

## April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Collect for the Day: (In Unison)** – Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison)** – God of grace you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion: (In Unison)** – Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Cavell Durdle, David & Gloria Earle, Sean & Charlene Escott, AJ & Hayley Fagan, Winnifred Farrell and their families.

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

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Forteau (4 congregations) – Catechist, Verna Legge and the Parish of Fortune/Lamaline (2 congregations) – Rector, The Rev. Robynn Toal.

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

## April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Collect for the Day: (In Unison)** – O God, your Son make himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison)** – Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion: (In Unison)** – Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all 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: Dean & Darlene Foote, Bill & Daisy Gibbons, Charles & Canon Shirley Gosse, Barry & Lori Gosse, Beryl (Squires) Grace and their families.

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

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Gambo (4 congregations) – Rector, The Rev. Wayne Short and the Parish of Gander (2 congregations) – Rector, The Rev. James Beaton and the Satellite Ministry, Holy Trinity – Gallants – Corner Brook Clergy.

**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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**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 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:** : We are now in the middle of Easter week, a somewhat slower pace in the life of the church, after a very busy Holy Week and Easter Sunday schedule. I hope that Easter brought about a renewal of your faith, as it is the very foundation of our Christian hope and faith. For those who have school-age children, who are now enjoying this Easter break from school, I pray you are having a wonderful week of family time, traveling and sharing adventure together. We realize the speed of time as it goes by, and the way our children grow up so quickly. It seems just a short time ago our boys were just small children, and we never envisioned just how quick they would grow into adults, and we miss the things we did together as a family now as we reflect back. One of our great joys around this time of the year was school basketball tournaments, whether we hosted them in Grand Falls Windsor, or we took the boys on road trips to other towns around the province to play. All three of them played the sport all the way through school until they graduated, so there were many games over the years. It was always very exciting adventures. Now they have grown into young men, pursuing their own dreams and ambitions that point them in various directions. Even though two of them are still living at home with us, attending university, most places we travel to these days it's just the two of us. We miss the adventures of climbing in the car and going places and doing things as a family, so I hope you are having a wonderful time together with your family, and making memories that will last a life-time.

We had a very busy time in the parish over Lent, Holy Week and Easter. All through Lent (5 weeks) we met for worship every Wednesday evening, using a Lenten program titled – *The Parables of Lent*. Each week we focused on one of Jesus' parables, and how we connect with that parable in our own day and age. Over 2000 years later, we believe that the words Jesus spoke then are eternal and life-giving now. Lent is our time to focus our minds, hearts and spirits on preparing for Easter. I realize that, for many people, Easter is just a time for relaxation, holidays, and family gatherings, much the same as Christmas. While these things are important, and we should do them, Easter is about much more than that, and if we don't participate in the story of Lent, Holy Week (Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, his betrayal, arrest and cruel crucifixion), and celebrate his resurrection on Easter Sunday, than we have missed the essence of Easter. As we continue to emerge from a three- year pandemic, it was refreshing to see good numbers of people worshipping all through Lent, all through Holy Week, and at the three Easter Sunday services. It was a good indication that our parishioners (and some visitors) are feeling the need to get back to church

fellowship and worship. Christians, by our very nature, are all about being together as a family of God, and finding strength in our faith relationships. It was a joy as well to be able to bring the children to the chancel step on Easter Sunday morning and talk to them about the meaning of Easter, for three years we have missed doing that.

For the next 7 Sundays (April 16<sup>th</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup>) we are in the 40- day *Easter Season*, focusing our worship around the resurrected Jesus, and his various encounters with his disciples, and others such as Mary Magdalene, his encounter with those on the road to Emmaus (he shared a meal with them and they recognized him in the breaking of bread). It is not enough that he has risen, he now needs to show them that he is truly resurrected, and not a ghost. After 40 days (same amount of days he spent in the wilderness), he ascends into heaven, and, just as he promised he sends them the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to lead them and to teach them all truth. Even after his resurrection, Jesus still needs to convince them that he is alive. Fast forward 2000+ years, and people still need to be convinced that Jesus is alive, even some who profess or once did to be Christians. The challenge of convincing others that Jesus is alive is not easy, and all we have is our own faith and convictions to do so. People will never be forced or argued into the faith, but oftentimes they can be loved into it. That is the key to success in any church, love is the essential ingredient of Christian living. We can have all kinds of programs, we can put off dramatic worship performances, but unless people feel loved and welcomed it will not succeed in adding others to the Kingdom of God. The word "*love*" is spoken hundreds of times by Jesus in scripture, and he says that *others will know us by our love*. Presumably the opposite is also true, that others will know us by our inability or unwillingness to love. I hope that whenever others come among us in the fellowship and worship of the church, they will know they are loved by us, and by Jesus Christ.

Now that we are past Easter Sunday, we always are aware that we are never past Easter. We are people of the resurrection, and every single Sunday service is a celebration of Easter. Every time we break bread together, I hope *Jesus is also known to us in the breaking of bread*. I invite you to join us each Sunday in worship together as the family of God right here at St. Philip's. Our Sunday School in back again, so please come and bring the children as well. May you have a blessed Easter, and a warm welcome awaits you. Blessings.

*Rev. Randy*

## **THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

**IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Derek Mercer**

***"To everything there is a season, and time for ever purpose under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die...."***

***He will forever live on in the hearts and minds of all his loving family.***

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*My Late Wife*

**Brenda Marie Rouse**

*Sept. 14, 1945 – April 16, 2000*

**Given By**

**David Rouse**

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**Randy Chafe**

*April 8, 1952 – July 10, 2022*

**Forever loved and sadly missed by  
Marie, Nicole & Debbie**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Collet for the Day: (In Unison)** -

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do you will, and word in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison)** – God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherds. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion: (In Unison)** – God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy Mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Victor & Loretta Greeley, Loraine Halfyard, Dave Hamlyn & Margot Pitcher, Laura Hammond-Squires, Harvey & Ruth Hiscock and their families.

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

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Gander Bay (3 congregations) – Rector, The Rev. Gerald Giles, RD, Deacon, The Rev. Stella Mills and the Parish of The Good Shepherd, Mt. Pearl – Rector, The Rev. Barbara Boone.

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

**Parish is calling for quotes to re-shingle the roof.** In the past year we have had some shingles blow off and in a couple of places we have leaks. At this time, we are looking to get some quotes to give us an idea of what it would cost to replace the shingles (now about 22 years old). Once we have the quotes we will determine if it's something we are able to proceed with in the very near future. If you know of reputable roofing companies, please encourage them to consider giving us their quote.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## ***Dismissal Song***

### ***"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.*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**As we draw closer to Summer**, and as our parishioners think about travel, spending time away at the cottage, etc. please know that we appreciate it when we can keep up with our monthly financial commitments as a parish, which takes the pressure off our parish treasurer. We encourage the use of post-dated contributions, and especially signing up for E-Giving. Quite a few of our parishioners are already giving regularly electronically, if this is something you would like to do, please pick up the proper form from the parish office. We are also set-up for E-Transfer giving by using the parish email: [stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com](mailto:stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn.com) Regular contributions throughout the Summer really helps us stay on top of our bills, stipend, synod office assessment, etc. and makes it easier when things start up again in September.

**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](mailto: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](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](https://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

**Congratulations to Canon Shirley and Rev. Randy** as they celebrate 31 years of ordination as deacons on April 29<sup>th</sup>. They were part of a larger group that were ordained as deacons at that time in 1992 at All Saints parish, Foxtrap.

**Change of date for the dessert party.** The date of Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, has now been changed to Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser party is being organized by Carol Bartlett, and all proceeds will support the parish. This will be the first one since prior to the pandemic, so we call on our parishioners to support Carol in whatever way you can, and help make it a real success. Carol will make the details available in the coming days.

**May 6<sup>th</sup> - Carol Bartlett is organizing a Dessert Party** in the Parish Centre for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Teen Challenge Canada**, in support of the Atlantic Hope Women's Centre, presents the 2023 Gala Banquet. This is a dinner, silent auction and program to be held Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol Hotel, 208 Kenmount Road, St. John's. Doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner and auction at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$60 each and can be purchased by calling 709-351-4124 or online at [www.teenchallenge.ca](http://www.teenchallenge.ca)

**Our Bishop will be holding Information Sessions** throughout the diocese over the next couple of months, to provide information, and to receive feedback on the *Diocesan Strategic Plan – Set Sail – Charting The Course For Christ's Church*. These sessions will be held in parish clusters, and our parish of St. Philip will host one on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm., in the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre. This session is open to all parishioners and groups from the following parishes: St. Philip's, Holy Innocents (Paradise), St. Lawrence (Portugal Cove), St. Cyprian's/St. Mary's (Bell Island), All Saints (Pouch Cove), St. Nicholas (Torbay). We encourage our own parishioners to please make every effort to attend.

**The 2023 Annual Flower Service** will be on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm. We want to give everyone lots of advance notice, as some people living away may schedule their visit home around the time of the service.

**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 administrator.

### **Bishop has authorized the return of the Common Cup.**

For three years we have been receiving Eucharist in one kind only (bread), because of safety concerns during the pandemic. As of Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost Sunday), parishes in the diocese, including here at St. Philip's, will once more provide the chalice for those who wish to receive from it. This comes from medical reassurance that it is once more, safe to do so. However, we realize that many people will still be uncomfortable receiving from the cup, and that is perfectly fine, and to continue to receive the bread only is also fine. Prior to the pandemic some people received the wine through intinction (dipping the bread in the wine), the bishop has advised that this practice is not to be used in the diocese, because of a greater concern of fingers inadvertently coming into contact with the wine. So, as of May 28<sup>th</sup>, we can do a couple of things: (1) Receive the bread and drink from the chalice or (2) continue to receive in one kind only (bread). The choice is entirely yours and the validity of the sacrament is real for each one.

## **(Apr. 16th)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

(Scriptural Sentence)

"Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed."

(Page 336)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Psalms 16  
(Pages 719-720)

(Lori Gosse)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1: 3-9

(Reegan Gosse)

Gospel  
John 20: 19-31

(Deacon Bonnell)

## **(Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

(Scriptural Sentence)

"Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak."

(Page 337)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Psalms 116  
1-4, 12-19  
(Pages 864-865)

(Allie Wheeler)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1: 17-23

(Glenda Wheeler)

Gospel  
Luke 24: 13-35

(Deacon Bonnell)

## **(Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>)**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

(Scriptural Sentence)

"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me."

(Page 339)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Acts 2: 42-47

Psalms 23  
(Page 731)

(Canon Don Morgan)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2: 19-25

(Ches/Ethel Barfitt)

Gospel  
John 10: 1-10

(Deacon Bonnell)