

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, grant that we who have been buried with Christ in baptism may be raised with him to newness of life. Renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may live in righteousness and true holiness, 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 our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families. (This week we remember): Edith Tucker, Edmund Tucker, Edna Tucker, Florence Tucker, Gerry & Joanne Tucker, Gilbert & Greta Tucker and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Kivu – (Rwanda), The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador
Synod Office Staff: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoff Peddle, The Ven. Sam Rose, Mrs. Gail Brittain, Ms. Elizabeth Crisby, Mr. Fred Dinham, Mr. Darrin Gosse.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for The Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton.

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Dec. 16th , 2018 (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's desk Today is a very special day in the lives of the young people that are coming forth, to receive the laying on of hands by our Bishop, through the sacrament of Confirmation. It is also an occasion of joy and thanksgiving for their families, to see them kneel before the bishop and renew the promises made for them at baptism, to publicly proclaim their desire to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, it is an awesome spiritual event in their lives. It is also a time of great celebration for each and every one of us, because, as I have been reminding the congregation in the last number of weeks, we too have a responsibility, and, it started when each of these young people were baptized years ago. There was a time in the life of the Anglican Church, when children were brought to church on a Sunday afternoon, and the only ones present were the parents, Godparents and priest, and, it was a private ceremony. In the course of time the church changed its theology on private baptism, and declared that it should be a celebration for the entire church family, to take place at the chief service of the day, and, to include the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. It determined that baptism is so important to the body of Christ, the Church, that it should be celebrated by everyone. The church was actually recapturing the spirit and importance of baptism that was in the early church. Today, we can do nothing more important than to be here to support these young people as they dedicate

their lives to following Christ. Our responsibility as parents, godparents, and the whole parish of St. Philip's does not conclude today. We now need to work together to encourage them in their faith, and, to explore ways to keep them interested and involved in the life of the parish. We are all well aware of the temptation to drift away from the faith, and the church following Confirmation, many of us did the same thing. The world did not become an easier place to live out the faith, quite to the contrary, there are probably more things to draw young people away from the church today than any time before. We must work together to find a way to make the church an exciting place for them to be; so, how that will look, and how successful we are, will depend largely on our commitment, as parents and parish family to nurturing the faith they proclaim today. I encourage parents to not stop coming with them to worship following today's service, but to really make it a part of what you do together as a family. At the ages these young people are now it's so important to really encourage them. I pray that all of us, the leaders in the parish, will become very creative in finding ways to keep them in the church, their presence and involvement in this parish is vital to our parish life now and into the future. As we nurture their faith today and into the future, let us remember that where they are we once were. I say to each young person being Confirmed today –*This is your church, this is your faith and we are your family.* (Rev. Randy)

What is PWRDF? Have you ever wondered what those little blue monthly envelopes in your box of envelopes are used for? The **Primates World Relief & Development Fund** is described by the national church as the *Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. Through the support of Anglican parishes across Canada, PWRDF makes financial and human resources available to partners around the world working to improve health, food security and livelihoods for vulnerable people.*

"Working towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world." – Micah 6:8

In an age where we want to ensure that our charitable donations get used for their intended purposes we can rest assured that practically every dollar given to PWRDF is used to make a difference in the lives of others in need, whether that is a neonatal clinic in Burundi saving the lives of babies, or providing resources to help families all over Africa become self-sufficient by farming, or making health care more accessible to poor people in Mozambique, to name a few. This year marks the 60th anniversary of PWRDF making a difference in the world. This is made possible because you and others make a generous contribution each month in that little blue envelope, or make regular contributions online. Please keep giving so that PWRDF can continue to make a difference.

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.**

As we approach the end of another year, your rector and vestry are hoping that we will end the year at least financially on target as a parish. As we try to adhere to the diocesan expectation of parishes to be more ministry and mission minded going forward, we will need to put a special emphasis on envelope givings and less on fundraising. A financially healthy parish is one that meets at least 80 – 90 percent of its annual budget by free-will givings in the offering plate. Many of the folks that do fundraising in parishes are the ones that are getting older and just don't have the energy to keep up with it. We would like to arrive at a time and place where fundraising activities will be used for outreach ministry more than meeting parish budgets out of necessity.

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.

Time to get moving with our band! Rev. Randy would like to meet briefly with those who have signed up, Dr. Greg Brown, Kenny Brown, Trevor Eddy, Dr. Keegan Au and Cathy Squires as soon as possible. Others are invited to be a part of this band as well.

Other Notices

Today, December 16th is the last day to return your information sheets for the Christmas Tree of Remembrance, as the list of names needs to be compiled for the event this Tuesday the 18th.

2019 CHURCH CALENDARS are also available for purchase at \$5.00 each. Only 50 calendars were ordered so they may not last long.

2019 calendars are still available to purchase at \$1.00 each. The calendars were **donated by Skinner's Oil Company**, for which we are very appreciative. There is a big variety of themes and each calendar has very lovely pictures. **You will also have the last calendar with the company name (Skinner's Plumbing Heating & Oil) on it**, as the company has been sold, so it can be a keepsake also. The calendars are located in the foyer.

Christmas Eve services will be as follows this year – we will have our family worship and children's Sunday School program at 4:00 pm and our service of Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm.

The 2019 church envelopes are now available for all parishioners. If you have not already gotten yours, they are located on the table in the main entrance. If you are new to our parish and have not requested a box yet please speak to our envelope secretary, Charlie Gosse (895-0585) or Rev. Randy.

Still need those last few special gifts ... or the final touch for your decorations? Visit the Diocesan Resource Centre, 19 King's Bridge Road. Right now until close on the 21st, all Christmas items are 40 percent off. That includes ornaments, decorations, cards, books, and home decor. Business hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4.30pm, closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30. That's all Christmas items 40 percent off until close on the 21st at the Diocesan Resource Centre. Warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and continued blessings for the New Year from the Diocesan Resource Centre.

Thank you to the family of the late Audrey Picco for a donation of \$1000.00 toward the cost of the new choir gowns. Thank you as well to both our ACW & ACM church groups for their contribution of \$1500.00 (\$750 each) toward the cost. The gowns have arrived and we look forward to our choir being adorned with them on Christmas Eve.

Church Chuckle

Item in church magazine: "Last Saturday's recital was a great success. Thanks go to Mrs. Frobisher for duty at the piano, which as usual fell on her."



The church is on Facebook
Take a look!

www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning.

Stewardship thought For the Week

If we belong to Christ, it's logical that everything we have truly belongs to him.

Yearly Budget for Envelope giving for 2018 - \$95,000.00	
Needed Monthly - \$7,916.67	
Needed Weekly - \$1,979.16	
Rec'd Dec. 9 th .	
Regular Giving	\$ 1,617.00
Shortfall	\$ 362.16
Maintenance	\$ 90.00
Rec'd Year to Date	
Regular Giving	\$ 77,272.00
Maintenance	\$ 11,581.00
Total brought in for Dec. 9 th .	\$ 4,563.55

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
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The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

Third Sunday of Advent - Dec. 16th.

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Marianne Baker
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &
Sunday School
Eucharistic Assistants – Carol Bartlett &
Lori Gosse
Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas
Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe
Altar Duty: Ruth Hiscock & Karen
Puglisevich

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Dec. 23rd.

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Jennifer Tucker
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &
Sunday School
Eucharistic Assistants – Mose Tucker &
Charlie Gosse
Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas
Sidesperson: John Parrell
Altar Duty: Ruth Hiscock & Karen
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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Today – Third Sunday of Advent
Dec. 16th.
Scripture Readings

1st Reading – Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12: 2-6)
(Ruth Hiscock)
2nd Reading – Philippians 4: 4-7
(Harvey Hiscock)

Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18
(Deacon Bonnell)

**The Bulletin today is given in
memory of:**

Victor Sharpe

Dec. 14, 1932 – March 4, 2016

Given by

Wife, Olive and Family

NOTICES

Welcome to our Bishop as he comes to lead us in the Sacrament of Confirmation today. We are super excited to have him, and assure him of our continuous prayers weekly for his ministry throughout our entire diocesan family in Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador.

Congratulations to the 14 young people that are coming forward this morning to receive the laying on of hands by our bishop through the sacrament of Confirmation. We are honored to be here to support you as you renew the faith and promises of your baptism.

Pot-Luck lunch for the whole congregation today, following the Confirmation service. Confirmation is about the family of God, the Church, so it is very appropriate that we all join in this celebration.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance will be lit on Tuesday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm. If you would like to have a bulb lit on the tree in memory of loved ones, there are some forms in the foyer. Simply fill in the information, and, place it with your donation in the offering plate by December 16th. That evening we will gather around the tree outside the main entrance, Rev. Randy will read the names of loved ones, a prayer of remembrance will be prayed, and the tree will be lit up. The Christmas tree will remain lit

throughout the Christmas season, both as a remembrance of our loved ones, and as a symbol of the light of Jesus in our world. Light refreshments will be served in the Canon E B Cheeseman Parish Centre, followed by the singing of Christmas carols.

Newman Sound Men's Choir Presents: Jing-ga-lye-ya

Newman Sound Men's Choir is thrilled to present their first ever solo Christmas concert this afternoon, Sunday, December 16 at 4:00pm at the Cochrane Centre, 81 Cochrane Street! Join us for an afternoon filled with Christmas cheer, including some of your favourite classic and contemporary carols – Silent Night, Jingle Bells, O Come All Ye Faithful, and more. Families are most welcome as our soloists will feature the children of our choristers. Let Newman Sound bring the sounds of the season while you sit back, relax, and get into the Christmas spirit! Tickets: \$25/\$20 + box office surcharge Free admission for children under 12 Available at the Holy Heart Box Office 709-579-4424.