

March 19th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) – Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) – God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) – Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Keith & Heather Budden, Frank Burry, Trevor Burry, Elizabeth Bursey, Raymond Butler and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Churchill Falls (Joint Ministry) – Rector, The Ven. Julie Brace and the Parish of Cow Head (6 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Terry Rose; Cathecist – Ms. Nora Shears.

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

March 26th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) – Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) – Almighty God, so fill us with your grace, that we in all things may accept your holy will and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace, rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) – Almighty God, your word proclaims our salvation; your table gives us life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary that we too may respond as willing servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of South America.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Cox's Cove/Mclver's (2 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Terry Loder and the Parish of Deer Lake (2 congregations) – Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Canon Jeffrey Petten.

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

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March 19th and March 26th, 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:

As we draw near to the end of the Lenten season, by this time we should be looking forward to the celebration of Easter. Easter is the very foundation of the Christian faith, it is the source of all our hope in Jesus Christ. Without Easter it is likely that the Christian Church would not have endured for over 2000 years. It likely would have faded out during the early days of the Apostles' ministry. The resurrection of Jesus from the tomb that Easter Day, gave hope to a dying world, and it has been the shining light of the Church ever since. The promise of Jesus to prepare a place for us in the Kingdom of God, is a promise not of empty words, but one of proof and example that he truly was and is the Son of God. The Church, in its 2000+ years of existence, have gone through many changes, there has been times of great victory or sin and evil, and there has been times of great struggle and challenges, shaking it to its very foundation. There have been times when the Church exemplified great strength, courage, faith and leadership, and there have been times when the Church itself needed to repent of its own sins and lack of moral courage in the face of adversity. Arguably, the Church today is going through such a time, as it seeks to address the sins of its past while being renewed and sanctified for its mission and ministry to a hurting world. If we bear in mind the beginnings of the Christian Church, we will be reminded that Jesus instituted the Church with the least likely bunch of recruits. The early disciples were a diverse group in many ways, they weren't from the Jewish religious establishment. Instead, the 12 men chosen came from various professions and walks of life. Jesus found Peter and his brother Andrew casting nets into the sea since they were fishermen, James and John were brothers that fished with their father, they left it all behind to follow the call of Jesus to fish for people. After a night of prayer on a mountain, Jesus called his followers together and formally selected 12 to be his apostles. I don't think they had a great understanding of what Jesus was calling them to be and to do, if they did it is doubtful some would have went any further. Peter was aggressive and stubborn, Thomas doubted the resurrection, some wanted the highest seats in the Kingdom, at times they lacked compassion for the people Jesus ministered to and healed. Peter and Paul were always at odds with matters of theology and who the gospel applied to. Some were well

educated and others had no formal education, they argued with each other, they deserted Jesus when he needed them most. Many times, Jesus had to admonish them and direct them in the way he wanted them to go. If Jesus called such people to be the foundation of the Church (He called Peter the rock on which the Church would be built), then we should not be surprised to know that the Church has never been perfect, it has never been without challenges, and it has needed to repent of its ways and return to the Lord many times. We see it today, the Church is anything but united in its vision and ministry to the world, but yet Christ is still the head of the Church, and it is he who calls each of us to faith. As long as he calls men and women to lead the Church it will always have its struggles, and that is ok because to be human is to be imperfect and subject to sin and failure. Christ does not call us to perfection, he calls us to faith and obedience, and he empowers us by the gift of the Holy Spirit to live out the Gospel in the world around us. Many people have spent years going around looking for the perfect church, and the reality is that such a church does not exist on earth. Instead of looking for the perfect church, we need to often spend more time building the church we already have, on a foundation of faith, prayer, work and determination, to be all that we can be for Christ in this place. The Church has never been perfect, humanity is not perfect, but Jesus Christ is, and the promise of Easter is all we need to be a modern day disciple. So, as we make that journey to Easter, over the next few weeks of Lent and Holy Week, let us reflect on our own lives, let us consider the times when we could have done better, when we could have served better, when we could have been kinder, and a better example of Christian love to others. As we do that, we should not feel bad, we should not beat ourselves up over it, but instead we use that to guide us into the future, so that we serve Christ better. We will fail and we will fall over and over again, but Christ understands, otherwise he would never have chosen the ones he did to institute the Church, he is not calling us to perfection, he is calling us to faith and service. REMEMBER YOU ARE CALLED THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM TO THE FAMILY OF GOD – THE CHURCH. Let us work together to make our church and our world, and even ourselves, even greater instruments of healing and ministry to our world. Blessings.

Rev. Randy

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF

Mar. 19th and Mar. 26th

IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Warwick Smith Tucker

(Nov. 8, 1934 – Mar. 30, 2021)



*The rolling stream of life rolls on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the love, the voice, the smile,
Of the one who once sat there.*

**Forever loved and sadly missed
by:**

*Wife - Louise
Daughter - Maple & Family
Son - Clarence & Family*

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.*

CHURCH/PARISH CENTRE CLEANING

More help is needed on the Altar/Cleaning Guild schedule. If you would like to help out by being placed on a schedule it would be really appreciated. Please let Rev. Randy or Margie Tucker know.

We have Stella's Circle cleaners back again. We had been using this service prior to the pandemic, but dropped it when the churches were closed down. Three years later, and because our group of volunteer cleaners have dwindled in numbers or gotten older, it is necessary again to avail of this service. Like everything else, the cost of this service has increased greatly, and we will determine its affordability as we go forward. At the moment, the contract has been renewed to the end of June. As a result, **Vestry is now seeking an individual to do weekly cleaning.** This would involve about 4 hours per week of ensuring the foyer, Parish Centre, kitchen, washrooms and hallway are cleaned in preparation for Sunday worship. This person would begin on September 1st. Anyone interested in this position, and would like more information, please contact our church wardens. Gloria Earle at 727-8524 or Gary King at 691-3902.

Snow Clearing. Our snow clearing costs have also increased this year (first time in over 20 years) as well, so we will need the full financial support of all our parishioners to keep up with the additional costs.

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 sign up for regular E-Giving forms for this can be obtained from the parish office or downloaded from the parish website.

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.

New information brochures for Planned Giving is available in the foyer. Kevin Smith has been the Planned Giving diocesan officer for many years but will be retiring from the position in June. He is currently going around the parishes to update the brochures. If you are interested in how you can be part of this program please take a brochure, it is also posted on the parish website.

Sunday School is up and going and we encourage parents with young children to bring them to the 10:30 am Sunday service so they can be a part of it. If we have adequate numbers of children we can plan some congregational activities as well. We also encourage others to volunteer as helpers.

The ACW will be doing their Lenten Sock project again this year. The socks are now available, and, as in past years, if you take a sock please try to return them to the church when you have included your contribution in them. Simply drop them into the offering plate and they will be passed on to the ACW. Your support enables our ACW to raise their annual church contribution each year.

Columbarium niches are still available for purchase. Approximately 31 of the 48 available have been sold since they were first installed in 2016. The cost is still \$3000 (no tax if purchased from the church, funeral home will charge tax) The plan is to install more of them once these are sold, however, the cost of future units will be determined by the cost of purchase and installation at that time. Anyone requiring more information about the columbarium is asked to speak to the rector.

Please keep our building secure. We have had no recent 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, garbage placed in the outside box, 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.

A call for musical talent is going out to all our parishioners. As we all know, there are a lot of people in our congregation with gifts of music and/or song, which we would like to incorporate into our worship from time-to-time. Rev. Randy hopes to hold a Memorial Hymn-Sing in March, and draw on some of our parish talent to participate in addition to our choir. This service will be held on a Sunday evening on a specific date to be determined later. If you or anyone in your family would like to prepare a hymn(s) or gospel song(s) please speak to Rev. Randy. It is our hope to be able to occasionally do some services to involve members of the congregation in this way.

Maintenance Fund: *We continue to ask our parishioners to give monthly through the Maintenance Fund to help us lower our debt on the heating system. We borrowed the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Bank of Montreal. This loan, we are happy to say will be completely paid off this coming November. Following that we will need to keep paying into our maintenance fund on a regular basis because within the next couple of years we will probably need to replace the roof shingles, among other necessary jobs to be done. Your support of the Maintenance Fund is extremely important to the parish.*

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. We do encourage our parishioners to go online at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

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

March 19th . We welcome our bishop today for the service of Confirmation. The following 9 young people: Marissa, Joel, Ella, Kate, Karey, Brayden, Rachel, Sydney and Jordan will stand before the bishop to receive the laying on of hands, as we pray God’s Holy Spirit upon them. There is a reception in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre after.

Also, today is traditionally known as **Mothering Sunday**. On this Sunday, the Cathedral prays for all Mothers (like on Mother’s Day), acknowledges their role as the Mother Church of the Diocese, and prays for all daughter churches – all churches in the Diocese are prayed for by name.

March 26th - Baptism will be held on Sunday, March 26th at the 10:30 am service. We do have two children for baptism, if anyone else has a child to be baptized and would like to do it at this time, they should be in contact with Rev. Randy.

April 1st - The ACM will be having a take-out Salmon Dinner on Saturday, April 1st at 5:00 pm. The cost is \$20 and tickets can be purchased from the parish office or from Gary at 691-3902 or Harvey at 697-5280.

May 6th - Carol Bartlett is organizing a Dessert Party in the Parish Centre for Saturday, May 6th. This is a church fundraiser and we ask members of the parish to support it. The last one was held prior to the pandemic so we look forward to this one. More details will be provided by Carol in the coming days.

CONGRATULATIONS! To The Rev. (Deacon) Ed Bonnell on the 19th anniversary of his ordination on March 17th. Thank you Rev. Ed for all you do in the life of our parish.

All individuals, church and non-church groups are reminded that the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre and washrooms are not to be accessed until the after-school Ballicatter group concludes at 6:00 pm Monday to Friday and all children are picked up. This is in accordance with provincial rules that govern the Ballicatter operation. If access to the kitchen is required, please check with Michelle first. Anyone using the facility during the time the program is operating must have a code of conduct letter on file at the parish office, as well as permission from Michelle, the Ballicatter program administer.

Anyone wishing to make memorial contributions to the Sanctuary Flower Fund for the Easter flowers should do so on or before Sunday, April 2nd, as the Easter flowers will be picked up later that week for Easter Sunday. There are Sanctuary Flower Fund forms in the lobby of the church.

A little on what your PWRDF contributions are doing: We have allocated \$260,000, along with \$250,000 from our Canadian Foodgrains Bank account, to support a three-month humanitarian response project in Kenya. The emergency food distribution will be implemented by Church World Service in Maikona and Korr/Ngurunit wards in Marsabit County. Close to 90% of the people in Marsabit County have been affected by drought. Livelihoods have been ravaged, including massive death among camels, which are typically very resilient to drought. Marsabit County has been designated as an emergency since October 2022. Nationally, more than 5.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance.

A day after the 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck southeastern Türkiye on the Syrian border, PWRDF allocated \$35,000 to the ACT Alliance to support an urgent response from its members working in Syria. PWRDF began accepting donations from people wanting to help and has so far received \$88,825. We have also allocated \$5,000 to the Diocese of Jerusalem, working in Northern Syria. **YOUR PWRDF DONATIONS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF PEOPLE ENDURING MUCH HUMAN SUFFERING!**

Mar. 19th

4th Sunday in Lent

(Scriptural Sentence)
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life.

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1st Reading
Isaiah 61: 1-9

Psalms 139
1-9
(Pages 896-897)

(Lori Gosse)

2nd Reading
Ephesians 4:
7, 11-16

(Reegan Gosse)

Gospel
Luke 4: 16-21

(Deacon Bonnell)

Midweek Service

Wed. – Mar. 22nd

1st Reading
Isaiah 11: 1-9

(Gloria Earle)

2nd Reading
Romans 9: 14-24

(David Earle)

Gospel
Matthew 20: 1-16

(TBA)

Mar. 26th

5th Sunday in Lent
The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Scriptural Sentence)

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory.

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1st Reading
Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalms 45
(Page 762-763)

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading
Hebrews 10: 4-10

(Gary King)

Gospel
Luke 1: 26-38

(Deacon Bonnell)

Midweek Service

Wed. - Mar. 29th

1st Reading
Psalm 5: 1-12

(Ches/Ethel Barfitt)

2nd Reading
Ephesians 5:
15-21

(Debbie Collis)

Gospel
Luke 15: 11-32

(TBA)