

Oct. 3rd

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Emily McDonald, Darren & Melindy Courtney, Carol Mercer, Denise Mercer, Dennis Mercer and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church in Whales.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. St. Lawrence (St. Lawrence, Portugal Cove) – Rector, The Rev. Canon Amanda Taylor; and the Parish of St. Luke (United Church, Springdale) – Vacant.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, Archbishop David and the Provincial Council.

Oct. 10th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) 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 forever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) 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: (In Unison) 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.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Ernest & Barbara Mercer, Mildred Mercer, Millicent Mercer, Ronald & Lori Mercer, Rose Marie Mercer and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Mark, (Shearstown/Butlerville) – Rector, The Rev. Paul Thomas and the Parish of St. Mark the Evangelist (St. John's) – Rector, The Rev. Robert Cooke.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Bishop Sandra Fyfe.

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Oct. 3rd and Oct. 10th, 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 today (September 30th), I realize that in about 10 days we will once more be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving in our nation. Traditionally this is a time when we pause collectively to give God thanks for all our blessings in life. As a nation consumed with maneuvering this global pandemic we have found ourselves in for the past 19 months, giving thanks might not be weighing heavily on our minds as it once did. It is not that we are any less thankful but rather our time and energy is consumed with anxiety and worry, especially as we try to stay safe and keep our families and communities safe as well. After all these months we can understand if some are worn down, tired and even depressed. It has been an emotional rollercoaster as we go from optimism when Covid and its variants are almost non-existent in our province, to disappointment when we see outbreaks of it in areas of the province, as we saw in the past couple of weeks in Central Newfoundland. We also had our 8th death from Covid from this outbreak. We have become so totally immersed in this pandemic environment that we keenly feel the pain and sorrow of those who suffer from this virus. That is a good thing because we are called to help carry one another's burdens, to feel one another's pain and sorrow; that is one of the marks of Christians living in community. I have no doubt that prayer and support of others, even those we have never met, have made an indelible and positive mark on the world in these times. We are very thankful to those who lift us up in prayer, the world has never needed more prayer warriors than now.

So, as we approach Thanksgiving Day this year, what will we be giving thanks for? Here in the parish of St. Philip's I am very thankful that in the past year, and more especially in the past few months, we have been able to slowly and very carefully begin to rebuild our parish and community life. It was around the time of Thanksgiving last year (2020) that we were able to reopen our church building to indoor worship after a period of about 7 months of closure. We are thankful that, by strictly following the protocols set down for us by our Chief Medical Officer, and our Diocesan Covid-19 Task Force, we have been able to come together as a parish family to worship together, to break bread together and support one another in unusual times and circumstances. I realize that not everyone has returned to in-church worship yet, and I pray that in time they will feel safe enough to do so. It is perhaps

the biggest reason I still continue to live-stream the 10:30 am worship each week on Facebook.

Being "thankful" is at the very heart of the Gospel and Christian living. I love this scripture verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* I realize this is the ideal and may be much harder to do than to say, especially in the last 19 months. When Paul wrote this to the Thessalonians he was sending them a letter of encouragement in the midst of a very difficult time to be a new Christian in an anti-Christian society. To be a Christian in that place at that time was very dangerous and deadly. Whatever circumstance we might find ourselves in at the present moment this scripture verse is still relevant and timely. Another lovely verse I think of for thanksgiving is from Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:4-7 *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* I think it has meant much to us all in these pandemic times to be reminded that no matter the darkness, no matter the fear, despair and anxiety, God has been present to us and our steadfast faith has been key to getting to where we are now. The acts of kindness by others, even strangers, the compassion and care shown by our healthcare workers, the willingness of others to put themselves at risk to serve us, from our doctors and nurses to the worker checking us in at the grocery store, have been exemplary. That's what we need to celebrate this Thanksgiving, that the Lord has been near indeed. Not only in spirit but also in the hearts, hands and feet of those who have worked very hard to keep us safe and well. We often hear the words that on earth God has no heart, mind, eyes, ears, hands and feet except in us. I think we have seen and experienced that over and over again in this pandemic. I invite you on October 11th to pause for a moment or two just to thank God and to ask God to bless those who have served us so faithfully and so well for so long.

Rev. Randy

Computer Literacy Program for Seniors

Do you find computers confusing and a bit intimidating? If so, you are not alone—but help is on the way.

Starting September 28, seniors can learn the basics of using computers. This includes how to use Facebook to contact family and friends; how to search for information; how to avoid fraud online—and much more.

If this is of interest, then sign up today—no experience is required. You may register by calling St. Lawrence parish office at 895-2215. You also do not need a computer, because these will be provided. Best of all, the instruction is free.

Classes will take place once a week, for twelve weeks (on Tuesdays), at the St. Lawrence Parish Hall on Portugal Cove Road. Sessions will go from 10 am to noon, and snacks shall be provided. You do not have to attend all of the classes—but it's going to be fun, so you might want to!

This project is sponsored by the Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Lions, with instruction provided by the Community Services Council. Volunteers from the Lions will be present to assist.

The Reverend Canon Amanda Taylor, B.A.; M.Div. (Hons.)
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The Ballicatter After-school program still has openings for children that need this service. The pandemic has made it difficult for them to keep their numbers up, especially when so many parents were working from home. This program has been a tremendous benefit to our parish budget bringing in \$20,000 annually in rent. Please, if you know of any parents needing afterschool care for their children tell them about this great program we have right here in our parish centre.

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

Pre-registration for worship will no longer be required after **September 5th**. However, should we be aware of a possible Covid case of anyone that attended our service public notice will be issued.

October 16th is **World Food Day!** We are asking parishioners on that day to help us fill up our food boxes in the foyer with non-perishable food items. After Sunday, October 17th, all items will be taken to the community Pop-Up Pantry, which operates from St. Lawrence's parish. Our food boxes are in the foyer all the time and we welcome donations of food weekly, but on that day we want to make it extra special.

October 21st - **Queen's College Convocation** will be held on Thursday, October 21st 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. The guest speaker will be our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls. Rev. Randy will be robed and join the rest of the Corporation members in the procession. Please pray for those who will receive their degrees and certificates at the convocation.

ACM takeout Jiggs dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 23rd**. We had hoped this year to make it a sit-down meal as part of our larger Harvest Thanksgiving, however, because we are still in a pandemic with many regulations around gathering and serving food, we decided to make it a takeout dinner. Tickets can be purchased from ACM members or from the parish office. The cost is \$20.00 per plate and must be purchased no later than Thursday, October 21st. Dinners will be ready for pickup at 5:00 pm on the 23rd.

October 24th will be designated **Queen's College Appeal Sunday in our parish**. Envelopes will be available prior to this Sunday and we ask parishioners to place a special contribution for the work of the college in preparing men and women for both ordained and lay ministry.

Confirmation registration will be held on Sunday, October 24th, following the 10:30 am worship service. Rev. Randy will meet with the candidates and parents for about 15 minutes to complete the registration forms and to establish a startup date for classes. A date for the actual Confirmation service will likely be early in 2022.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance official lighting will take place on **Wednesday, December 15th** at 7:00 pm. As before, we will assemble near the tree, the names of loved ones in

whose memory we light the tree will be read, a prayer offered, then the tree will be lit. It will remain lit until the end of the Christmas. Following the lighting hot chocolate and Timbits will be served in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. All are welcome! If you would like to participate by submitting names of loved ones the forms are available in the foyer and can also be downloaded from the parish website.

Updated diocesan Covid-19 protocols. Currently the mandatory mask rule has been reinstated, and must be worn by everyone. We are still very much aware that there is Covid-19 in our province, so we must still be very cautious when we gather for worship. Masks must be worn when not sitting in the pews and when coming forward for Eucharist. We will still respect everyone's private space by maintaining distance also. We are encouraged by the high number of vaccinations in our province but we are still not quite where we would like to be in relaxing all the restrictions, especially in light of recent outbreaks of the virus in parts of the province.

The Canon E.B. Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rental for birthday parties, showers, etc. We will still need to exercise care and caution when using the parish centre, and we are not yet at a point where we can rent it out for maximum occupancy, as we must still observe the rule of physical distancing. If anyone is interested in renting the Centre please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell and they will be able to inform you of the current rules around its use. These rules can change at any time based on direction from our Chief Medical Officer and/or our Diocesan Covid team.

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:



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.

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.

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.

Thank you to Canon Ed and Joyce for the donation of three white crosses in the cemetery. These metal crosses have replaced wooden ones that mark three unknown gravesites behind but in the centre of the columbaria units. The crosses remind us that though these children of God are unknown to us, they are fully known by God and that once they lived among us. Canon Ed and Joyce paid for the materials and the crosses were made by Canon Ed's brother, Charles. We appreciate very much these grave markers and the spirit of respect and remembrance in which they were made and erected.

ACW fundraiser this Fall is selling tickets on a very large Christmas stocking that will be drawn for just before Christmas. Again, because of pandemic restrictions they are limited as to what they can do for fundraisers, so we ask for your generous support by purchasing tickets. Whoever wins the stocking will have a very big Christmas stocking filled with all kinds of items including gift cards, gift certificates, and so much more.

Dawn Cheeseman will be selling Christmas cards with the picture of St. Philip's church on them later. This is a fundraiser Dawn is doing on behalf of the ACW. She is in the process of designing the card and having them printed right now but they will soon be available for purchase. When they become available we will let everyone know.

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.

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

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.

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>

Notes

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.

Help at recycling is needed. For many years now our men's group (ACM) has been involved in a parish recycling program. We have a trailer where recyclables are carried after they have been picked up from various locations, and a group of parishioners gather most Monday nights to sort and bag them. When enough has been collected then they are taken to the depot and turned into cash that mainly ends up in the parish budget each year. The pandemic has really hampered this work, and some of our men have not been able to get back at it yet. The other reality is that some of our helpers are not as young as they once were when the program was started. We really do need to have extra help on Monday nights in order to be able to continue this vital work, which is a service to our environment and a bonus to our budget. Seven or eight thousand dollars each year comes from this program. If you have time to help out some Monday nights please let our ACM group know or speak to the rector.

Sunday School we also would like to see up and going again. This will require several volunteers to do so. We are now looking for teachers and leaders to help with this. The date we resume will not be known until we have our volunteers in place. This is a vital part of our parish life that got sidetracked during the pandemic, that we hope to get up and going again soon. Please speak to Rev. Randy if you have an interest in getting our Sunday School up and going again.

Notice from Anglican Life. Many parishioners stopped receiving a subscription to Anglican Life / Anglican Journal at the end of 2019 as they were requested to "confirm" their subscription in order to continue receiving the paper. We continue to re-build the subscribers list for Anglican Life with much success in 2020, thanks to your assistance. Anglican Life / Anglican Journal is available FREE to all Anglican in Newfoundland and Labrador. All anyone needs to do is contact the Editor, Ms. Emily Rowe @ anglicanlifefnl@gmail.com or call Rev. Fred Marshall @ 709-727-4346

Religious exemptions from vaccines apparently have been asked for in some Anglican dioceses in Canada. The following is a note from our diocesan office from Archdeacon Charlene Taylor: "*There is neither legal nor doctrinal authority within the Anglican Church of Canada or any of its ministers to issue the requested religious vaccination exemption*". Our position, as the Anglican Church of Canada, is that there are no religious reasons not to be vaccinated. There may be medical reasons but not religious ones, and this has been researched in depth.

As part of the Columbarium beautification area of the Cemetery we are going to purchase **2 matching Garden Benches**, as those there now are getting the worse for wear. The benches we plan to purchase are made of recycled plastic, are very durable and heavy and can withstand harsh weather. They are approximately \$600.00 each plus tax (\$690). One of the benches is being donated by Ruby, Donna and Janice Spurrell. If there is a family or individual in the congregation who would like to donate the other one, please speak to Rev. Randy or one of the church wardens. Memorial plaques can be attached if desired.

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

Oct. 3rd

**19th Sunday
after Pentecost**

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**If we love one another,
God abides in us and
his love is perfected in
us.**

**1st Reading
Job 1:
1, 2: 1-10**

**Psalm 26
Page: 734**

(Gloria Earle)

2nd Reading

**Hebrews 1:
1-4, 2: 5-12**

(Dave Earle)

**Gospel
Mark 10: 2-16**

(Deacon Bonnell)

Oct. 10th

**20th Sunday
after Pentecost**

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**Blessed are the poor in
spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.**

**1st Reading
Joel 2:
21-27**

**Psalm 126
Page: 885**

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading

**1st. Timothy 2:
1-7**

(Todd Martin)

**Gospel
Matthew 6: 25-33**

(Deacon Bonnell)

Church Chuckle

Preacher doing the kid's sermon: "What has brown fur, a bushy tail and collects nuts?" He called on one kid that said, "I know the answer is Jesus, but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me!"

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Stewardship thought for the Week

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

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.