

Jan. 8th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) – Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) – Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Richard & Sandra Squires, Rita Squires, Roger Squires, Shirley Squires, Tony & Millicent Squires and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Military Ordinariate (Rev. Canon Jennifer Gosse; Rev. Dennis Newhook; Rev. Beverly Kean-Newhook; Rev. John Hounsell Dровер; Rev. Jennifer Renouf; Rev. Canon Shawn Samson; Rev. Canon Kris Gosse; Ven. Terry Caines) – Parish of The Ascension (Vacant) – Parish of Living Water - (3 congregations) – Rev. Renee Easton.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada and the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Bishop Sandra Fyfe.

Jan. 15th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) – Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, receive we pray, all innocent victims into the arms of your mercy. By your great might, frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) – Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Preserve your people from cruelty and indifference to violence, that the weak may always be defended from the tyranny of the strong. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) – Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us this day at the table of life and hope. Teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Viola Squires, Kelly Squires & Francis Bartlett, Don & Sandy Stevens, Derek & Ellen Stevenson, Jackie & Duanne Strickland and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Bay d'Espoir (2 congregations) – Deacon, Rev. Sandra Roberts; and the Parish of Bay de Verde (3 congregations) – Rev. Michael Carruthers.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada and the Diocese of Québec, Bishop Bruce Myers

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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Jan. 8th and Jan. 15th, 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:

How quickly the years seem to pass, it's hard to believe that we are now into 2023. As we look back over the past three years, no doubt it is with a mixed bag of experiences and emotions. It's hard to overstate the impact Covid-19 and the pandemic had on our overall mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health and well-being. It has been a very difficult time for everyone, and our hearts go out to those who got critically ill or lost loved ones through Covid. As we begin to make our way through this new year, we are still very concerned with the virus and other variants of it, however, through the blessings of vaccines and boosters, we are cautiously able to pick up some of the routines of our lives before the pandemic. It was a marvelous thing this Christmas, to be able to open our church, and have the family service attended with so many people. There was a sense of excitement in the air that had been missing for the previous two Christmas's. Christmas of 2021 saw but a few of us in the building leading the service with just a few more listening through their radio frequency (98.5 FM) in the parking lot. Christians, by virtue of who we are, are not meant to live in isolation from other Christians. We belong to a much larger family, the family of God, and anytime relationships are negatively impacted and interrupted, we are greatly affected spiritually. The greatest example of collective and corporate worship and ministry is given to us by Jesus. When Jesus began his ministry, the first thing he did was to call together a band of disciples, then he sent them out in groups to spread the gospel message. These early followers knew that the success of the gospel would be determined by how successful they were in forming communities. St. Paul, in his epistles, was prolific in his letters to newly formed Christian communities, such as, Thessaloniki, Colossae, Ephesus, Rome, Philippi, Corinth; however, there was also a host of other newly formed Christian communities he was writing to and visiting, such as, Dalmatia, Damascus, Antioch, Jerusalem, to name a few. Paul knew the importance of encouraging these newly formed Christian communities. Part of what we do, when we come together each Sunday morning, is to strengthen our sense of community and fellowship. That's why we always feel better when so many of the pews are filled, because we encourage one another, and the more of us there are than the healthier our church family becomes.

Spiritual growth is a combination of personal faith and prayer, and corporate worship when the whole family of God is together. The family of God, the Church, is similar to most family units, we are happier and more fulfilled when we are together. Think about Christmas, how excited we are when family members living away, perhaps we haven't seen them in a long time, finally make it home for Christmas. It really brings the home alive and lifts our spirits. That's how we should be in our church family as well, we should be very excited when those we haven't seen for awhile returns to the family gathering.

I hope that's how 2023 will be for us in the parish of St. Philip. That many we haven't seen in the last three years of the pandemic will rejoin us once again, that we may rejoice in the unity of the body of Christ, as we know and experience here in our church life. I frequently take out the parish list and go down through it, saying a prayer for each individual or family on it. Some I haven't seen for awhile, but hope and pray will join us again soon. When it comes to what is most important in our parish life, it's not the building, it's not about keeping up the cemetery or making our bank account larger, and these are important things, what is most important is each and everyone of **YOU!** Without you and many others coming together on Sunday morning, we cannot truly be the body of Christ. A body is healthy when all members of the body are working together. You are a member of the body of Christ, you are important, and you are needed. As we start this new year, I encourage you to consider making Sunday worship a regular part of your busy weekly schedule, setting aside that time for yourself and your church family will make you feel wonderful, and it will strengthen the life of our parish. May 2023 be a year filled with blessings for you and your family, and may our unity as a church family bring all of us great joy and blessing!

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.

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 know or one of the ACW ladies.

Confirmation classes are up and going and we meet Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm. Rev. Randy is still accepting candidates until the end of November.

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 signup 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.

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.

The busy season of Christmas is over. Now we are into the season of Epiphany, commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. It reminds us that Jesus, the Messiah, came to bring light and peace to the whole world and to all peoples. As we put away the Christmas decorations let us keep alive the message of Christmas, and strive for peace and light in our lives and in the world around us.

A call for tenders has gone out for the replacement of our current lighting system. In the past couple of years, we have become keenly aware of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, and to lead by example. A couple of years ago we replaced all the lighting in the parish hall, foyer, bathrooms, offices, boardroom and other smaller rooms, with more energy efficient LED lighting. Our greatest electrical cost now is the lighting in the main part of the church. We are aware that LED lighting will reduce our carbon footprint and lower electrical costs. This is simply a Request for Proposal (RFP) and no final decision has been made until the tender closes 9Jan. 31st). If the vestry decides to move forward on this project to replace the current lights with new ones, we will first seek diocesan approval to do so, and provide members of the congregation with all the information, and welcome donations toward the project.

The parish had a good year financially. A detailed financial report will be made available at the end of February, however, we are happy to say that the parish ended 2022 on a very positive note. We are very thankful to everyone who made contributions in the past year, and supported the fundraising efforts of both our ACW and ACM. In determining parish assessments to the diocese, based on a three-year formula (2019, 2020, 2021) our parish was one of a very small number (maybe even the only one) who saw an increase in financial resources over the course of the pandemic. Federal government wage subsidy received by churches is not part of assessments, so these assessed amounts are only envelope offerings and fundraising events. **Thank you for making this possible.** We look forward to another good year coming up.

A project to replace all the current lighting in the main part of the church building. Over the last couple of years, we have replaced much of the lighting in the building with less expensive and more efficient LED lighting. We were able to do this easily and at a nominal cost. We realize that much of our electrical costs annually comes from the lights we have in the nave and sanctuary of the church. As we look to the near future, when it is expected that electricity rates will increase significantly, we are looking for ways to reduce our consumption. The Anglican Church of Canada is also emphasizing our need to be ever more conscious of our responsibilities as good stewards of God's creation, and to do whatever we can to reduce our carbon footprint. At the moment vestry is interested in obtaining quotes from qualified electricians so as to get an idea of what the cost will be to transition to new and improved lighting. Once we are ready to proceed with the work, we hope the whole congregation will support the project financially.

If you would like to receive the rector's messages, bulletins and other parish information from time-to-time please provide him with your email address by contacting him at the following address: lockyerrandy@gmail.com

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.

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:



<u>NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES</u>	<u>THANK YOU</u>	<u>THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF</u> Jan. 8th and Jan. 15th IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN LOVING MEMORY OF William (Billy) Lamswood Remembered by: <i>Calvin Lamswood</i> ❖ IN LOVING MEMORY OF <i>A Dear Husband, Dad & Pop</i> Edgar Clark (January 16, 2018) Lovingly Remembered by: <i>Wife, Joyce and Family</i>	Jan. 8th The Baptism of the Lord Scriptural Sentence (Page 348) <i>A voice came from heaven, saying "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."</i> 1 st Reading Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 29 Page: 738 (Debbie Collis) 2 nd Reading Acts 10: 34-43 (Gary King) Gospel Matthew 3 : 13-17 (Deacon Bonnell)	Jan. 15th 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany Holy Innocents (January 11) Scriptural Sentence (Page 398) <i>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</i> 1 st Reading Jeremiah 31: 15-17 Psalm 124 Page: 884 (Canon Don Morgan) (no appointed 2 nd reading) Gospel Matthew 2: 13-18 (Deacon Bonnell)
<p>January 9th – Sunday School registration. In the coming week Rev. Randy will meet with the small group that have agreed to help with Sunday School, and we will determine a date to get started. Because we have been dormant for the last three years, it will require some time before we get back to where we would like to see it. The important thing now is to make a start and go from there. If you have a child or grandchild you would like to see enrolled, please speak to Rev. Randy.</p> <p>January 11th – Next ACW meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30 pm.</p> <p>January 17th – The Vestry meeting originally scheduled for January 10th, has now been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 17th. The change was made to give our parish treasurer more time to finish year-end matters and officially close the books for 2022.</p> <p>February 26 - Annual meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, February 26th, following the morning worship. We hope this year to get back to a more normal time by having a pot-luck lunch before the meeting. All reports to be copied for the meeting should be passed on to the Rector by February 15th. If you would like to serve on vestry, please submit your name for election at the meeting.</p>	<p>THANK YOU</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cost of cremation for Donnie Tucker. Donnie passed away suddenly in St. John's back in November, and was found in his little downtown apartment, after he was missed playing his accordion on the streets there. Nearly a month later we discovered that his body was still in the morgue because there was no money to pay for his cremation. Rev. Randy sent out the message in the parish and on social media, and many parishioners, and even some with no connection to our parish, stepped up and made donations to pay for the cremation. The full cost of the cremation (\$2400) was quickly raised, and we are happy to say, Donnie has now received the dignity of preparing his remains for his final resting place. At a later date Rev. Randy will conduct a graveside service to lay Donnie's remains to rest in his father's grave. There have been so many people speaking positively about how good it was for our parish to take this on, as it truly speaks to what the church is and should be about. Thank you everyone for your compassion and generosity.</p> <p>Thank you to our ACM & ACW for their hard work in 2022. At the Christmas service they were able to present the church with a combined contribution of \$25,500.00 This is indeed marvelous, and a testament to all they do in the life of our parish. Thank you to everyone who supported their efforts, we ask you to continue to do so in 2023.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone that donated Christmas gifts for Ukrainian families. Rev. Randy dropped them off to the Association for New Canadians (ANC) and from there they were passed on to the families. Rev. Randy checked with the ANC after and was told that those who received the gifts were extremely happy to get them.</p> <p>Many thanks to Charlie Gosse for the fine work he did for the past 14 years as our Envelope Secretary. We really appreciate all that he did and his faithfulness in always being present at Vestry meetings to present his reports. We are also pleased to welcome Marie Chafe as our new Envelope Secretary.</p>	<p>THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF Jan. 8th and Jan. 15th IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN LOVING MEMORY OF William (Billy) Lamswood Remembered by: <i>Calvin Lamswood</i> ❖ IN LOVING MEMORY OF <i>A Dear Husband, Dad & Pop</i> Edgar Clark (January 16, 2018) Lovingly Remembered by: <i>Wife, Joyce and Family</i></p>	<p>Jan. 8th The Baptism of the Lord Scriptural Sentence (Page 348) <i>A voice came from heaven, saying "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."</i> 1st Reading Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 29 Page: 738 (Debbie Collis) 2nd Reading Acts 10: 34-43 (Gary King) Gospel Matthew 3 : 13-17 (Deacon Bonnell)</p>	<p>Jan. 15th 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Holy Innocents (January 11) Scriptural Sentence (Page 398) <i>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</i> 1st Reading Jeremiah 31: 15-17 Psalm 124 Page: 884 (Canon Don Morgan) (no appointed 2nd reading) Gospel Matthew 2: 13-18 (Deacon Bonnell)</p>