

Nov. 6th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) - Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) - Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living word. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) - Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. 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: Baxter & Catherine Rose; David Rouse; Violet Ruelokke; Shirley Scott; Beverly Sharpe and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of England.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Philip – Rector, The Rev. Randy Lockyer; and the Parish of St. Thomas – Rector, The Rev. Gail Coley-MacDonald.

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

Nov. 13th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) - Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) - Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) - Gracious God, in this sacrament, we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Boyde & Madonna Sharpe; Eddie & Dawn Sharpe; Dean & Lisa Sharpe; Edward & Jill Sharpe; George & Shirley Sharpe and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Timothy – Deacon-in-Charge, The Rev. Sarah Baikie; and the Parish of Stephenville Crossing – Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Norman Cutler.

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

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Nov. 6th and Nov. 13th, 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 your parish of St. Philip's, I trust you are well, and adjusting to cooler temperatures, as we head into winter. I have often reflected on the changing of seasons as they correlate to the changing seasons of our own lives, and as we get older, perhaps we reflect more. At the same time, there is an excitement about what lies ahead of us, an anticipation of what God may be leading us to. I hope we don't bemoan the passing of time, but, in a spirit of thanksgiving for blessings of the past, we eagerly look forward to what is to come.

We are just three weeks away from the beginning of a new liturgical church year, which always begins on the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 27), and that means we are only about 6 weeks from Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas, not commercially but spiritually, though it seems that the commercial emphasis often impedes spiritual preparation. At this time of year, I always think about the kind of world it was that the people were living in, as they anxiously awaited their messiah. I think about that young couple, Joseph and his very pregnant wife, Mary, as they made the 105 km trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, perhaps alternately walking and riding a donkey. Joseph originated from Bethlehem, and was a descendent of King David, therefore he was obligated to return "home" to Bethlehem to register in the census. With their mode of transportation, and Mary's condition, it must have taken at least 5 or 6 days to reach their destination. When they arrive in Bethlehem there is no place to stay, others had gotten ahead of them with the influx of people for the census. I'm sure we have all experienced the frustration of arriving in a town or city, perhaps late at night, after driving many hours, only to find there aren't any available hotel rooms, they have all been taken up because of a major event in that town. I speak from experience, we experienced this, two or three times, with young tired and cranky boys in the back seat. So, we can imagine Joseph's frustration, and Mary's concern, as she could give birth anytime. Who knows, the long trip may have caused her to go into labor even earlier than anticipated.

Alas, the young child is born! Albeit, less than ideal conditions, and circumstances. The Saviour of the world, the King of kings, the light in the darkness, the long-awaited messiah, had arrived. God, incarnate, was now physically among us in the flesh, as a helpless and vulnerable baby. What necessitated the birth of Jesus was the sin of the world, people had strayed so far from God's plan and hope for humanity, that the only way to draw them back was to take on human form and come among us. I don't presume to know God's present or future plan for the world, but it does seem to me that somehow or other we have strayed away again. When we look at current world affairs, and as we view it through the eyes of our churches in the modern world, we call to relevance the verse from Isaiah 53: 6 – *"All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all"*. Somehow or other, we have reversed some of what was accomplished when Jesus came into the world. It is true that the world has never been a place of utopia, for the forces of evil and darkness are always at work, but are we fighting against them less vigorously now? I suppose a good question for the church to ponder is – *are we equipped to effectively fight the forces of evil, and are we good at deciphering what they are?* Advent is a time for us all, both collectively as the church, and individual Christians, to wrestle with questions such as this, and determine what God may be calling us to do and to be in the world today? One thing is for sure, there is much to be done, and more than 2000 years later, in the words of Jesus, *the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few!* 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.**

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.

Congratulations to Lillian Oliver who won the quilt. Thank you so much to the donor of the quilt, your donation raised nearly \$900 for the church.

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.

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.

Anglican Life is the tri-diocesan newspaper for the three dioceses across Newfoundland & Labrador. What will you get with your subscription? Stories and photographs from our many contributors Regular and guest columnists providing spiritual and thought-provoking insight on a variety of topics. Your subscription includes The Anglican Journal, the newspaper for the Anglican Church of Canada, bringing you news from across the country and beyond. If you are a member of one of our congregations, you can receive the church's newspaper for free by subscribing! Write to anglicanlifenl@gmail.com or call The Rev'd Fred Marshall, Officer of the Anglican Joint Committee, at (709) 727-4346.

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.

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

1. **On-line Auction**, November 6 – 12, Please see the Facebook page "Parish of the Ascension Online Fall Auction", beginning November 6;
2. **Afternoon Card Party**, Monday, November 7 at 2 p.m. Please bring your own cards and baskets. Tea and coffee will be provided. Admission is \$6 per person
3. **Fall Dinner**, November 18, at 6:30, tickets are \$25. Meal consists of stuffed chicken breast with all the trimmings (catered by Pat Burton). There will be a bake sale, 50/50 tickets and a door prize. Entertainment too!
4. **Country Christmas Concert**, December 2, featuring musical entertainment by Ladylike, Darren Martin and The Ascension Choir. Tickets are \$25.
5. **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 8th – Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 pm in the boardroom.

November 13th - **Confirmation registration** will begin on Sunday, November 13th, at 2:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to register your child and learn details about what we will be doing in preparation.

November 19th - **ACM Chicken Breast Dinner** will be held on Saturday, November 19th. This dinner will be takeout only and the cost is \$20 each. The tickets will soon be available from ACM members and the parish office.

November 20th – **Draw for Gift Card Tree.** **ACW will be selling tickets on their annual Gift Card Tree** (valued at approximately \$500) and will be drawn for on November 20th. This is one of their major Christmas fundraisers and your support will be much appreciated.

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.

**THE BULLETIN
FOR THE
WEEKS OF**

Nov. 6th and Nov. 13th

**IS GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**Gertie & Llewellyn Dyke
Elsie, Walt & Leo Parrell
Louise, Jose & Lucy Cordova
Patsy Brown & Char Feltham**

Given by:

John & Pheobe Parrell

Nov. 6th

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence
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Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen

1st Reading
Haggai 1: 15b-2:9

Psalms 145: 1-5,
17-21
Pages: 903-904

(Gloria Earle)

2nd Reading
2nd Thessalonians
2: 1-5, 13-17

(Dave Earle)

Gospel
Luke 20: 27-38

(Deacon Bonnell)

Nov. 13th

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence
(Page 392)

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

1st Reading
Isaiah 65: 17-25

Psalms 98
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(Harve Hiscock)

2nd Reading
2nd Thessalonians
3: 6-13

(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel
Luke 21: 5-19

(Deacon Bonnell)