

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison) Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, our Spirit within us, that we being renewed both in body and mind may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts:** (In Unison) God of constant love, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison) Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: John & Pheobe Parrell, Clayton & Cathy Parsons, Lorraine Parsons, William & Judith Parsons, Jim & Barbara Pender, and their families.

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

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of St. Mark, Shearstown/Butlerville –Rector, The Rev. Paul Thoms; and the Parish of St. Mark the Evangelist, St. John's - Rector, Archdeacon Amanda Taylor.

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

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Collect for the Day:** (In Unison) Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer over the Gifts:** (In Unison) Eternal God, your word inspires our Faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion:** (In Unison) God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for our parish families – this week we remember: Carl & Ann Picco, Louise Picco, John & Winnie Piercey, Cory Pittman, Stephen & Caroline Porr, and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

**Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of St. Mary's (2 congregations) - Rector, Rev. Keith Denman; and the Parish of Upper Island cove (3 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Scott Winsor.

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

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**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 the parish of St. Philip's! As I write today, we are approaching Thanksgiving weekend, and, of course Thanksgiving Day on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Our American neighbours will celebrate theirs on the fourth Thursday of November. Though the dates are different, we celebrate for all the same reasons, we are nations that are grateful to God for prosperity and success. Thanksgiving weekend. For many, this long weekend really kicks off the autumn season. People across the country will spend it raking leaves, harvesting, shutting down the family cabin, and hopefully eating a delicious meal surrounded by friends and family. But where did this tradition come from? In 1621, the pilgrims at Plymouth Plantation, Massachusetts, held the first Thanksgiving in North America, giving thanks for the end to a drought and a bountiful harvest. Without the help of the Wampanoag (Native Americans), who shared planting, hunting, and fishing knowledge and techniques, the pilgrims would have died. Some records say the first official Thanksgiving likely predates this event by around fourteen years.

Believe it or not, Thanksgiving in Canada, or at least the land that would become Canada, has its own history, separate from our American counterparts. Traditions of giving thanks long predate the arrival of European settlers in North America. First Nations across Turtle Island have traditions of thanksgiving for surviving winter and for receiving crops and game as a reward for their hard work. These traditions may include feasting, prayer, dance, and other ceremonies, depending on the people's giving thanks. When it comes to European thanksgivings in Canada, we have a few tales to tell. As the story goes, in 1578, English explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew gave thanks and communion was observed, either on land at Frobisher Bay, in present day Nunavut, or onboard a ship anchored there. The explorers dined on salt beef, biscuits, and mushy peas and gave thanks through Communion for their safe arrival in then New-found-land. This is now accepted as the first "Canadian" Thanksgiving, forty-three years before the first "American" Thanksgiving. Forty-eight years later on November 14, 1606, inhabitants of New France under Samuel de Champlain held huge feasts of thanksgiving between local Mi'kmaq and the French. Though not known at the time by the settlers, cranberries, rich in vitamin C, are credited with helping avoid scurvy. The neighbouring Mi'kmaq likely introduced the French to cranberries, or as they called them, *petites pommes rouges* (little red apples).

However, despite this history of uniquely Canadian thanksgivings, our modern concepts of Thanksgiving were influenced by our American neighbours. Foods that are associated with a "traditional" Thanksgiving, such as North American turkey, squash, and pumpkin, were introduced to citizens of Halifax in the 1750s by the United Empire Loyalists, who continued to spread this "traditional" fare to other parts of the country. Today Canadian Thanksgiving is held on the second Monday of October every year, or at least it has been since Canadian Parliament declared it so on January 31, 1957. Before this, Thanksgiving in Canada had been held sporadically, often coinciding with other major events and anniversaries. In 1879, Thanksgiving was officially declared a national holiday to be held on November 6th. The date change to the second Monday in October was largely a result of the first and second world wars, which we officially remember each year on November 11, Remembrance Day. This was so that the two holidays would not fall on the same weekend.

These are just some of the facts of how Thanksgiving came to be the holiday it is in Canada. The important thing for us, as we approach this annual celebration is – in what ways do we express our gratitude to God for the blessings we enjoy in this great nation, and what exactly are we thankful for? That may be different for all of us, however, we all express thankfulness for certain things in our lives that we have in common such as – our family, our homes, our friends, our faith, the freedom to be who we are and to live in a free and democratic society, health and strength that enables us to work and provide for our families, and the list goes on and on. Whatever it is that you are thankful for, be sure to express that in thanksgiving to God for your many blessings. We live in a world where God gets less and less thanks as time goes on, yet, for us who live our lives in faith, we acknowledge that God is the source of all goodness and blessings. So, on this Thanksgiving Sunday, maybe everyone can find time to gather the family and attend worship, either in our home church or a church in some other place we happen to be visiting. Every Sunday, as we gather for Eucharist, we participate in the greatest expression of thanksgiving of all, as we acknowledge our dependence on God, and our expression of gratitude for God's many blessings. Happy thanksgiving to you and your family, from me and my family, and from your parish of St. Philip. Blessings to you all.

*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.**

**Confirmation preparation classes will start very soon.** This will be the last bulletin note for registration of candidates. Once the classes start at the beginning of November the registration of candidates will be over for the coming year.

**ACW ladies are now selling tickets on a beautiful handmade quilt.** We will put the quilt on display soon so everyone can see it, and the lucky ticket will be drawn for later this Fall. The size of the quilt is 87" X 66".

**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](mailto: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.

**St. Thomas' Church Fall Fair** will be held on Saturday, October 29 from 9 am to 3 pm in Canon Wood Hall, 8 Military Road. Stalls include Pantry, Plants, Handmade Children's Clothing and Toys, Wool Items, Handiwork and Books.

**Primate's World Relief and Development Fund** is responding to the relief effort and you can help! Click [here](https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-to-hurricane-fiona-relief/) for more information <https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-to-hurricane-fiona-relief/> Please share this link with family and friends.

**The Anglican Life tri-diocesan church paper has a new website.** You can visit it by going to [anglicanlife.ca](http://anglicanlife.ca) You can read or download the current issue; you can share your favourite articles with friends by email or on social media; you can read or share past issues from the archives; search by author or diocese for stories you want to read. The paper will also continue to be printed with the full 10 issues per year. If you want to subscribe to receive the printed paper monthly or make a donation toward the cost of the paper, you may do so by mail at Anglican Life, 22 Church Hill, St. John's, NL A1C 3Z9 or call The Rev. Fred Marshall at (709) 727-4346

**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.

**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.

**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](http://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

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - Vestry **meeting** will be held this Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the boardroom.

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - **ACW meeting** that was previously scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, will now take place on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, in the boardroom at the regular time of 7:30 pm. All ladies of the congregation are most welcome to attend.

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - **The ACM (men's group) are selling tickets on a Jiggs Dinner & Dance**, which will take place on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The dinner will be a sit-down or takeout meal, and the cost is \$20 each.

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - **Thanksgiving & celebration of life service will be held for the late Madge (Belliveau) Sharpe** on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Carnell's chapel at 2:00 pm. Madge tragically died in a vehicle accident in Nashville on May 21<sup>st</sup>. A reception will follow at Carnell's, and the interment will take place at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip's. Please keep Steve and family, as well as Madge's NB extended family in your prayers.

October 16<sup>th</sup> - **The next scheduled Sunday for baptism** is October 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am service. Anyone with a child to be baptized that Sunday is asked to contact Rev. Randy.

November 4-5<sup>th</sup> - **Part B of the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of our diocesan synod** will take place November 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. The first part of this synod was held earlier this year online. It was the hope of our bishop that part B would be held this Fall in-person, however, due to the high cost of travel in order to bring everyone together, especially for those coming from Labrador, and the limited financial resources of the diocese, part B will also now be online as well. The theme of synod, as it was for part A, is "See, I am doing a new thing...Do you not perceive it"? In a time where diocesan and parish resources are extremely limited, and some parishes face a very uncertain future, we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we find ways to carry out ministry and mission in very challenging times.

**ACW & ACM are also starting up again** after a summer recess. These two groups are absolutely important to the life of our parish, in both the fellowship they offer, and, the much needed income they generate to the parish budget. They both work so hard and accomplish so much, and would love to see more attending their meetings and fellowship. Gary King is president of the ACM (Men's group) and Betty Lewis is president of the ACW (Women's group). Please give them your full support in the coming year.

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

**The months of July and August were slow months for the parish** in terms of financial contributions. This meant we had to access some of our small reserves in order to keep our expenses paid to date. As we start off this new church year, we call on all our parishioners to help us keep our parish on a strong financial foundation. This is especially important as we see parishes all around us having to join forces with other parishes to keep going. We have been very fortunate to remain strong financially throughout the pandemic, and, with your full support we hope to continue to do so well into the future.

**Our prayer team** resumes their weekly prayers this Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful to this small group that take turns week by week leading our congregation in the *Prayers of the People*. Presently they consist of Ruth Hiscock, Gloria Earle, Joan Osmond and Joyce Fewer, under the direction of Rev. Russell. Included in the bulletin today is a very informative letter from Rev. Russell telling us about the importance of this ministry in our parish, and the need to include others that might have an interest in leading the congregation in prayer. This ministry is now into its 10<sup>th</sup> year in our parish.

**THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKS OF**

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**CYRIL HISCOCK**

*Oct. 16, 1919 – June 19, 2011*

**Ever remembered  
Ever Loved**

*Given by:*

**Harvey, Ruth &  
Family**

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>**

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence  
(Page 385)

*Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalms 100:  
Pages 838

**(Lori Gosse)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Philippians 4: 4-9

**(Reegan Gosse)**

Gospel  
John 6: 25-35

**(Deacon Bonnell)**

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptural Sentence  
(Page 387)

*The word of God is living and active; it sifts the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Jer. 31: 27-34

Psalms 119: 97-104  
Page 875

**(Debbie Collis)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
2<sup>nd</sup>. Timothy 3:  
14-4:5

**(Gary King)**

Gospel  
Luke 18: 1-8

**(Deacon Bonnell)**