

Nov. 20th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) - Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) – Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) – Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. 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: Mary Sharpe, Shirley P. Sharpe, Steve Sharpe, Tony & Sharon Sharpe, Tracy & Blair Sharpe and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the College of Deacons in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and the Vocational Deacons serving the Dioceses of Central and Western Newfoundland. We pray that renewal will abound as we seek to recapture this historical Order of Ministry in the Church of God.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Western Newfoundland - Bishop John Organ and Synod Office Staff.

Nov. 27th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) – Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; 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) - God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) - God for who we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Howard Sheppard, Margaret Sheppard-Boone, Jennifer & John Shik, Keith Skanes, Una Skanes and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Trinity/Port Rexton – Rector, The Rev. John Sparkes (7 congregations); and the Parish of Twillingate – The Rev. Gerald Giles and Rev. Christine Hoffe (3 congregations).

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Western Newfoundland - Bishop John Organ and Synod Office Staff.

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Nov. 20th (Year C) and Nov. 27th, 2022 (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 St. Philip's parish. It's hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the end of another year, and still harder to believe that we have not yet emerged totally from the global pandemic. There are strong indications that we are getting there, such as the return to nearly normal daily lives as we work, shop, socialize and worship. Yet, the reality is we are still living with Covid-19 around us, and, in addition to that we are now in the flu season, and seeing an increase in other respiratory illnesses as well. A couple of weeks ago, I had the good fortune of being able to receive both my Covid booster and annual flu shot at a Sobeys pharmacy right on the spot, and would recommend getting the shots to everyone. A few years ago, getting the flu shot was not a high priority for me, however, as I creep up in the age group that are beginning to be at higher risk of contracting viruses, I am much more conscious of it, and making the effort to get as much protection as I can. After nearly three years of being in a pandemic, we realize that life had to return to some sense of normalcy, but we must still be vigilant and do what we can to protect ourselves and others around us.

Here at St. Philip's parish, we are gradually getting there, but we are still waiting for many of our church family members to rejoin us, and, if you are one of those, please know we have missed you, and are so looking forward to you reconnecting with us again soon. We are stronger when we are together, and the church is a more powerful instrument of God's love to the world when we worship together, grow together, and live together in faith.

We are now just one week away from the season of Advent, and the beginning of another new liturgical year. The church always starts its new year with the season of Advent (not to be confused with an ordinary calendar), and we switch from Year "C" to Year "A" with our lectionary readings and collects. The word "Advent" literally means "Coming", a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the nativity of Christ at Christmas, and the return of Christ at his second coming. Advent is the perfect time for us to make our return to church, and to make a new beginning. We have four weeks of Advent, and the church has long invited us to use these weeks as a time of deep reflection and meditation, as we prepare to welcome the Christ – child anew into the world at Christmas. A time for us to think about the kind of

world Jesus was born into, the Incarnation story, why God needed to come among us in human form, and what kind of world we live in today, and the promise that he will return again.

If we look at the world around us today, perhaps it bears some semblance to the kind of world Jesus was born into over 2000 years ago, despite the immense advancement of science and technology. God saw that humanity had strayed so far off track, so far away from God's desire for the world, so morally and ethically removed from Godly living, that the only solution was to come among us, to live as one of us in order to lead us back to God. Arguably, humanity has gone off track again in many ways, at least that's what I see when I look at global affairs and relations. In the last number of decades, we have less and less people identifying as Christians, and more and more not adhering to any religion or faith at all, and no longer see the church as being important or relevant to their lives. That, no doubt, has contributed to the challenges that the Christian Church faces today, as it struggles to survive and make a difference in the wider community. Albeit, the Church probably needs to be looking inwardly, divesting itself of the things that have become obstacles to proclaiming Christ to a broken world, in order to be all that we can be to God's people. What is the Church? Simply put, it is us, you, me, and everyone else that gathers Sunday morning to be fed and nurtured by Word and Sacrament; and, because the Church is comprised of human beings (albeit, Spirit-led) it is by its very nature imperfect and flawed. The good news is, that God never planned a perfect Church, but, rather, a place where we can come to find refuge from an often dark and dangerous world, to acknowledge our sins, our brokenness, and to be healed by the cleansing power of God's forgiveness, grace and mercy. The Church is not perfect, never has been, never will be, but it's what Jesus instituted, and ordained to be his instrument of peace, proclamation and healing in the world. It is when we come together that the Church becomes all that it's meant to be, and we become more and more who God created us to be.

I hope, as we begin the season of Advent, that you will choose to join us on this journey of faith, as we once more prepare to celebrate God's greatest gift to the world, the gift of Jesus Christ. He truly is **The Gift That Keeps On Giving!**

Rev. Randy

Our Parish Vestry is engaged in the area of Mission. In accordance with diocesan direction, we want to look at ways in which we can ensure our parish remains viable and sustainable well into the future. We hope to be able to focus on some areas of parish life that we can strengthen and enhance. In accordance with our parish mission statement, we want to also look at ways we can be the church to the wider community. The mission of our parish is of importance to all of us, so we want to hear from any of our parishioners that might have ideas to share, that will grow our parish and enable us to do effective ministry in the church and in the community. If you have ideas to pass along to us, simply write them down and pass them along.

St. Philip's Mission Statement: God's people in the parish of St. Philip, in a covenant relationship with God, through baptism, are called:

- To be fishers of people, in response to the call of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- To be a House of Prayer.
- To be a Centre for Christian Teaching.
- To be Disciples in Learning.
- To be a fellowship of Loving and Sacrificial Service.
- To be witnesses to our Lord's love through word and example.

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 brotherly 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.*

The 2023 church calendars have arrived. Even though this year they have increased in price, we will still sell them for \$5.00 each. They were never meant to be a fundraiser, so at \$5.00 each we will break even. There is a limited number available and they can be purchased from the parish office.

The Christmas cards, depicting our church, produced by Dawn Cheeseman, are available again this year. A package of 5 cards is \$10.00 If you would like to order your cards again this year please speak to Dawn at church or call her at 685-4851 and she will gladly deliver them. Last year \$900 was raised from Dawn's project and all proceeds go to our ACW.

Children can now sign up to take part in the Christmas pageant. Even though our Sunday School hasn't officially started yet, we are preparing for a short program that the children can do at the Christmas Eve family service at 4:00 pm. Parts to be filled are as follows: MC, Leader, Narrator, Readers 1 & 2, Mary, Joseph, (maybe baby Jesus), Angels, Shepherds, Animals and townspeople.

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.

Church flyer mailing. Rev. Randy has designed a church flyer, providing a brief history of the parish of St. Philip's, bright picture of the church, programs and ministries we offer, and a reminder that we are also a community church. We are also including our Christmas Eve services with an invitation to join us. This flyer will be delivered to every residential mailbox in St. Philip's (about 1367) through Canada Post. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of printing and mailing those flyers, please speak to Rev. Randy. We hope to send them out in the early part of December.

As we near the end of another year we want to remind everyone that our parish books will close as of December 31st. Anyone with contributions they would like credited for 2022 must have them in by the end of December. We appreciate all our parish supporters and want you to know that we can only exist by your generous support.

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.

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 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.

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.

We are working on re-covering some of our church seats with new material. Over the years some of the material covering our pews have become frayed and torn. We are in the process of covering some of them with new material, beginning with those in most need of repair. Thank you to Harvey & Ruth who have already started this work by doing the first two this past week.

Parish of the Ascension, 58 Smallwood Drive, Mt. Pearl

Country Christmas Concert, December 2, featuring musical entertainment by Ladylike, Darren Martin and The Ascension Choir. Tickets are \$25.

Breakfast with Santa, December 10 at 9 a.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are \$6 each.

Please contact the church office for tickets – 368-5693.

Cookies & Flowers: The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist has got your Christmas covered with two great fundraisers! **Cookies:** The Cathedral has partnered with Chatman's Bakery for a delicious fundraiser featuring over a dozen different cookie flavours. Choose a variety pack or pick your favourite cookie with varieties including peanut butter balls, brownies, date squares and more (pricing \$10 for a 16 piece pack). **Flowers:** Get ready for the Christmas season and beautify your home with poinsettias supplied by Rise & Shine Nursery! The poinsettias are 6" potted plants, and sell for \$25 each. For more information or to place your order contact the Cathedral office: 726-5677 or office@ourcathedral.ca. Deadline to order is November 25.

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

November 20th – Draw for Gift Card Tree.

November 26th - Saturday, November 26th at 1:00 pm will be a signup and initial practice for a children’s Christmas program we hope to do on Christmas Eve. Rev. Randy is inviting all the children, teens, volunteers to come along so we can get started. We are still in need of enough children to fill all the parts, so please spread the word, encourage your children and grandchildren to signup.

November 27th - Sunday, November 27th is the beginning of Advent. It also marks the beginning of the church’s new liturgical year. It is a reminder that Christmas is only a few weeks away, and the four Sundays of Advent is an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-Child into the world. Often, they are busy and stressful weeks of shopping and not enough time to appreciate what Christmas is truly about. I hope we can all find time to catch the true meaning of Christmas as we journey through Advent.

November 29th - Next ACW card game will be held on Tuesday, November 29th at 8:00 pm. Please bring your own cards and baskets, tea and coffee will be provided.

December 10th - Parish Social Night and Dance will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 pm. There will be a \$5.00 admission cost and each person will have to bring their own snacks and drinks. Gary King will be the DJ.

December 11th – Draw for Christmas Stocking. The ACW will be selling tickets on their annual Christmas stocking, which will be drawn for on December 11th. This is another major Christmas fundraiser and your support will be much appreciated.

December 15th - Our annual Christmas Tree lighting will take place on Thursday, December 15th. Donation sheets will be available in the near future. We will gather at 7:00 pm for the tree lighting followed by Christmas music, hot chocolate and Timbits in the parish centre. Sheets are now available at the back of the church. Please return them by Sunday, Dec. 11.

December 24th– Christmas Eve Services:

- Family Service/Children’s Program - 4:00 pm
- Holy Eucharist – 7:00 pm
- Holy Eucharist – 11:00 pm

**THE BULLETIN
FOR THE
WEEKS OF**

Nov. 20th and Nov. 27th

**IS GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

*Margaret Mercer Molloy
Given By: Daughter Rose*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

*Howard David Tucker
Given By: Special Friend Rose Mercer*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

*Claudine Gillingham
Apr. 20, 1937 – Nov. 18, 1997
Given By: Gloria, David,
Christopher, Mark & Alexa*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

*George Spurrell
Nov. 27, 1928 – Oct. 10, 1998
Forever Loved
Given By: Ruby, Janice & Donna*

Nov. 20th

The Last Sunday after Pentecost/Reign of Christ Sunday

Scriptural Sentence (Page 394)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

1st Reading
Jer. 23: 1-6

(Cant. 19)
Luke 1: 68-79

(Rev. Russell Osmond)

2nd Reading
Coll. 1 : 11-20

(Joan Osmond)

Gospel
Luke 23 : 33-43

(Deacon Bonnell)

Nov. 27th

Advent Sunday

Scriptural Sentence (Page 268)

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

1st Reading
Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122
Pages: 882-883

(Allie Wheeler)

2nd Reading
Romans 13: 11-14

(Glenda Winter)

Gospel
Matthew 24: 36-44

(Deacon Bonnell)