may not have that luxury anymore, to rest on our corporate laurels, because the very future of the Church (and not just the Anglican Church, but the whole of Christendom) depends on what we do now at this time in history. This current generation has the ability to write the next chapter of the life of the church, where it comes to life and thrives like never before, or we can simply decide to do nothing and contribute to its demise. One thing we do know is that God's Church will prosper with or without us (Anglican Church), so may we overcome this temptation that comes to us at a weak point in our lives together. As Satan tempts us individually, so too, he tempts us together, and his assaults on the Church today is like no other time before. Together we can overcome!

(Rev. Randy)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 21st. ACM Salmon Dinner, time 6 PM. Tickets available from Gary King or Harvey Hiscock as well as the Parish office.

Mar. 31st – **Will be the deadline for those wishing to be confirmed this year to register.** Again, this year the Bishop will be coming to the parish for Confirmation on December 6th. Anyone wishing to enroll in classes must be 11 years of age on or before December 31st.

Apr. 19th. - **The next available Sunday for baptism** will be April 19th. Anyone desiring to have their child baptized should contact Rev. Randy so as to be included in the baptismal preparation necessary.

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.**

**The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary**
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***Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the
world. Give us living water that we may
not thirst.***

3rd Sunday in Lent - March 15th

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Charlie Gosse
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Eucharistic Assistants – Mose Tucker & Ches Barfitt
Counters: Tom Tulk & Jeanette Osmond
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe
Altar Duty: Ethel Barfitt & Margie Tucker

Wednesday – March 18th

7:00 pm – (handout – *The Parables of Lent*)
The Good Samaritan
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe
Altar Duty: Ethel Barfitt & Margie Tucker

4th Sunday in Lent - March 22nd

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Todd Martin
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Eucharistic Assistants – Dave Bartlett & George Sharpe
Counters: Tom Tulk & Jeanette Osmond
Sidesperson: John Parrell
Altar Duty: Donna Spurrell & Janice
Spurrell

**The Collect, Epistle
and Gospel for
Today – 3rd Sunday
in Lent**

**1st Reading:
Exodus 17: 1-7**

**Psalms 95
Pages: 833**

(Ethel or Chess Barfitt)

**2nd Reading:
Romans 5: 1-11**

(Gary King)

**Gospel
John 4: 5-42**

(Deacon Bonnell)

From our Primate: Dear friends in Christ: Recently we have heard news that the Corona virus has now spread into Canada. Though only two cases are known so far (in Toronto) 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.

Here are some areas to consider in your parish:

Hygiene practices in pastoral care and worship

- Availability of hand sanitizer in the worship space for parishioners and those serving in the liturgy
- Pastoral care workers taking all precautions in personal hygiene before and after pastoral visits in hospital and homes.
- Reminding parishioners who are ill to stay at home to recover and to request home communion or a pastoral visit as desired.

If concern about the common cup is expressed:

- Refresh teaching regarding our theology of the fullness of communion in one kind (bread or wine only).
- [Sharing the national information re Eucharistic Practice and the Risk of Infection.](#)

Alternatives to common cup:

- Receive in one kind only (bread)
- Touching the base of the cup as it is presented but not consuming.
- Intinction – though this must be done properly in a manner that makes contact of the fingers with the wine impossible – preferably with a proper intinction cup. Some dioceses prohibit intinction altogether.
- Disposable individual cups – with due attention to hygiene in preparation.

I pray that our common life in worship and pastoral care will be rooted in the compassion of Christ and appropriate care for one another in a time of uncertainty.

With prayers for all: The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls

Archbishop and Primate, Anglican Church of Canada

Rev. Randy will read, this morning, a letter from our Bishop indicating some temporary guide lines around Holy Eucharist and the passing of the peace as a precautionary measure while COVID19 is a danger. Again, this is a temporary response.

Notes

Remember 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).

This Winter has been hard on church attendance. Because of the January state-of-emergency, and a couple of other weather events, we have missed two Sundays entirely and at least two other Sundays found most people snowed in and unable to get to church. This naturally impacts our parish finances for the year which is always concerning to Vestry. We ask our parishioners that were unable to make their offerings on those Sundays to please consider helping us make up the difference throughout the year.

E-giving is an excellent way to ensure our offerings are regular. We have a number of people who have signed up to make their offerings in this way, and forms are available in the pews if it is something you might be interested in doing.

As we continue our 5 week Lenten journey please join with us each Wednesday night at 7:00 pm for our mid-week service. We are using a program titled – The parables of Lent. This Wednesday (week 3) our theme parable will be *The Good Samaritan*. These services will be about 35-40 minutes in duration.

Please note the 2020 annual flower service will take place on Sunday, July 26th. at 3 PM.

We welcome to the Family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Abigail Shirley Druken. We pray God's blessing upon her.

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 after Easter in April.

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.

CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) St. John's is collecting gently used books for the annual sale, from **Saturday March 14 to Saturday April 11. New location** for book drop off: 2 Corisande Drive, Mount Pearl (Canadian Tire Building). Off Topsail Road immediately East of the Overpass. **Hours: Monday to Saturday 11am – 3pm; Sunday 1pm – 3pm** They accept fiction and non-fiction, all ages and interests in good condition. They **do not take** encyclopedias, textbooks, Readers Digest condensed books, magazines, outdated technology manuals and VHS tapes. The Great Big Book Sale is **May 4-6** at the **RE/MAX Centre**. The sale supports CFUW scholarships and community outreach.

An update on our refugee sponsorship by Dr. Greg Brown. It has been almost five months now since the Haj Ali family arrived in Newfoundland. They are settling in well. This has been a particularly bad weather winter but they have certainly had a good introduction to what our climate entails. The children have enjoyed playing in the snow and Natheer bravely navigates the icy sidewalks to buy groceries. They are beginning to understand money management and how our culture functions. The oldest child has started kinderstart and Natheer has started English classes. In conjunction with the Association for New Canadians, our group continues to meet their needs and help them adapt and integrate into Western culture. Please continue to pray for this family and for our five - church Refugee Committee. (*Greg Brown – Chair*)

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Church Chuckle

***Where is the first mention of insurance in the Bible?
When Adam and Eve needed more coverage.***



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Prayerfully consider your Parish in your Estate planning.

Stewardship thought for the Week

It is an anomaly of modern life that many find giving to be a burden. Such persons have omitted a preliminary giving. If one first gives himself to the Lord, all other giving is easy.

February financial update is available at the back of the church. This monthly detailed financial sheet replaces the weekly bulletin updates.

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.