

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison) Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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) Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison) Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Renee & Jerred Moore, David R. Moores, Canon Don & Florence Morgan, Wesley Morris, Greg & Michelle Moss, and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Church of Burundi.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of St. James the Apostle (P.A.B.) – Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Jane Allen; and the Parish of St. John the Evangelist (CBS) – Vacant.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Sam Rose, Archdeacon Charlene Taylor and Synod Office Staff.

**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**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 for ever. 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: Barry & Deborah Myers, John & Susanne Myrick, Dianne Neil, Cynthia Oliver, Lloyd & Jeanette Osmond, Rev. Russell & Joan Osmond, and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of St. Lawrence – Parish Deacon, Rev. (Deacon) Bob Earle; and the Parish of St. Luke – Vacant.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Sam Rose, Archdeacon Charlene Taylor and Synod Office Staff.

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**Sept 25<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 (Year C)**

**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 the parish of St. Philip's. We have now passed the threshold of Summer into the Fall season, and I hope you got to do everything you planned for summer, and that you find yourself renewed in body, mind and spirit. As we follow the calendar and observe the four seasons of the year, we are reminded that, in some ways, that is the story of our very lives, that we too follow the seasons of life. We all have fond memories of what it was to be a child, living those care-free years without worry, under the loving protection of our parents. Then we transitioned into those teenage years, still under the guidance of our parents, but starting to realize something of what it means to have responsibilities, and to make decisions that would perhaps shape the course of our lives. Then we left school, went on to college, university or jumped right into the workforce, and found that we had now become almost entirely masters of our own destiny. Then came marriage and for many, children of our own, giving us an even greater appreciation for what our parents sacrificed for us. As we settled into the routine of career and raising a family, we suddenly came to the realization that the years go by quickly, and before we know it our own children have grown into responsible young men and women themselves. Next, we begin to think about the next stage of our lives, careers winding down, planning for retirement and those golden years. Well, you get the picture, and when all these seasons of life progress for us, we have every reason to give God thanks for a wonderful life. In some cases, sadly, and because of the uncertainty of life, some get to enjoy fewer seasons of life than others.

What season of life do you find yourself in? The wonderful thing about life is that, no matter what season we are in, there is beauty and joy to be found. The reason for that is because we are under the ever watchful and loving care of a God, who loves us more than we can imagine. For nearly three years our world has been in a state of confusion and chaos. The pandemic brought with it a lot of fear and uncertainty, affecting every facet of our lives, including our spiritual lives. Even the church has been in a state of chaos and confusion. We should not be surprised by that because, like we say all the time, *the church is the people*. I am optimistic that now we can begin to emerge from a lot of pandemic fear, and start to pick up the pieces of our

lives that need to be put back together, including our spiritual lives, and the sense of community we had in the fellowship of the church before the pandemic so rudely interrupted our lives.

Like a lot of things in our lives, once we have interruptions in our routine of weekly worship and community, it takes a real effort to get back into the flow of things. I often hear someone say – *I have been away from church so long now I can't find my way back*. To which I suggest they simply say – *this Sunday, no matter what I'm going back to church*. This Sunday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>**, at **10:30 am**, has been designated as **Welcome Back To Church Sunday** in our parish. Perhaps you have been away during the pandemic, perhaps you have been busy all summer, no matter what, we are issuing a call to all our parishioners to once more establish a routine of worship with us. I think, when we look at the world we live in today, we have to agree that we all need that time together in church, being fed and nurtured by Word and Sacrament.

So, why not mark your calendar for this Sunday, make that promise to yourself that this is the Sunday you are going to return to church? I also suggest that, if you know of others, invite them to come along as well. Bring the children, make it a joyful reunion, and together we can give God the glory. There will be refreshments following the service as well. We also hope to register children for Sunday School, which we hope to start very soon. **Hope to see you this Sunday.** Blessings!

*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 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.**

**PWRDF is supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes** due to the Russian invasion. The initial grant of \$20,000 issued to an ACT Alliance appeal has been increased to \$50,000. The grants will fund the work of Action by Churches Together (ACT) member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA). If you would like to support this effort simply place your donation in a plain envelope, mark it PWRDF Ukrainian Help, with your name and envelope number.

**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](mailto: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 Anglican Life tri-diocesan church paper has a new website.** You can visit it by going to [anglicanlife.ca](http://anglicanlife.ca) You can read or download the current issue; you can share your favourite articles with friends by email or on social media; you can read or share past issues from the archives; search by author or diocese for stories you want to read. The paper will also continue to be printed with the full 10 issues per year. If you want to subscribe to receive the printed paper monthly or make a donation toward the cost of the paper, you may do so by mail at Anglican Life, 22 Church Hill, St. John's, NL A1C 3Z9 or call The Rev. Fred Marshall at (709) 727-4346

**The Ballicatter after-school program is up and running again.** Last year, because of the pandemic and so few children, this program really struggled to keep going, which meant they were unable to meet their monthly rental payments. This really impacted our church financially, as we budget each year \$20,000 from them in rental income. This year we are very pleased that the program is full, and they should be able to stay current with their monthly payments, while addressing arrears from last year.

**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.*

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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

**September 25<sup>th</sup>, Today is Welcome Back To Church Sunday** in our parish. A time for us to come together as the whole people of God in worship and fellowship. So, whether you are a member of the parish or visiting with us today, we are very happy to see you. You are also invited to join us for refreshments in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre following the service.

**September 28<sup>th</sup> - ACW will be having a Sub Sandwich Sale this Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.** If you ordered sandwiches they will be available for pick up at Barb Skinner's home 320 Dogberry Hill Road around noon.

**October 1<sup>st</sup> - St. Lawrence Anglican Church grand opening of their Thrift Store** will be held on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. All are welcome. As well, going forward, if you have items to donate to their thrift store, please call their parish office (895- 2215) to schedule a time to drop them off.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> - The service for the blessing of the animals,** following in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi (whose feast day is October 4<sup>th</sup>), will be held at the Anglican Cathedral on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 pm. This blessing is for pets, animals of all types and their owners.

**October 16<sup>th</sup> - The next scheduled Sunday for baptism** is October 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am service. Anyone with a child to be baptized that Sunday is asked to contact Rev. Randy.

**November 4-5<sup>th</sup> - Part B of the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of our diocesan synod** will take place November 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. The first part of this synod was held earlier this year online. It was the hope of our bishop that part B would be held this Fall in-person, however, due to the high cost of travel in order to bring everyone together, especially for those coming from Labrador, and the limited financial resources of the diocese, part B will also now be online as well. The theme of synod, as it was for part A, is *"See, I am doing a new thing...Do you not perceive it?"* In a time where diocesan and parish resources are extremely limited, and some parishes face a very uncertain future, we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we find ways to carry out ministry and mission in very challenging times.

**ACW & ACM are also starting up again** after a summer recess. These two groups are absolutely important to the life of our parish, in both the fellowship they offer, and, the much needed income they generate to the parish budget. They both work so hard and accomplish so much, and would love to see more attending their meetings and fellowship. Gary King is president of the ACM (Men's group) and Betty Lewis is president of the ACW (Women's group). Please give them your full support in the coming year.

**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](mailto:lockyerrandy@gmail.com)

**The months of July and August were slow months for the parish** in terms of financial contributions. This meant we had to access some of our small reserves in order to keep our expenses paid to date. As we start off this new church year, we call on all our parishioners to help us keep our parish on a strong financial foundation. This is especially important as we see parishes all around us having to join forces with other parishes to keep going. We have been very fortunate to remain strong financially throughout the pandemic, and, with your full support we hope to continue to do so well into the future.

**Our prayer team** resumes their weekly prayers this Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful to this small group that take turns week by week leading our congregation in the *Prayers of the People*. Presently they consist of Ruth Hiscock, Gloria Earle, Joan Osmond and Joyce Fewer, under the direction of Rev. Russell. Included in the bulletin today is a very informative letter from Rev. Russell telling us about the importance of this ministry in our parish, and the need to include others that might have an interest in leading the congregation in prayer. This ministry is now into its 10<sup>th</sup> year in our parish.

**Sunday School registration forms are available.** If you have a child you would like to enroll, please take a form, fill it out and return it on September 25<sup>th</sup>. When the classes start will depend on how many children are registered, and how many volunteers we have to run the program. The form also includes a part where volunteers can sign up to help.

**Confirmation registration forms are also available.** If you have a young person you would like to register for Confirmation in the coming year, please fill out the form and let Rev. Randy know.

**The service of Confirmation in our parish** for 2023 has not yet been determined; however, the two dates Rev. Randy have submitted for the bishop's schedule is February 19<sup>th</sup> or alternately March 19<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation preparation will begin in late October, to register please contact Rev. Randy to be added to the list.

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence  
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*You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Jeremiah: 32  
1-3a and 6-15

Psalms 91: 1-6, 14-16  
Pages 828-829

**(Gloria Earle)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6: 6-19

**(Dave Earle)**

Gospel  
Luke 16: 19-31

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence  
(Page 384)

*The word of the Lord abides for ever. That word is the good news which was preached to you.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Lamentations 1: 1-6

Psalms 137  
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**(Allie Wheeler)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
2 Timothy 1: 1-14

**(Glenda Winter)**

Gospel  
Luke 17: 5-10

**(Deacon Bonnell)**