

March 5th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) – Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) – God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) – Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Allison Winter-Wheeler, Ruby Woodward, Donna Abbott, Keegan & Krysta Au, Marianne Baker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parishes of: Catalina (6 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Eli Cross; Cathedral Parish of St. John the Baptist – Rector & Dean – Very Rev. Roger Whelan, Vicar Missional – Rev. Khaliah Kinhead.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada and the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador – Bishop Samuel Rose and Council of General Synod.

March 12th

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 for ever. 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: Ches & Ethel Barfitt and Lisa Lockyer, David & Carol Bartlett, Rev. Ed and Debbie Bonnell, Ross & Julie Brace, Dr. Greg & Lisa Brown/Lake and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of South India (United).

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parishes of: St. John the Evangelist (CB) – Dean & Rector – Very Rev. Catherine Short, Vicar Choral – Rev. P. Lynn Braye, Hon. Assistants – Most Rev. Stewart Payne, Rev. Canon Duncan Granter; Hospital Chaplains – Ven. Ed Keeping, Rev. David Pilling, Rev. Canon David Russell, Rev. Francis Elgar, Rev. Owen Holwell, Rev. Sheila Sceviour; St. Luke's Ecumenical Congregation – Ven. Christopher Fowler.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the diocese of Central Newfoundland – Bishop John Watton.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 5th and March 12th, 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:

Greetings from the parish of St. Philip's. We are now into the second week of the Lenten season, a time for deep reflection on our spiritual lives, as we focus on the life and ministry of Jesus, especially from the time of his baptism by John in the Jordan River. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he spent 40 days fasting and praying in the wilderness, and there he is confronted by the devil. At his weakest time, near the end of his 40 days of hunger, the devil comes to Jesus and tempts him three times. First, the devil realizes that Jesus is now physically weak and famished from fasting, and says to him – *why don't you turn these stones into bread?* Jesus replies – *human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.* What would we do in a similar situation? After 40 days without food would we be tempted to turn rocks into bread if we had that ability? Jesus realizes that spiritual food is much more valuable and life giving than that which satisfies a temporary physical hunger. That material things will provide some short-term satisfaction, but what satisfies a spiritual hunger is most important. When the devil realizes that Jesus is not going to fall for this trick, he takes him to the highest point of the temple, and says to him – *throw yourself off and let God's angels catch you.* In this temptation the devil himself quotes scripture ('He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.') Jesus replies – *it is written, do not put the Lord, your God, to the test.* Again, the challenge to Jesus was to **misuse his power.** But it also asked Jesus to **prove that he was the Messiah** and that God really cared for him. This question was an important one for Jesus to deal with because he would be faced with it again and again as people questioned his identity and authority. The devil is a crafty one, he wasn't done yet, next he offers to Jesus the kingdoms of the world - *Finally, the Devil offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in return for worshipping him.* Jesus replied "*Worship the Lord your God and serve only God!*" This temptation tested Jesus' **devotion to God** and also his desire for **political power.** However, Jesus showed that his idea of a Messiah was not one who had political power but one who put God's kingdom first. Finally, the devil, knowing that Jesus was unbreakable, departs from him. Jesus responds to each temptation with a quotation from the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy. This shows that when Jesus is tempted and feels he is in a difficult situation, he looks to God's word for guidance. As a result of the temptations, Jesus was stronger and more prepared for his ministry because he had rejected three false ways of carrying out his divine

ministry. Lent is a time when we consider what is important in our own lives. Is it a hunger and thirst for what the world has to offer, money, power and notoriety at any cost? Or do we put our spiritual hunger first and foremost? Just two chapters later (6: 20-21) Matthew says - *But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.* Here, Jesus is saying that if the things of the world are what drives and consumes us, we will be rich by worldly standards but poor according to the standards and values of the kingdom of God. But, if we are devoted to the kingdom of God, and doing the things that shine forth the light of Christ to a dark and sinful world, then we are pleasing to God and our hearts are right. We all know that life is fleeting and temporal, that no matter what we acquire in this world in terms of material goods, some day we have to leave it all behind. Somewhere, in all of that, we must try to find a balance, where we are thankful to God for the blessings we have, including our material wealth, but at the same time, this material wealth and goods does not define who we are, or hinder our spiritual growth. When we have much, then we have much to be thankful for, which is the case for most of us I would imagine, as we are blessed to live in a very affluent society. Wealth, and even power, can be a gift from God when we use it in the way God intends. When we have much then we can do much to for God. We can use our material blessings to do good things, we can use our power to bring a greater sense of fairness and justice to the oppressed and all those who have no voice in society and are afflicted by poverty and injustice. 1st Timothy 6:10 says – *the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.* Often times this verse is misquoted, but it is clear that money in itself is not evil, quite to the contrary, what is evil is when we allow our lives to be consumed with getting as rich as we can for selfish reasons, and neglecting to do good things for God.

My prayer is that, during this season of Lent, we will find time to reflect on our spiritual journey. Ask ourselves – *what is it that might be hindering my relationship with God, and how can I overcome it?* As we make the Lenten journey, the fulfilment of our hope and faith will culminate at Easter. I welcome each and everyone to journey with us, as the parish family of St. Philip's, each of the Sundays of Lent, our Wednesday evening services, our Holy Week services, that together on Easter morning we will boldly proclaim – *Alleluia, the Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!!!*

Rev. Randy

The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rentals. If you would like to book the hall, or would like information about rental costs, please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell at 895-3581. Because of costs, earlier this year Vestry made a slight increase to rental rates. It was a very minimal increase and the facility is still the least costly venue in the town.

A message from our hospital chaplains – whenever you are admitted to one of our local hospitals, and would like to receive a visit from one of our Anglican chaplains, please register as "Anglican" and indicate at that time that you wish to see a chaplain during your stay. Unless you do this the chaplain may not know you are there.

More help is needed with the ACM recycling program. Did you know that over the many years our ACM has been collecting recyclables they have brought over \$250,000 into the parish? Each week the recyclables are picked up from designated drop off bins in town, taken to the sorting and counting location, and counted and bagged on Monday nights. Once there is enough collected, they are taken to the recycling depot in St. John's There is a need for more help in doing this work. If you would like to be part of this very important work, and can spare a couple of hours on Monday nights, please speak to Gary King or John Parrell.

Envelope drop-off box in the foyer. The box formerly used to collect Canadian Tire money, has now been repurposed to receive weekly envelopes. This box is accessible most days of the week (Monday – Friday) in the afternoons, when the main doors are open. If you have church envelopes to drop off to the church during the week, and the office is not open, please drop them into the box next to the nursery room door. This box will be checked at the end of each day and any envelopes inside will be transferred to the office safe until monies are counted on Sundays.

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.*

More help is needed on the altar & cleaning Guild schedule. If you would like to help out with the cleaning of the church by being placed on a schedule it would be really appreciated. Please let Rev. Randy or Margie Tucker know.

Parish has Stella's Circle cleaners back again. We had been using this service prior to the pandemic, but dropped it when the churches were closed down. Three years later, and because our group of volunteer cleaners have dwindled in numbers or gotten older, it is necessary again to avail of this service. Like everything else, the cost of this service has increased greatly, and we will determine its affordability as we go. The contract now will be from February 3rd until March 31st, then we will evaluate as to whether it meets our needs and is affordable. Our snow clearing costs have also increased this year (first time in over 20 years) as well, so we will need the full financial support of all our parishioners to keep up with the additional costs.

Now that our choir is up and going again we would love to welcome new members of all ages. It would be wonderful if we could have enough members to fill out the choir pews on both sides of the chancel. In addition to singing to the glory of God on Sunday morning it is also a time of fellowship and fun each week at practice.

2023 church envelopes are available. If you don't yet have yours, please check the table in the foyer. If you don't see them there, please speak to Rev. Randy and he will provide them to you. If you are new to our parish and would like to offer regular support, please ask for your box of envelopes as well. If you would like to sign up for regular E-Giving forms for this can be obtained from the parish office or downloaded from the parish website.

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.

New information brochures for Planned Giving is available in the foyer. Kevin Smith has been the Planned Giving diocesan officer for many years but will be retiring from the position in June. He is currently going around the parishes to update the brochures. If you are interested in how you can be part of this program please take a brochure, it is also posted on the parish website.

Sunday School has now started. We encourage the children of the parish to register. We could use extra help, so we are accepting volunteer names as well.

The ACW will be doing their Lenten Sock project again this year. The socks are now available, and, as in past years, if you take a sock please try to return them to the church when you have included your contribution in them. Simply drop them into the offering plate and they will be passed on to the ACW. Your support enables our ACW to raise their annual church contribution each year.

The annual meeting was held last Sunday following morning worship and a potluck lunch. Donna and Janice Spurrell were elected to serve on vestry for the coming three years. Thank you to Bernice King for the completion of her term on vestry.

Columbarium niches are still available for purchase. Approximately 31 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.

Please keep our building secure. We have had no recent 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, garbage placed in the outside box, 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.

A call for musical talent is going out to all our parishioners. As we all know, there are a lot of people in our congregation with gifts of music and/or song, which we would like to incorporate into our worship from time-to-time. Rev. Randy hopes to hold a Memorial Hymn-Sing in March, and draw on some of our parish talent to participate in addition to our choir. This service will be held on a Sunday evening on a specific date to be determined later. If you or anyone in your family would like to prepare a hymn(s) or gospel song(s) please speak to Rev. Randy. It is our hope to be able to occasionally do some services to involve members of the congregation in this way.

Maintenance Fund: *We continue to ask our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us lower our debt on the heating system. We borrowed the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan, we are happy to say will be completely paid off this coming November. Following that we will need to keep paying into our maintenance fund on a regular basis because within the next couple of years we will probably need to replace the roof shingles, among other necessary jobs to be done. Your support of the Maintenance Fund is extremely important to the parish.*

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.
www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Our parish website can be accessed now through a **QR Code** (Quick Response Code). By scanning the code with your cell phone, tablet or some other compatible device you will immediately be taken to the parish website. We are also in the process of updating our website so it can be current. Here is the QR Code:



NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

March 5th – There will be Confirmation class today at 2:30 pm.

March 7th – ACM Meeting – 7:00 pm.

March 8th - The ACW meeting that was rescheduled from last week, will now take place this Wednesday evening, March 8th, following the mid-week Lenten service.

March 17 – **CONGRATULATIONS!** To The Rev. (Deacon) Ed Bonnell on the 19th anniversary of his ordination as a Deacon.

March 19th - Our bishop will be with us on Sunday, March 19th, for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep the following candidates in prayer as they prepare for their special day: Karey Power, Kate Power, Sydney Mitchell-Mercer, Marissa Evans, Brayden Oliver, Joel Smith, Rachel Howe, Jordan Bartlett, Ella Bartlett.

March 26th - The next service of baptism will take place on Sunday, March 26th at the 10:30 am worship. Anyone wishing to have their child baptized at that time should speak to the Rector.

April 1 – Advance Notice - ACM – Salmon Dinner.

All individuals, church and non-church groups are reminded that the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre and washrooms are not to be accessed until the after-school Ballicatter group concludes at 6:00 pm Monday to Friday and all children are picked up. This is in accordance with provincial rules that govern the Ballicatter operation. If access to the kitchen is required, please check with Michelle first. Anyone using the facility during the time the program is operating must have a code of conduct letter on file at the parish office, as well as permission from Michelle, the Ballicatter program administer.

Anyone wishing to make memorial contributions to the Sanctuary Flower Fund for the Easter flowers should do so on or before Sunday, April 2nd, as the Easter flowers will be picked up later that week for Easter Sunday. There are Sanctuary Flower Fund forms in the lobby of the church.

A little on what your PWRDF contributions are doing: We have allocated \$260,000, along with \$250,000 from our Canadian Foodgrains Bank account, to support a three-month humanitarian response project in Kenya. The emergency food distribution will be implemented by Church World Service in Maikona and Korr/Ngurunit wards in Marsabit County. Close to 90% of the people in Marsabit County have been affected by drought. Livelihoods have been ravaged, including massive death among camels, which are typically very resilient to drought. Marsabit County has been designated as an emergency since October 2022. Nationally, more than 5.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance.

A day after the 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck southeastern Türkiye on the Syrian border, PWRDF allocated \$35,000 to the ACT Alliance to support an urgent response from its members working in Syria. PWRDF began accepting donations from people wanting to help and has so far received \$88,825. We have also allocated \$5,000 to the Diocese of Jerusalem, working in Northern Syria. **YOUR PWRDF DONATIONS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF PEOPLE ENDURING MUCH HUMAN SUFFERING!**

Mar. 5th

2nd Sunday in Lent

Scriptural Sentence
The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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1st Reading
Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalms 121
(Page 882)

(Debbie Collis)

2nd Reading
Romans 4: 1-5,
13-17

(Gary King)

Gospel
John 3: 1-17

(Deacon Bonnell)

Midweek Service
Wed. Mar. 8th

1st Reading
Isaiah 55: 1-9

(Canon Don Morgan)

2nd Reading
Philippians 3: 2-11

(Canon Shirley Gosse)

Gospel
Matthew 13: 44-56

(TBA)

Mar. 12th

3rd Sunday in Lent

Scriptural Sentence
Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world. Give us living water, that we may not thirst.

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1st Reading
Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalms 95
(Page 833)

(Allie Wheeler)

2nd Reading
Romans 5: 1-11

(Glenda Winter)

Gospel
John 4: 5-42

(Deacon Bonnell)

Midweek Service
Wed. Mar. 15th

1st Reading
Leviticus 19:
13-18

(Harve Hiscock)

2nd Reading
Romans 13: 8-10

(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel
Luke 10: 25-37

(TBA)