

**Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison) Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Prayer over the Gifts:** (In Unison): God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison): Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Beverly Sharpe, Blair & Tracy Sharpe, Boyd & Madonna Sharpe, Eddie & Dawn Sharpe, Dean & Lisa Sharpe and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the *Anglican Military Ordinariate* – LCdr. The Rev. Canon Jennifer Gosse, Maj. The Rev. Dennis Newhook, LCdr. The Rev. Beverly Kean-Newhook, Lt. (N) The Rev. John Hounsell Drover, Maj. The Rev. Canon Shawn Samson (Reserve), Capt. The Rev. Canon Kris Gosse (Reserve); *Parish of The Ascension (Mount Pearl)* – Rector, The Rev. David Burrows, Assistant – The Rev. Lynn Courage; *Parish of Badger's Quay/Pool's Island* – (3 congregations) - vacant.

**Provincial Prayer Care:** We pray for the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – Bishop Sandra Fife.

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**Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (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:**

Well, we have entered into a brand new year, 2020 is behind us and 2021 is ahead of us. The past year was one like no other in our lifetime, a global pandemic was declared and the world changed for all of us. On a global scale, as of Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Covid-19 virus is present in 218 countries and territories, approximately 86 million people have been infected, and 1.9 million people have died. In Canada, we have been doing much better in controlling the virus, with 611,000 infections, 16,100 deaths and 518,000 recovered. In Newfoundland and Labrador we are one of the few provinces doing an excellent job in keeping our number of infections very low. So, it is understandable that many people were happy to say "good riddance" to 2020, but we also know that our work of eradicating the virus from our world is not yet complete, that 2021 will also be a year of much upheaval in our world because of Covid-19. The big difference is we now have vaccines to protect us, so we have hope as we go into this new year, though it is a very big logistical task ahead of us to get everyone vaccinated, we are cautiously moving forward with optimism that we are going to get our lives back again. Because this is a global pandemic the solution has to be global as well. We must not forget about the nations that do not have the means to purchase and administer these vaccines in a timely fashion to their people. I am glad to see that some of the more affluent countries, such as Canada, recognize the need to help poor nations in this effort. We can look back at 2020 and say that it was indeed an extremely difficult year, but, just imagine if we were in a country such as Benin, West Africa, where half of the population live on \$1.90 per day, and 75% live on less than \$3.20 per day. Electricity is a luxury few can afford, clean water and sanitation is a leading cause of disease, education is difficult to obtain, health care is out of reach for most, and the average life expectancy is

means that we have a much, much higher chance of surviving a global pandemic than most other nations of the world. I guess when we look at things on a global level in 2020 we can still say that God's blessings have been a huge part of our lives and that, despite everything we had much to be thankful for in 2020 in this province and nation. The pandemic certainly impacted our churches, especially from March to September of 2020, when our buildings were completely shut down to public worship. Even then we all found a way to remain faithful and to offer worship because we were never without hope in our lives. Many of our Anglican parishes in this diocese continue to struggle financially even now, but everyone of them found ways to keep connected to God's people in very trying times. We were very blessed in the parish of St. Philip's in that our parishioners kept up their regular and faithful support of the parish throughout the pandemic, enabling us to meet all our financial obligations. For many churches the year ahead will continue to be a struggle to recover from the losses of 2020, but God always finds a way to work in the deserts of our lives if we persevere with faith and determination. 2020 is indeed behind us, but to write it off as a complete loss and failure, without expressing any degree of gratitude to God for the blessings of the year would be unfortunate, for we were indeed blessed. We don't know yet what 2021 will bring, but like every year, it will be a mixture of happiness and sadness, joy and sorrow, life and death for many. In all likelihood there will be peaks and valleys, building up and tearing down, that is part of every year. What we can be assured of is that God never forsakes us, that in times of great joy as well as times of great difficulty God will be there blessing us in ways that are yet unimaginable. Our part in all of this is to nurture the spirit of God within us that strengthens us to meet the challenges of life when they come. So, give God thanks for 2020, for God brought us through it all, and approach 2021 with a zest and determination that nothing will

**Baptisms and weddings are still being done inside the church building. For now, baptisms are still taking place outside the normal worship times.** We must still adhere to the maximum number of 100 persons and sanitizing the building after each use. If you need to book a baptism or wedding please call Rev. Randy. We can do these as long as we abide by the government and health regulations around Covid-19. If you have a child to be baptized please call Rev. Randy to set up a time.

**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](mailto:lockyerrandy@gmail.com).

**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.

## ***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.**

about 60 years. As we put things into perspective  
and consider many others in our world, simply  
because we live in Canada

deter us from living joyfully and faithfully.

*(Rev. Randy)*

## **NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES**

**Happy New Year** to all parishioners and friends of St. Philip's parish. We don't know what lies before us in 2021 but we do know God will be blessing us. Thank you for your great support in 2020 and we ask that you maintain that support in the coming year. Your rector, wardens and vestry are here to assist you in any way we can in the coming year.

**January 12, 2021** – Vestry Meeting – 7:00 pm in the boardroom.

**January 13, 2021** – ACW (Annual) Meeting – 7:30 pm in the boardroom.

**Ordination announcement.** The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rose will ordain to the sacred order of priests the Rev. Dale Careen on **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** at the church of St. Cyprian and St. Mary on Bell Island. Due to Covid-19 regulations this service will be by invitation only. Please keep Rev. Dale, his family and the parish of Bell Island in prayer as they prepare for this joyous occasion.

**Takeout Jiggs Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.** The cost will be \$20.00 and can be picked up in the foyer of St. Philip's church that day at 5:00 pm. Tickets are available from ACM members or the parish office.

**The annual congregational meeting** will be held on **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.** Because we are still operating under strict pandemic protocols there won't be the usual pot-luck lunch prior to the meeting. The meeting will take place immediately following the 10:30 am morning worship in the main part of the church. All annual reports should be given to the rector no later than February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations** to **Derek Skinner** who won \$1,030 in the ACW 50/50 fundraiser and **thank you to all** who support our ACW.

**There are still a few 2021 church calendars available** if you haven't purchased yours yet. The price of them remains the same as past years at \$5.00 each.

**Thank you to our ACM and ACW groups** for their annual contributions to the parish budget in 2020. One of the most difficult things for both groups in the past year was the ability to fundraise, especially for the ACW. Our ACM group, through a lot of hard work, was able to do well from the recycling initiative. Even in the recycling work, we want to thank all the ladies that helped out with the abundance of items by sorting and bagging much of it at Bernice King's garage; this was a great help to our ACM. Combined, our two groups made a contribution of \$13,000 to the parish budget. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for all your hard work to accomplish this in 2020.

**The FM frequency channel will be purchased in the new year.** We expect it to cost around \$2800 and to date we have received that amount. This is a great piece of equipment to have because it enables people to sit in their vehicles and tune in to the church service, especially in times like these where there are restrictions on the number of people allowed in the building. It would also allow people that, for example have mobility issues to listen to the Flower service in their vehicles.

**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](mailto: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.

## Notes

Bulletins will continue to be printed every second week for the foreseeable future. Presently, because of Covid-19 restrictions, outside of regular worship there are not many other activities to report on. A limited number will be available on Sunday mornings, however, we do encourage parishioners to go online at: [stphilipsanglicanchurch@nf.aibn](mailto: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

2021 Church Envelopes are available in the foyer. Please take yours and any others there for family, friends or neighbors. Some people are set-up for online giving but it is still good for them to have their packet of envelopes so that they can use other special envelopes such as PWRDF, Cemetery Offerings, etc.

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.

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>

**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, The Ballicatters and Eastern Health group, as long as they had documentation from Eastern Health showing their start-up plan.

Even though our church building is now open for worship services E-Giving is still a good way to make regular offerings. The form for this is available on the church website with all the relevant information. This is an excellent way to give because even if one cannot get to the church the offering is still given. We do have a number of people making their contributions bi-weekly or monthly in this way. You can also call the church office to get the form.

**Primate's World Relief and Development Fund World of Gifts** - Are you thinking of gift giving for friends and family? Why not check out World of Gifts! Go to gift guide online at [pwrdf.org/worldofgifts](http://pwrdf.org/worldofgifts) <http://pwrdf.org/worldofgifts> and make your purchases 24/7. These gifts can truly change lives! As Christmas may look much different this year in terms of family getting together from away, and many of the traditional gift-giving ideas will not take place, maybe this venue with PWRDF may be a great way to give a gift to a family that will make a meaningful difference. Check out the site and see how cheap it is to provide a family with a gift of a goat, or chickens, or a donkey to carry water, or to provide PPE equipment to keep clinics safe. You can truly give the gift that gives life.

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

### Church Chuckle

A little girl asked her Sunday School teacher a question: "If the people of Israel are Israelites and the people of Canaan are Canaanites, are the people of Paris called Parisites?"

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### Stewardship thought for the Week

*We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.* *A significant change in Christian maturity happens when we move from saying "Why doesn't somebody do that?" or "Why don't you do that?" to "Why don't I do that?". Our giving pattern as we grow, takes the same course.*

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](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.

<p><b>Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.</b>  <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>  <b>Page 348</b></p> <p><i>A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."</i></p> <p><b>Epistle &amp; Gospel</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b></p> <p><b>Genesis 1 1-5</b></p> <p><b>Psalm 29</b>  <b>Page 738</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b></p> <p><b>Acts 19 1-7</b></p> <p><b>Gospel: Mark 1: 4-11</b></p>	<p><b>Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.</b>  <b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b>  <b>Page 349</b></p> <p><i>We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.</i></p> <p><b>Epistle &amp; Gospel</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b></p> <p><b>1 Samuel 3: 1-10</b></p> <p><b>Psalm 139 1-5 &amp; 12-17</b></p> <p><b>Pages 896-898</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b></p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 6: 12-20</b></p> <p><b>Gospel: John 1: 43-51</b></p>
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