

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; 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): God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives that we may show your glory to all the world in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember): Tanya King, William Lamswood, Bernadine Lawlor, Cyhnthia LeRouxl, Winnie Lynch and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the *Anglican Church of Burundi, The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho – Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba*

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for: The Parish of Bay St. George(4 congregations)-Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Norman Cutler and the Parish of Belleoram(5 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Tryphena Vallis and the parish of Bell Island, St. Cyprian & St. Mary, Wabana – Rector , Awaiting Appointment.

Provincial Prayer Care. We pray for the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land, Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 2nd, 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:

Rector's weekly reflection: There is no doubt that the place of the church in modern world has changed over the years. Many recall a time when the church was the focal point of the community, and, the clergy were in positions of power and authority in every aspect of community life. Perhaps that kind of control was never good for anyone, and, as society evolved, the church struggled to maintain its place. We must never be discouraged because God desires nothing more from any generation than to be faithful in all things which He calls us to do. One thing is for certain, the Church's position in society may have changed, but the ministry God calls us to do is as relevant now as it ever was. These are exciting times we live in because much is happening around us that demands a response from the Church. In this time of *Mission thinking* & doing the harvest fields are certainly ripe but, again, as in Jesus' day – the labourers are few. One thing we know for sure is that God is calling us out of the comfort of our warm buildings and pews to shape a new kind of ministry out there in the wider community, and, that can be a frightening venture for sure. The good news is that, as God calls us, He also equips us for the ministry to which He calls us. In the gospel where Jesus calls his disciples (Jn. 1:43-51), he shows us a very simple way to be effective in reaching out to others and making a difference in the world. Jesus simply says to Philip "*follow me*", and Philip goes to Nathaniel and says "*come and see*", and, from these simple acts of obedience begins the Christian Church. We need to be tuned in to the voice of Jesus speaking to us, instructing us to *follow Him*, and to invite others to *come and see*. That's how the ministry of Christ is done and that's how we invite others to share in it.

What is Christ prompting us to do right here in this community and in this parish of St. Philip's? We don't need a lot of power and prestige to do it because we will be empowered by God's Holy Spirit to do great things. We also have that beautiful story of the Beatitudes from Matthew's gospel today, also known as *The Sermon on the Mount*, where Jesus is on a hillside speaking to the people about how to live life as his follower. It is so full of imagery and spiritual grace, and it was among the people. Think about it in the coming week, and, consider what gift or talent you might have to share in this great work right here at St. Philip's.

(Rev. Randy)

Next Sunday February 9th has been designated as *Queen's College Sunday* throughout all three dioceses. This is an opportunity for us to draw attention to the work of Queen's College in both, educating and training Lay people for congregational leadership, and men and women for ordained ministry. Queen's College has been doing this work of providing training for ministry since 1841, imagine that – our college has been in operation for the past 179 years. Our parish, like many in NL and all over Canada and beyond, have had many priests and deacons serve here faithfully. Rev. Randy, and all of our associate clergy came through Queen's College, we have some of our own parishioners that went on to train at Queen's and currently serving in this diocese and others, such as The Rev. John Sharpe, Archdeacon Julie (Hiscock) Brace and The Rev. Moses (Justin) Tucker, to name some. Next week there will be special envelopes in your bulletins for the work of Queen's College, please consider making a generous contribution to be placed in the offering plate on the following Sunday.

Other Dates to Remember

Feb 16th - General DAMA (Diocesan Anglican Men's Association) **meeting, supper & service** will be held at The Church of The Good Shepherd, Mount Pearl on Sunday, February 16th. The meeting is at 5:00 pm followed by supper at 6:00 pm and a church service at 7:00 pm. There is no cost for supper and all men of the parish are invited to attend. If you plan on attending please let Gary King (our ACM president) know at 691-3902.

Feb 23rd – Sunday, February 23rd, has been designated as *Mission Sunday* throughout the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador. This is part of trying to get all our parishes involved in the area of mission, and trying to strengthen our congregations and faith community in all areas of church life.

Feb 25th - The next ACW Card Game will be held on Tuesday, February 25th, at 8:00 pm following the Pancake Supper. The cost is \$5.00 and lunch will be served. This will be the last card game until after Lent & Holy Week.

Feb 26th- Lent will be here in about 4 weeks! It seems like Christmas was just here and now we are already thinking ahead to Lent & Easter. We begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th, with our service of Ashes & Holy Eucharist. Following that we will have our mid-week Lenten service every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. This year we will follow a program called *The Parables of Lent*. We hope you will journey with us through Lent.

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.

What about all of us?

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

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**Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven.**

**4th After Epiphany – February 2nd &
Presentation of the Lord**

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – Todd Martin

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

*Eucharistic Assistants – Dave Bartlett & George
Sharpe*

Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas

Sidesperson: Todd Martin

Altar Duty: Margie Tucker & Martina Tucker

**5th After Epiphany – February 9th &
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – Ches Barfitt

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

*Eucharistic Assistants – Harv Hiscock &
Debbie Collis*

Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

Altar Duty: Ruth Hiscock & Karen Puglisevich

**The Collect, Epistle
and Gospel for
Today – 4th After Epiphany
& Presentation of the Lord**

**1st Reading:
Micah 6: 1-8**

**Psalm 15
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(Joan Osmond)

**2nd Reading:
1st Corinthians 1: 18-31**

(Rev. R. Osmond)

**Gospel
Matthew 5: 1-12
(Deacon Bonnell)**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 9th -Deadline for annual reports to be submitted in preparation for the annual meeting.

Feb. 12th - Because Rev. Randy will be away, the next bible study will be on Wed. Feb. 12th at 7:00 pm.

Feb. 15th - **Parish Valentine Dance** will be held in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre on Saturday, February 15th at 8:00 pm. The cost of admission is \$5.00

Feb 16th - **The next available Sundays for baptism** will be February 16th and March 8th. Anyone desiring to have their child baptized should contact Rev. Randy so as to be included in the baptismal preparation necessary.

Feb 18th – The next ACM (Annual/Dinner) meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 pm.**

Feb. 23 - **As we enter 2020 we now start to prepare for our annual congregational meeting** which will be held on **Sunday, February 23rd**, following a Pot-Luck lunch. We are always interested in welcoming new members to our Vestry as others conclude their three year terms. If you would like to be a member of Vestry please let Rev. Randy know, and allow your name to stand for nomination at the annual meeting.

Feb. 25th - **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 25th**
Doors open at 5:45 – Supper at 6:00pm
Pancakes, Sausages, tea/coffee. Cost \$10.00. Children six and under free. Tickets will be available soon. Anyone wanting to donate items for the supper, such as sausages, pancake mix, etc., your donation will be greatly appreciated.

March 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.

**This Bulletin
is Given to the
Glory of God and
In Loving Memory of:**

Cheryl Rouse

**Given by
Husband , David**

And

Harvey Sharpe

**Ever remembered by Mary,
Cheryl & Beverly**

**Given by
Mary Sharpe**

Notes

Rev. Randy is away this week and will be returning early Friday morning. In case of emergency our associate clergy will be available, otherwise please leave a message on the office voicemail and Rev. Randy will call you back on his return. Our church wardens will be available to receive your calls as well and put you in touch with our associate clergy if need be. Please call Harvey Hiscock at 697-5280 or Gary King at 691-3902. Today Rev. Russell will be celebrating at the 8:30 am service and Canon Shirley & Canon Don & Deacon Ed will be sharing the 10:30 am service today. We are very grateful to have such devoted associate clergy at St. Philip's – Thank you for your service to us!!

Anglican Parish of the Good Shepherd in Mount Pearl, NL at 111 Richard Nolan Drive want to welcome all men and clergy of our diocese to the winter DAMA dinner, meeting and worship on **Sunday February 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** In preparation for this meeting we would like for anyone to forward any items of discussion to Gary King (president) at gary.f.king@hotmail.com or call him @ 709-691-3902.

Many people are signed up with our Direct Giving Plan, which enables them to make direct offerings through their banking institution on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. That means that if you are away your church is still receiving your regular offerings, which ensures the parish is able to meet its monthly financial commitments. Forms for this are available from the parish office.

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Eastern Health's Pastoral Care, Ethics & Bereavement Services Department invites people grieving the loss of a loved one to join an 8-week Bereavement Information & Support Group. There are two timeslots available. The first timeslot meets at Health Sciences Centre and begins **January 23, 2020**. Sessions are held Thursday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The other group option meets at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital and begins February 3, 2020. Sessions are held Monday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For more information, or to register, please contact the Pastoral Care Office at 777-6959 or Scott Parsons at 777-7611 (Health Sciences) or Jenna King-Poirier at 777-5908 (St. Clare's). **(More information can be found on the church bulletin board in the foyer)**

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.

Memorial bulletin forms are available in the rack in the foyer for anyone wanting to place the bulletin in memory of loved ones. The forms are in the envelope, simply fill in the information, enclose your donation and drop it in the plate.

Vestry financial reports will now be provided in the bulletin on a monthly basis rather than weekly. This report will be given on the Sunday following each vestry meeting and will be for the previous month.

Envelope boxes are still available for pickup in the foyer. Most of them are already taken but there are still some. If there are any there belonging to your family or neighbors please deliver them. If you did not receive your box of envelopes, or you are new to our parish and would like a box, we have plenty. Call our Envelope Secretary, Charlie Gosse at 895-0585 or the parish office at 895-0715

In our efforts to be environmentally friendlier and to have our church more energy efficient all the lights in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre, the kitchen and the foyer have been replaced with energy efficient LED lighting. Many thanks to our warden, Gary King, for taking on this project in two stages and completing it. Our next focus in the coming year will be to study the lighting we have in the main part of the church and see how they too can be replaced. This will be a significantly greater undertaking we expect, but, no doubt as always the congregation will support it. In this time of being more conscious of our world, and trying to ensure that the planet is preserved for our children, grandchildren and future generations yet unborn, the church has a duty to be environmentally friendly. So, we are pleased to do our own small part in that by ensuring we decrease our energy consumption as much as possible, and to be better stewards of God's creation.

We need to increase our regular envelope offerings in 2020. Of course we were able to meet our 2019 parish budget, however, our regular envelope offerings were slightly lower than we had budgeted at the beginning of the year. We would like to see many more of our congregational members that did not contribute anything in 2019 to consider doing so this year. Thankfully we had an excellent year with rentals from the Canon EB Parish Centre which is a big chunk of our annual income. We must get our regular offerings up because we may not always have this rental income to depend upon. We encourage those who are not currently contributing to consider doing so, and, more than that to get involved in our parish life.

Church Chuckle

Noah's remark as the animals boarded the ark, "Now I've herd everything."



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Prayerfully consider your Parish in your Estate planning.

Stewardship thought for the Week

A checkbook is a theological document; it will tell you who and what you worship.

Additional Sides persons are needed! Currently we have about 5 teams that alternate, which means each group is on duty one week out of 5. A couple of the teams need additional help because their numbers are smaller. Duties include greeting parishioners and visitors on Sunday morning, raising and taking down the flags, passing out service books and bulletins, taking up the offering, ringing the bell, etc. If this is something you would consider doing please speak to Rev. Randy. Youth are also invited to be a part of this important ministry.

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.