

Mar. 20th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: William & Rebecca Tucker, William & Rhonda Tucker, Adele (Tucker) Tibbo & Chris Tibbo, Thomas Tulk and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

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 Newfoundland, Bishop John Organ.

Mar. 27th

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.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Kevin & Joyce Whelan, Jeff & Faye Williams, Mark & Glenda Winter, Allison Winter-Wheeler, Ruby Woodward and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Cox's Cove/Mclver's (2 congregations) – The Rev. Deacon Terry Loder and the Parish of Deer Lake (2 congregations) – The Rev. Canon Paulette Bugden.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the National Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

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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:

Here we are, about halfway through the Lenten season and only four Sundays from Easter Day. This Lent we are using a series titled, *Facing the Cross*, it brings to remembrance when Jesus knew his time on earth was drawing to a close, and thus "set his face" to Jerusalem to encounter the pain of the Cross on our behalf (Luke 9:51). In a similar fashion in this Lenten series, we set our faces toward the Cross of Christ that lies before us. Lent is very much a call to us to examine certain aspects of our lives which are not always aligned with the cross. The Cross of Christ is always a reminder that Jesus came to save us so that we might see him face-to-face in the Kingdom of heaven. The series calls to mind several realities of what we face as human beings in a world where more and more the Cross of Christ is overshadowed by secularism and the teaching that we can make it without God. On Ash Wednesday we started the series with the theme *Facing our Sins*. This is an ongoing and ever present reality for us all, and without the realization that genuine repentance will always bring forgiveness, it could be quite dismaying. Truth is we live in a sinful world, nothing new there, it started from the very beginning of humanity back in the first book of the bible, Genesis, and it continued on to the very last book of Revelation, as a reminder to us of the frailty of our human nature. Because of this frailty we are prone to sin. The story of Lent is a glorious story of how Christ came to save us from ourselves, that, though we sin over and over, the love and forgiveness of Christ is able to make it right again.

During week one in Lent our theme was *Facing Temptation*. Which one of us have not yielded to temptation, as the familiar hymn of the church says? Over and over again humanity, both individually and collectively, fails the test of faith and spiritual discipline by giving in to temptation, and there are many of them before us daily. Many relationships in life have been destroyed, people have been greatly damaged, because human beings could not resist temptation. We began Lent with the story of Jesus out in the wilderness for 40 days without food and drink, and at his weakest moment the devil comes to him, and offers him bread and drink to satisfy his physical needs, and even the kingdoms of the world with its riches and power. The only thing Jesus has to do is to turn his back on God and follow the devil. We must remember that, though Jesus was the son of God, he also was fully human, he knew hunger and thirst, he experienced pain just as we do. I expect that after 40 days without food or drink Jesus was very weak physically, and a loaf of bread and cup of cool refreshing water would have appealed to him very much. I think the defining moment for Jesus was the full realization of who he was, and what he was called to do.

There were no grey areas, he knew he was the son of God, the Messiah, the one chosen to bring salvation to a lost world. As we face our own temptations in life, it is also good for us to be fully aware of who we are as baptized children of God, and that ultimately we are not about riches and power, but about faith, love and service. That just as Jesus came to serve us, we are to serve one another, and in so doing we are servants of him.

This past Wednesday during our Lenten midweek service, our theme was *Facing our Fears*. We all know how paralyzed we can become when gripped with fear. Some fears are healthy while many rob us of wholesome living. For example, it is good for us to fear fire, it keeps us from dabbing our hands on a hot stove. It is good to fear strong winds, it has kept many sailors from drowning. It was good to have some fear of Covid-19, it kept us from spreading the virus to others. However, to fear driving on the highway, to fear flying on a plane, to fear going among people, to fear the doctor, to fear lifesaving surgery, can rob us of the joy of life. Oftentimes we fear the unknown, and many people have become very sick from fearing the things that never become reality. Fear is very often needless and unwarranted. What do we fear most in life? Very often our fear has less to do with life and more to do with death. The dichotomy in that situation is that, very often our fears affect our overall health and wellbeing and lead to an earlier death than otherwise. I read a caption awhile ago, it was a cartoon of two people having a conversation, one said to the other, *go ahead and do it, you only live once*, to which the other responded, *no, the reality is the opposite – we die once but we live every day*. The human nature of Jesus also made him vulnerable to fear, we see a glimpse of this when he is praying in the Garden of Gethsemane shortly before his crucifixion, when he says – *Father, if it be your will take this cup from me, nonetheless not my will but yours be done*. Of course the cup he speaks of is the one of betrayal, arrest, torture and crucifixion. The humanity in him cries out in fear and anguish over what is before him, the divine nature accepts what has to be. While he prays, despite his plea for them to stay awake and alert, his disciples are asleep.

His call to us today is to not be overtaken by fear but to live in faith knowing that he is the one who takes away fear, just as he did when he calmed the rough waters and took fear away from his disciples in the boat with him. When we look at life as one big boat that we are all in together, and Jesus is with us, it does a lot to calm our fears. It is the power of faith and trust that allows us, even in the roughest storms of life to remain calm, serene and joyful.

Rev. Randy

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.

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.

Lenten services began on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, and continue every Wednesday during Lent at 7:00 pm. This year we will use a Lenten series titled "*Facing the Cross*", the weekly themes will be, *Sins, Temptation, Fears, Worldliness, Suffering*. We invite you to make the Lenten journey with us. Beyond the Ash Wednesday service the other weekly services will be 30-40 minutes in duration.

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 Ballicatter After-school program still has openings for children that need this service. The pandemic has made it difficult for them to keep their numbers up, especially when so many parents were working from home. This program has been a tremendous benefit to our parish budget bringing in \$20,000 annually in rent. Please, if you know of any parents needing afterschool care for their children tell them about this great program we have right here in our parish centre.

Fundraisers and parish hall rentals continue to be down because of the pandemic. This has created a decline in our overall parish revenues to date. Our regular envelope offerings are up but what we budgeted from other sources are down. We want to stress the importance of all our parishioners helping us to meet our financial obligations as we enter 2022.

Maintenance envelopes in your box of envelopes are very important. So far this year we have noted a decrease in maintenance offerings. Your maintenance offering helps to pay our outstanding parish loan (cost of the geo-thermal heating system) of \$653.93 per month and other items of regular maintenance around the church. We look forward to retiring this outstanding loan in a couple more years and we ask all our parishioners to consider using the maintenance envelope each month.

THANK YOU to Pauline and Brian Tucker, and Pauline's company, Comfort Homecare, for the donation of a new computer system for the parish office. This was badly needed, as the old system was no longer efficient for printing bulletins and other things. We appreciate this gift very much, especially our rector and bulletin secretaries who depend on the office computer for so much.

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.

Would you be interested in volunteering with Sunday School? Our Sunday school ceased when we entered the pandemic two years ago, however, it is time for us to try to get reestablished again. At the present time we have two volunteers, Jayde Strickland and Luke Fowlow, a young couple who recently moved to the area. Jayde's grandfather (Gordon Jackman) is a member of St. Philip's Parish and Luke is the grandson of Bishop Don Young. If we can get a few more to add to the list we can get going in the new year with restarting Sunday School.

Thank you to parishioners who contributed to the food bank boxes in the foyer in 2021. Several times over the past year the food boxes were filled and the food taken to St. Lawrence's Pop-up Pantry, where it was used in food hampers for those in need. We will continue to collect food in the coming year and remind everyone that the food collection boxes will remain in the foyer.

Sunday School we also would like to see up and going again. This will require several volunteers to do so. We are now looking for teachers and leaders to help with this. The date we resume will not be known until we have our volunteers in place. This is a vital part of our parish life that got sidetracked during the pandemic, that we hope to get up and going again soon. Please speak to Rev. Randy if you have an interest in getting our Sunday School up and going again.

With the lifting of pandemic measures in our province this past week our churches can now resume many of the functions that were halted or changed two years ago. Presently our building is back to full capacity and we are no longer requiring proof of vaccination. There are still a few things that we are not ready to resume yet, such as the common cup, for now Eucharist will still be in one kind, bread only. As well, there are still a few restrictions around baptism that we will observe, simply because infant children are still vulnerable because they are unvaccinated. Rev. Randy will address that with families as baptisms are scheduled. We are still encouraging the use of masks and hand sanitization as much as possible. For the first time in two years we will resume taking up the offering in the traditional way with the passing of the plates, and you are free to sit wherever you want during the worship service. We must be mindful that, though the restrictions are lifted, Covid-19 is still very much present among the population, so please exercise care and caution as we interact with each other.

Worship books will be used beginning on March 27th. For the last 2 years Rev. Randy has been printing the service booklets each week, now that restrictions are lifted we can go back to handing out the prayer and hymn books.

An Easter call to all parishioners. The past two Easter Sundays were greatly affected by the pandemic. In 2020 we were not able to gather in the church at all for Easter, and last year, 2021, we were able to do so only with heavy restrictions and capacity limit. God willing, this Easter Sunday (April 17) we will see many more people out for the great celebration of Easter. Let everyone know that we would love to see them this Easter, and let's make it a true celebration of new life and joy.

Topsail United Church will be hosting a Peace for the Ukraine Vigil on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30. Representatives from the local Ukrainian Community, local churches and the Town Councils of Conception Bay South and Paradise will be participating in the event. A free will offering for those affected by the war will be received. There will be a candle lighting vigil, if you can bring your own individual battery-operated candle it is greatly appreciated. Masking is required.

St. Philip's parish is set up to receive E-Transfers. 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.

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

2021 official tax receipts are now available for pick-up. You will find them on the table in the foyer. If you can take them for your neighbors, friends and family members, that will be very much appreciated

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

The Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre is once again available for all rentals. With the rising cost of operating our facility, and the lack of rental income during the pandemic, this year (2022) there has been a slight increase in our rental fee structure. When booking the Centre through Donna and Janice they will provide all the information regarding the rental cost. Our rental fees are still well below comparable facilities in the area.

Choir resumed on Sunday, March 6th at the 10:30 am worship. It is anticipated that by this time most of the restrictions limiting our gathering will be eased to a point we can do this safely. Weekly choir practices will be determined by Wendy and Christine.

May 12 - Queen's College Convocation will take place at St. Mary's parish on Thursday, May 12th at 7:30 pm. This year we are quite pleased that Dr. Janice Fitzgerald has been chosen to receive an honorary doctorate degree from the college, in recognition of the fine way in which she has led our province through this pandemic as our Chief Medical Officer. We hope this year that the convocation will be open to anyone that would like to attend. Rev. Randy will be in attendance as one of the members of the Queen's College Corporation.

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.

Notes

When do I stand, sit or kneel? Some call this "Anglican Calisthenics"... sometimes people are confused especially when others around them are kneeling, standing or sitting. But feel free to follow your preferences. Our goal is worship and not conformity, so, whatever you choose to do is right for you. For some members of our congregation, it may be difficult to stand as long as others because of mobility issues, we encourage them to please sit if that is more comfortable for them.

New ACW President is Betty Lewis. Thank you to Betty for accepting the office of president for the coming year. Betty moved to St. Philip's in 2021 and immediately joined our parish family, and got involved with our ACW. Please give her your full support in whatever activities they plan in 2022-23.

Thank you to our out-going ACW President, Bernice King. The ACW in 2021 did a wonderful job of raising funds for the parish, despite the heavy restrictions of the pandemic. Thank you Bernice, for your excellent leadership last year.

There are still several boxes of 2022 church envelopes in the foyer awaiting pickup. If you have not yet received yours please drop by the office to get them. If you have not been receiving envelopes but would like to have a box to make regular offerings please drop by the parish office to get them.

Mar. 20th

3rd Sunday in Lent

Scriptural Sentence
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Repent, says the Lord, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand

1st Reading
Isaiah 55: 1-9

Psalms 63: 1-8
Pages: 783-784

(Ches/Ethel Barfitt)

2nd Reading

1st Corinthians
10: 1-13
(Debbie Collis)

Gospel
Luke 13: 1-9

(Deacon Bonnell)

Mar. 23rd

Mid-week
Lenten Service

1st Reading

Genesis 11: 1-9

(Rev. Russell Osmond)

2nd Reading

2nd Peter
3: 10-14

(Joan Osmond)

Gospel
Matthew 19: 16-30

(Deacon Bonnell)

Gospel

Luke 13: 1-9

(Deacon Bonnell)

Mar. 27th

4th Sunday in Lent
& The
Annunciation of
our Lord Jesus
Christ to the
Blessed Virgin
Mary

Scriptural Sentence
(Page 403)

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

1st Reading
Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalms 45
Page 762-763

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading

Hebrews 10
4-10

(Ches/Ethel
Barfitt)

Gospel
Luke 1: 26-38
(Deacon Bonnell)

Mar. 30th

Mid-week
Lenten Service

1st Reading

Exodus 34: 29-35

(Harve Hiscock)

2nd Reading

Colossians
3: 12-17

(Ruth Hiscock)

Gospel
John 19:
26-28

(Deacon Bonnell)