

May 2nd

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, you gave your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth. Grant that we, mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Almighty God, to know you is to have eternal life. Grant us to know your Son as the way, the truth, and the life; and guide our footsteps along the way of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Holy God, in Jesus Christ we find the way to you. May we who have met him in this banquet be kept in your unending love, and see you working through your Son, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) William & Rebecca Tucker, William & Rhonda Tucker, Thomas Tulk, Kevin & Joyce Whelan, Jeff & Faye Williams, Mark & Glenda Winter, Ruby Woodward and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Gander Bay (3 congregations) Rector – The Rev. Gerald Giles, Deacon – The Rev. Stella Mills and the Parish of The Good Shepherd, Rector – The Ven. Charlene Taylor.

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

May 9th

Collect for the Day: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Donna Abbott, Robert & Marianne Baker, Ches & Ethel & Lisa Barfitt, David & Carol Bartlett, Rev. Ed & Debbie Bonnell and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya .

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Grand Bank, Rector – The Rev. Dianna Fry and The Parish of Grand Bay (3 congregations), Priest-in-Charge – The Rev. Faye Coffin.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Council of General Synod, Anglican Church of Canada.

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May 2nd and May 9th, 2021 (Year B)

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: As I write this reflection today (April 29th), I reflect on the rapid passing of time, and with it the passing of life as well. I am reminded of the second verse of the great evening hymn written by The Rev. Henry Francis Lyte in 1847, "*Abide with me*", which begins with the line – *Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day*. Many consider this hymn to be morbid, but if one reads it theologically, it is rather a hymn that contains much hope and joy, for it seeks to find the abiding presence of God in a world that is filled with much darkness, gloom and chaos. It is a hymn that holds fast to the Christian foundation of Easter. Verse four says in part – *Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me*. Rev. Henry Francis Lyte was an evangelical priest in the Church of England, born June 1st, 1793 and died November 20th, 1847. He was a poet and hymn writer and wrote the hymns: *Jesus, I my cross have taken; Praise my soul, the King of Heaven; Pleasant are Thy courts above*; and his final hymn – *Abide with me*, which he wrote hours after leading his final worship service on September 5th, 1847. Lyte had been afflicted with asthma and bronchitis from about the age of 40, and often spent time in the warmer climates of Italy and France. His hymns all have an underlying sense of profound faith and hope. About two months after writing the hymn, *Abide with me*, Lyte died at the age of 54 from respiratory complications. I am convinced that as he wrote this glorious hymn of the church, he was contemplating his own situation and perhaps sensed that death was near at hand. His writing indicates to me a man of great faith, ready to let go of what is temporal and perishable so as to take hold of what is glorious and eternal. That, in essence, is what our Christian lives are about; we accept the life God gives us, we live this life to its fullest, we place our trust and hope in a God of love, and when it is done we embrace what is to come. I think our world could be so much better if we could learn the lesson of love that Jesus emphasized so much when he died and rose again. It showed his victory over the world, and it is a great shame when human beings become victims of the world. If we take our minds back to the beginning of Lent, when we heard read again the trials and temptations posed to Jesus when he was fasting forty days in the wilderness, we saw that Satan came to Jesus at his weakest and most vulnerable time. Satan offered him the wealth and power of the world if Jesus would but fall down and worship him. Jesus, being both human and divine, experienced the feeling of physical hunger and thirst, but the greater power of God within him, gave him strength to resist. We are in the world too, and we often face our own trials and temptations, and often they seem to come at us during our weakest moments. The world is filled with those who succumb to the temptations posed, and, in their insatiable thirst for power and wealth. The end result is an inequitable

sharing of the earth's resources, leading to starvation, misery and immense poverty for the many so that the few can bask in untold wealth. I look at perhaps the world's wealthiest company, Amazon, whose owner is estimated to have 200 billion dollars of personal wealth, and may be on track to be the first individual to acquire 1 Trillion dollars of wealth within a few years, yet Amazon has been providing very little to its warehouse workers in terms of paid sick leave during the pandemic. Some of its many warehouses have been hotspots of Covid-19 infections because workers can't afford to stay home when they get sick. To me, this is an injustice to workers, to humanity, and to the world around us. It shows what happens when greed becomes more prevalent than human compassion and love. This kind of greed is one of the biggest contributors to the world problems that threaten the very existence of human life. It is a root cause of poverty and global environmental disasters confronting us. It surely is not how God desires humanity to live. It stands in stark contrast to Jesus' gospel. Going back to the beginning of what I wrote, as I reflect on the passing of time, I realize that all of us have but a lifetime to make a difference, whether that might be short or long. Life is a glorious gift from God, and an opportunity to make our world a better place. The world sure can use an infusion of kindness, compassion and grace. In the passing of time may we rejoice in that God indeed abides with us in both the triumphs and trials of life. Today marks 29 years of ordination in the Church, a date I also share with Canon Shirley Gosse and others. How quickly that time has passed, but in the passing of time comes much grace, and life is ever exciting as we never know what God has in store for us. We ought never live our lives counting the days that have passed, dwelling on what was or what could have been, but rather live each day as a new adventure because we live it in the eternal presence of God. I hope you find grace each day of your life, I hope that you feel the presence of God and know you are loved beyond human capacity to comprehend the full depth of God's love, knowing the greatest example of this love for us was demonstrated on the Cross by Jesus. No, Jesus was not a victim of the ills of the world but was victorious over it, and because he lives we live too. Stay safe and know that the days of this pandemic are passing quickly as well, soon we can come out from under its gloom, and again in the words of the great hymn, *Abide with me*, we can sing the words – *Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!* Blessings!

Rev. Randy

THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF

May 2nd and May 9th

IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Alice Squires

and

Susannah Morgan

**Given by
Florence & Don Morgan**

Ethel Rees

**Given by
Eric, Gloria & Family**

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.**

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

CONGRATULATIONS! to Canon Shirley & Rev. Randy on the 29th anniversary of their ordination as deacons on April 29th.

ACW - would like to thank everyone who supported their Sub Sandwich sale. It was a great success!

May 2nd – Today - Our annual meeting will be held following the 10:30 am service. We do not anticipate a long meeting, given the kind of year it has been and because we are still in the midst of pandemic measures.

Vestry Members – there is still a need for new Vestry members. At the annual meeting there will be opportunity for others to be elected to the Vestry, if this is something you would like to do, you will be most welcome.

May 5 – ACW meeting at 7:30 pm.

June 5 – The ACM will be holding a take-out Salmon Dinner (including dessert) – dinners will be available at 5:00 pm – cost is \$20.00.

A second refugee sponsorship has arrived. You will recall that several years ago we became part of a larger refugee committee, consisting of the parishes of St. Philip's, Paradise, St. Lawrence, Gould's and Foxtrap. The chair of the committee is Dr. Greg Brown, and includes Moses Tucker, Karen Puglisevich and Rev. Randy. They concluded their first sponsorship of a family of five in 2020 and now the second has arrived. This time we are sponsoring just one individual, a young Syrian lady named Farrah Youssef Sheikh, who has been waiting in Cyprus to come to Canada for quite a long time. She finally arrived in St. John's last Monday, and is doing her 14 day quarantine period. Farrah speaks great English, she is of the Christian faith, so we look forward to meeting her soon. Please pray for Farrah as she adapts to her new home of Canada, and more specifically Newfoundland & Labrador.

CONGRATULATIONS! to John & Pheobe Parrell on being selected for an upcoming Land & Sea episode. The filming of this should be starting soon, and we will be sure to let everyone know the date for its public broadcast later.

Who is an ACW member or an ACM member? The short answer is, every woman of our parish is an ACW member and every man is an ACM member. We would love to get the numbers of active members up that attend regular meetings. Contrary to what some might think, it's not always about meetings and planning fundraisers, it is also about fun and fellowship together. We would love to see more of our ladies and gentlemen meeting together, getting to know one another better and growing our parish.

Parish Finances is always a concern for us as we endeavor to keep up-to-date on our commitments. Last year (2020) turned out to be an excellent year for the parish financially, as all of you, parishioners of St. Philip's parish rallied to ensure the bills could be paid in the midst of the pandemic as our building was closed. We are very grateful for that, and, not many parishes in the diocese had this experience, and it happened here because of your faithfulness to God and your devotion to this parish. We are now coming to the end of the first quarter of 2021, and we want to remind everyone that the challenges of the global pandemic are still with us, our building continues to be closed down for inside worship and fundraising is non-existent at the moment. We ask everyone to be mindful of our situation and to help us keep up financially by being regular in your financial support of the parish. God bless you for all you do in the life of our parish.

Dr. Rick Singleton retired as the provost of Queen's College on April 30th. We join with the parishes of all three dioceses of Newfoundland and Labrador in congratulating Rick on his retirement, and to say thank you to him for the excellent job he did in the past five years of giving leadership and vision to the college. We also welcome the Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer as she took the position of Provost on May 1st. Joanne is a graduate of Queen's College, and was just ahead of Rev. Russell, Canon Shirley and Rev. Randy. For a period of time they were all students there together. Please pray for the work of Queen's College in these challenging times. +

Anyone with children for baptism is asked to speak to Rev. Randy. Because of the restrictions and very limited numbers around gathering, we continue to do baptism outside of the regular Sunday worship times.

If you would like to receive Rev. Randy's weekly email please provide your email address. Periodically, the Rector sends out emails to all those in the parish whose email he has on file. Please provide him with your email address by emailing him at lockyerrandy@gmail.com.

What is the status of parish hall rentals? At this time The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is not available for general rentals. As of September, we made the hall available to our major renters - Ballicatter and Eastern Health group - as long as they had documentation from Eastern Health showing their start-up plan.

We are now back to indoor worship for our 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. We are restricted to a maximum of 100 people, including sidespersons, register, organist and clergy. It is also still important that you register for Sunday worship by calling Donna or Janice Spurrell at 895-3581. If you attend on Sunday and you plan to be there the next Sunday just let them know at the registration table.

Did you know that you can advertise your business in Anglican Life? Our Tri-diocesan newspaper goes out to thousands of homes all across Newfoundland & Labrador every month, and thousand more view the online publication. You can purchase half pages or full pages. For more information please contact The Rev. Fred Marshall, the Tri-diocesan Joint Committee Officer at: fred.marshall@nljointcommittee.com or by telephone 709-727-4346 By advertising you reach a greater number of potential customers while at the same time providing much needed revenue to our church newspaper.

Hospital visitation is limited to only the appointed chaplain. Whenever any of our parishioners are admitted to hospital, parish clergy are prohibited from visiting because of Covid-19 guidelines. So please ask for the Anglican Chaplain, and, he will be most happy to visit you regularly during your hospital stay.

Confirmation names are being accepted. We hope that by this Fall we can begin Confirmation preparation again. Rev. Randy will determine a date for Confirmation in consultation with the bishop once we have a list of names to begin.

Rev. Randy is available for prayer – during this time of separation and isolation many people may be feeling lonely. If you would like prayer, please contact the office (895-0715) and Rev. Randy will pray with you on the phone.

The FM Radio Frequency is up and going! For the past couple of weeks we have been availing of this new way of worshipping together safely, and keeping warm as we do so. Simply park in the church lot and tune your radio to 98.5 FM and the service will be heard through your car radio. It can also be heard by those who live in the immediate vicinity of the church building. This gift to the church was donated by the following families in memory of their loved ones:

IN MEMORY OF Arthur W Squires (By sisters, Florence Morgan (Canon Don), Winnie Lynch, Dorothy Clarke (Lewis))

IN MEMORY OF Edgar Clark (By wife Joyce and family)

IN MEMORY OF Leila Tulk (By husband Tom and family)
We thank them for this generous contribution to St. Philip's parish and we will be able to make excellent use of it.

The 98.5 FM frequency is always in use whenever we are gathered for worship. If our numbers inside exceed 100 people there is still the ability to listen to the service through your car radio while in the parking lot of the church.

Notes

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. Due to the church being closed again because of Covid, we do encourage parishioners to go online at: stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn to read the bulletins.

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

St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry will continue to operate during this difficult time. As you can imagine, there are a number of vulnerable people in our community who are in need. We are anticipating an increased demand for the pop-up pantry and as such we are asking those of you who are able, to continue to donate. Donations may be dropped off between 10 am and 1pm Mondays and Tuesdays at St. Lawrence's Anglican church. Please note that we now accept frozen items as well. Though it is at St. Lawrence's church it is a community venture supported by other churches and community organizations including our own parish of St. Philip.

The food collection container at St. Philip's Church is still being used. We want to remind everyone that they can still bring donations of non-perishable food items for the container located in the foyer of the church. Each time the box is full we take the items to the "Pop-up Pantry" at St. Lawrence's parish, which is a community food bank. This is a good outreach ministry to be involved with regularly.

Please remember to abide by the pandemic protocols of the parish. When we were permitted to reopen our church building for worship we were given instructions on how to keep everyone safe. Therefore, we still require pre-registration for worship, so that contact tracing can be done if needed; please use hand sanitizers, keep a safe space between others, and wear masks. If we are vigilant in following these instructions we will do our part to keep everyone safe. We hope and pray that our province can keep moving forward without a major outbreak of Covid-19 or its variants, though it is a real threat at the moment. Let us work together to keep all our parishioners and visitors safe at St. Philip's church.

We are now permitted to have up to 100 people in church. This is good news indeed. However, it is still necessary for people to call Donna or Janice to be put on the list, as we must keep an accurate record of attendees just in case we are asked for it. As well, people from the same household are allowed to sit next to any of their 20 consistent contacts. Masks must be worn at all times and can only be removed to receive the Eucharist. Readings and sermons can be done without the mask as long as nobody is within 6 feet of lectern or pulpit. We will continue to adhere to all safety protocols as before for as long as we are advised to do so. It is working and we are seeing the results of it in our province.

ANGLICAN ALLIANCE BIBLE STUDIES - FAITH IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS. As we continue to worship at home perhaps the following link will be useful to you. Go online and give it a look: <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/sqe-anglican/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/22143718/COVID-19-Bible-studies-FINAL.pdf>

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship as appointed in our BAS Lectionary.

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Celebrating St. Philip & St. James	Sixth Sunday of Easter
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Whatever you ask In my name, I will do it, says the Lord; that the Father may be glorified in the Son.	If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.
1st Reading Isaiah 30 18-21	1st Reading Acts 10: 44-48
Psalm 119: 33-40 Pages: 870-871	Psalm 98: Page: 836
(Gloria Earle)	(Ches/Ethel Barfitt)
Gospel John 14: 6-14	2nd Reading 1st John 5: 1-6 (Gary King)
(Deacon Bonnell)	Gospel John 15: 9-17 (Deacon Bonnell)

Church Chuckle

Bumper Sticker says: **"The next time you think you are perfect, try walking on water!"**

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Stewardship thought for the Week

Offering time expresses everybody-ness, a pulling together in powerful unity, for a great church, to the Glory of God.

St. Philip's parish is set up to receive E-Transfers. With the church building closed some people are looking for ways to make their weekly, biweekly or monthly contribution to the parish. After being closed down now for 7 Sundays the parish really does need those offerings. These days many of us do online banking and send etransfers, 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.