

Sept. 6th.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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): Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and Love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Carol & Darren Comerford, Richard & Sherry Connolly, Wendy Decker, Gary & Shelley Duff, Cavell Durdle and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, The Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba – Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Southeast Labrador (8 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Gail Williams & Deacon, Rev. Jennifer Rumbolt.

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

Sept. 12th.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn 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): Holy god, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) David & Gloria Earle, Sean & Charlene Escott, Winnifred Farrell, Dean & Darlene Foote, Bill & Daisy Gibbons and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Southern America, The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of Southern America & Bishop of Argentina.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Anthony – Priest-in-Charge – Awaiting Appointment & The Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Corner Brook – Priest-in-Charge, The Most Rev. Percy Coffin.

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

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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Sept. 6th, and Sept. 13th, 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: Since our churches closed down at the middle of March until now seems like ages ago, however, under the circumstances, we persevered and made the most of it with online services and parking lot services. Though not the ideal, it at least kept us active and at worship. Some weeks our short Facebook posts saw more than a 1000 views, with a lot of positive feedback from people far and wide who felt spiritually nourished by them. Some Sundays we had more than 30 cars parked in the lot to listen to the outdoor worship services, and, over the Summer months we averaged about 22 per Sunday. Those who attended found it meaningful to get up Sunday morning and get ready to "go to church". These sure were unusual times, and, all churches were forced to be creative and think outside the box when it came to still having a powerful presence in the community. Much of our church history, especially in recent decades, have been consumed with all kinds of issues, and resistance to change, and then along comes this pandemic and everything we have fought over for so long now seems rather insignificant in the greater scheme of life. In the early 80's so many resisted the implementation of the Book of Alternative Services (BAS), and many departed from the church over it. Fast forward to 2020 and we are unable to use any book because we are not able to meet together. I think it is the meeting together that is most important of all. Prior to this pandemic many denominational churches refused to acknowledge others as partners in the greater mission of Christ's Church, and even within denominations there was not always an eagerness to cooperate and share with each other. This pandemic has opened our eyes to a clearer and greater acceptance of each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope when this is all over we will continue to see one another as children of God, equally loved and accepted by God, even though we "*live, move and have our being*" in God in different ways. It is our differences that make us unique, and combined, they can enrich our lives and the life of the church in tremendous ways. Slowly, our lives are beginning to return to some sense of normalcy, though we are not sure of what the new normal will look like. After much work by St. Philip's Vestry in working to adhere to public health and diocesan guidelines for the safe reopening of our church building, we are now pleased to say we have been given permission by our bishop to reopen

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.

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.

Light Up The Lake – Newfoundland - YOU can Shine a Light on Pancreatic Cancer! Currently, 92% of Canadians are not expected to survive their diagnosis. Pancreatic cancer patients deserve better. Help us DEFEAT Pancreatic cancer together by registering TODAY for the VIRTUAL Light Up the Lake event at Runningroom.com. Participate from anywhere! Register now, join us September 26th on the route of your choice! It is time to Light Up the Lake Newfoundland and shine a light on pancreatic cancer! Go to runningroom.com

ACW Gift Card Draw was done at the Vestry meeting on Monday, August 24th. Congratulations to Derek Skinner who was the luck winner of the \$500 in gift cards. The ACW thanks everyone who donated gift cards and purchased tickets. Approximately \$1344.00 was raised. Much needed church funds during this pandemic.

Our Bishop plans to retire at the end of this year as bishop of our diocese. This was announced publicly this past week, and an online electoral synod will be held on November 28th to elect a new bishop. We give thanks to Bishop Peddle for his nearly 7 years of Episcopal leadership and wish him well in whatever he does in the future. Congratulations to his and Mrs Peddle on becoming grandparents a couple of weeks ago.

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.

The past several Sundays Rev. Randy has conducted church services from the church entrance, with parishioners listening from their vehicles. If weather permits we will continue do so, however, we must insist that everyone continue to maintain the principle of physical distancing by remaining in the vehicle at all times.

Our parish task force is in place to work toward the reopening of our church building. We are gathering necessary items such as; hand sanitizer, disinfectants, masks, cleaners, etc. We must ensure all the protocols are addressed before we can reopen. We want to take every care to make sure that as we open again we will do so safely and not put any of our parishioners at risk.

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 in which we can all engage.

What is the status of parish hall rentals? At this time The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is not available for any rentals. In September, we will make the hall available to our major renters, The Ballicatters and Eastern Health group, as long as they have documentation from Eastern Health showing their start-up plan. Even this will need diocesan permission.

**THE BULLETIN FOR THE
WEEKS OF
Sept. 6th AND Sept. 13th IS
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF
GOD AND IN LOVING
MEMORY OF:**

**Canon Bert Cheeseman
July 16, 1927 – Sept. 10, 2016**

Given by

**Dawn, Michele and
Family**

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

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*God was in Christ
reconciling the
world to himself,
and he has
entrusted us with
the message of
reconciliation.*

**Epistle &
Gospel**

**1st Reading
Exodus 12:
1-14**

**Psalm 149:
Pages 908-909**

**2nd Reading
Romans 13:
8-14**

**Gospel:
Matthew 18:
15-20**

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*A new
commandment I give
to you, that you love
one another as I
have loved you.*

**Epistle &
Gospel**

**1st Reading
Exodus 14:
19-31**

**Psalm 114:
Pages: 862-863**

**2nd Reading
Romans 14:
1-12**

**Gospel:
Matthew 18:
21-35**

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.

St. Philip's to reopen the building on September 13th for public worship. After much preparation, our bishop has given us permission to reopen at this time based on our following all public health and diocesan guidelines. We are excited to once more, after 6 months, be able to gather together inside our building. Things won't seem the same for some time, but at least we can be together. More details will be available as we approach that date and Rev. Randy has outlined in his reflection some of the things that we will have to do as we reopen.

Recently all the exterior lighting of the building was replaced at a cost of nearly \$1400.00 We are grateful that this was paid for by a member of our congregation who wishes to remain anonymous. If you are around the area after dark you will notice a remarkable improvement to the lighting all around the building. The lighting is also energy efficient. Thank you for this gift to the parish, it was well needed and also improves safety for those using the building after dark.

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).

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.

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.

Church Chuckle

Who is the smallest man in the Bible?

Peter, because he slept on his watch!

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Real charity doesn't care if it's tax deductible or not.

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.

