

Notes

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.

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.

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.

Notice from Anglican Life. Many parishioners stopped receiving a subscription to Anglican Life / Anglican Journal at the end of 2019 as they were requested to "confirm" their subscription in order to continue receiving the paper. We continue to re-build the subscribers list for Anglican Life with much success in 2020, thanks to your assistance. Anglican Life / Anglican Journal is available FREE to all Anglican in Newfoundland and Labrador. All anyone needs to do is contact the Editor, Ms. Emily Rowe @ anglicanlifefnl@gmail.com or call Rev. Fred Marshall @ 709-727-4346

Religious exemptions from vaccines apparently have been asked for in some Anglican dioceses in Canada. The following is a note from our diocesan office from Archdeacon Charlene Taylor: *"There is neither legal nor doctrinal authority within the Anglican Church of Canada or any of its ministers to issue the requested religious vaccination exemption"*. Our position, as the Anglican Church of Canada, is that there are no religious reasons not to be vaccinated. There may be medical reasons but not religious ones, and this has been researched in depth.

As part of the Columbarium beautification area of the Cemetery we are going to purchase 2 matching Garden Benches, as those there now are getting the worse for wear. The benches we plan to purchase are made of recycled plastic, are very durable and heavy and can withstand harsh weather. They are approximately \$600.00 each plus tax (\$690). If there are families in the congregation who would like to donate these or contribute towards the cost, please speak to Rev. Randy or one of the church wardens. Memorial plaques can be attached if desired.

We have one family to donate one of the benches that means we have one more that can be donated. Rev. Randy has a design of the bench if anyone is interested in seeing it.

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.

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

Sept. 19th

17th Sunday
after Pentecost

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God has called us
through the Gospel, so
that we may obtain the
glory of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

1st Reading
Proverbs 31:
10-31

Psalms 1
Page: 705

(Canon Morgan)

2nd Reading

James 3:13
- 4: 3, 7-8a

(Joyce Keeping)

Gospel
Mark 9: 30-37

(Deacon Bonnell)

Sept. 26th

18th Sunday
after Pentecost

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Your word, O Lord, is
truth; sanctify us in the
truth.

1st Reading

Esther 7:
1-6, 9-10 and
9: 20-22

Psalms 124
Page: 884

(Ches/Ethel Barfitt)

2nd Reading

James 5:
13-20

(Gary King)

Gospel
Mark 9: 38-50

(Deacon Bonnell)

Church Chuckle

A local church (St. Paul's) built a new sanctuary. They wanted to move their very fine old pipe organ from the old building to the new sanctuary. It was a delicate task that was completed successfully. The local newspaper heralded - "Saint Paul Completes Organ transplant"!

www.facebook.com/stahiliosanalicanchurch

Stewardship thought for the Week

*We want to give our best,
and we rejoice in the personal
blessing that comes from our giving!*

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 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.

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

Pre-registration for worship will no longer be required after September 5th. However, should we be aware of a possible Covid case of anyone that attended our service public notice will be issued.

September 19th - Our choir is now back to weekly practice every Wednesday evening. We would love to see a few more people join the choir, there is no age restriction, all is required is a love of singing.

September 23rd — ACM Meeting — 6:00 pm

September 20th is election day in Canada. We encourage everyone to utilize their freedom to visit a voting station and mark an X for the candidate of your choice. We also say thank you to every candidate that stepped forward to offer themselves for election in all parties. When the election is over our prayer is for unity as our nation begins the work of rebuilding from this global pandemic.

September 28th - municipalities from all over our province will be holding elections. Again, we are thankful to those who have offered themselves for elected office and encourage everyone to come out and vote for the candidates you want to lead your community over the next few years.

October 16th is *World Food Day!* We are asking parishioners on that day to help us fill up our food boxes in the foyer with non-perishable food items. After Sunday, October 17th, all items will be taken to the community Pop-Up Pantry, which operates from St. Lawrence's parish. Our food boxes are in the foyer all the time and we welcome donations of food weekly, but on that day we want to make it extra special.

October 21st - Queen's College Convocation will be held on Thursday, October 2e 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. The guest speaker will be our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls. Rev. Randy will be robed and join the rest of the Corporation members in the procession. Please pray for those who will receive their degrees and certificates at the convocation.

October 24th will be designated Queen's College Appeal Sunday in our parish. Envelopes will be available prior to this Sunday and we ask parishioners to place a special contribution for the work of the college in preparing men and women for both ordained and lay ministry.

Updated diocesan Covid-19 protocols. Currently the mandatory mask rule has been lifted, and it is one's choice to wear one. We are still very much aware that there is Covid-19 in our province, so we must still be very cautious when we gather for worship. We are suggesting that masks be worn when not sitting in the pews and when coming forward for Eucharist. We will still respect everyone's private space by maintaining distance. We are encouraged by the high number of vaccinations in our province but we are still not quite where we would like to be in relaxing all the restrictions.

The Canon E.B. Cheeseman Parish Centre is now available for rental for birthday parties, showers, etc. We will still need to exercise care and caution when using the parish centre, and we are not yet at a point where we can rent it out for maximum occupancy, as we must still observe the rule of physical distancing. If anyone is interested in renting the Centre please contact Donna or Janice Spurrell and they will be able to inform you of the current rules around its use. These rules can change at any time based on direction from our Chief Medical Officer and/or our Diocesan Covid team.

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.

Our Food Bank boxes are still in the foyer and we welcome donations of nonperishable food items to be dropped into them. Once they are full we take them to the Pop-Up Pantry (food bank) at St. Lawrence's church.

Who is an ACW member or an ACM member? The short answer is, every woman of our parish is an ACW member and every man is an ACM member. We would love to get the numbers of active members up that attend regular meetings. Contrary to what some might think, it's not always about meetings and planning fundraisers, it is also about fun and fellowship together. We would love to see more of our ladies and gentlemen meeting together, getting to know one another better and growing our parish.

Confirmation classes will resume in early October. If you have a child, or know of someone else, please let them know so they can contact the rector to register.

Hospital visitation is limited to only the appointed chaplain. Whenever any of our parishioners are admitted to hospital, parish clergy are prohibited from visiting because of Covid-19 guidelines. So please ask for the Anglican Chaplain, and, he will be most happy to visit you regularly during your hospital stay.

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.

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.

Parish Finances is always a concern for us as we endeavor to keep up-to-date on our commitments. Last year (2020) turned out to be an excellent year for the parish financially, as all of you, parishioners of St. Philip's parish rallied to ensure the bills could be paid in the midst of the pandemic as our building was closed. We are very grateful for that, and, not many parishes in the diocese had this experience, and it happened here because of your faithfulness to God and your devotion to this parish. We are now coming to the end of the first quarter of 2021, and we want to remind everyone that the challenges of the global pandemic are still with us, our building continues to be closed down for inside worship and fundraising is non-existent at the moment. We ask everyone to be mindful of our situation and to help us keep up financially by being regular in your financial support of the parish. God bless you for all you do in the life of our parish.

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/sge-anglican/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/22143718/COVID-19-Bible-studies-FINAL.pdf>

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. PHIUP'S CHURCH.

From the Rector's desk:

We now find ourselves settling in once more for the Fall season, children are back to school, young people are in university and college, holidays are over, and we hate to think about it but we know that Summer is nearly over. Given the tumultuous year and half we have had, I hope every one of you was able to find some time for rest, refreshment and renewal of mind, body and spirit. It is my prayer that we will be able to look forward to a more normal sense of daily life; that we will recapture much of what we lost in this pandemic.

Here at St. Philip's parish, we are slowly and very cautiously beginning to resume some of the activities and ministries of the parish that were suspended at the beginning of the pandemic. We are still recommending that parishioners and visitors maintain some physical distancing between bubbles, and that masks be worn whenever moving around the building and worship area. Holy Communion, at least for the foreseeable future, will be received in one kind only (bread). We are not requiring people to be pre-registered for worship, but we will still be asking people to use hand sanitizer upon arrival. For a little while longer we will be printing the services in booklet form instead of passing out prayer and hymn books. This Sunday (September 19th) will mark the first time since the beginning of the pandemic that our choir has robed and sat in the choir stalls, where they will lead the congregation in three of the four hymns and the Lord's Prayer. Our very cautious approach throughout the pandemic, including our rigid sanitizing of seats, washrooms, and all surfaces, helped us to keep everyone of our worshippers safe.

We are also starting to get back to renting the Canon EB Cheeseman Parish Centre for small events, such as birthday parties and showers, again requiring renters to be stringent in cleaning up after each use. This Fall we look forward to opportunities to come together to enjoy a couple of sit-

down meals. We have missed those times when parishioners got together to fellowship and share a meal. Both our ACW and our ACM groups are now back to monthly meetings, planning some fundraising events and helping the parish get back to some sense of normal, whatever that might look like

The after-school group known as the "*Ballicatters*" are also back to renting the parish centre, at this point we are concerned about their future. They still have a ways to go to reach the number of children needed to be a viable operation. This group contributes \$20,000 annually to the parish budget, an amount that goes a long way in helping us to meet our financial commitments. Please tell others that we have this service for young families operating from our building.

A couple of the programs we hope to get moving on soon that have been idle for the past 18 months is our Sunday School and Confirmation. I do have a couple of names for Confirmation and would welcome others. It is my hope that we will begin preparation in October with a view to have the bishop visit early in the New Year for the Confirmation service. Please let me know if you have young people to be confirmed. Even before the pandemic we were in need of Sunday School teachers and helpers, we are now asking that parishioners, especially those who may have young children, to come forward and sign up to help. Once we have enough to begin we will look to register children soon after. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church. Again, everything we do will be done as carefully and safely as possible. We also invite everyone back to Sunday worship. During this pandemic we have missed you and long to see you again. Later in the fall we will plan to mark a particular Sunday to welcome everyone. Like all churches, we are in a rebuilding mode, trying to find our way back to where we were before Covid-19 came along and knocked us all backward. We will use the lessons of the past 18 months to see where we have been, where we are now and where God is calling us to be as the church. I'm sure in there somewhere God is calling us to look at ourselves, our lives, our church, and build on the experiences. Our worship services are every Sunday morning at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. And our invitation is to everyone to join us in the journey of faith we are all on. Blessings,

Rev. Randy

Computer Literacy Program for Seniors

Do you find computers confusing and a bit intimidating? If so, you are not alone—but help is on the way.

Starting September 28, seniors can learn the basics of using computers. This includes how to use Facebook to contact family and friends; how to search for information; how to avoid fraud online—and much more.

If this is of interest, then sign up today—no experience is required. You may register by calling St. Lawrence parish office at 895-2215. You also do not need a computer, because these will be provided. Best of all, the instruction is free.

Classes will take place once a week, for twelve weeks (on Tuesdays), at the St. Lawrence Parish Hall on Portugal Cove Road. Sessions will go from 10 am to noon, and snacks shall be provided. You do not have to attend all of the classes—but it's going to be fun, so you might want to!

This project is sponsored by the Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Lions, with instruction provided by the Community Services Council. Volunteers from the Lions will be present to assist.

The Reverend Canon Amanda Taylor, B.A.; M.Div.
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The Parish of St. Lawrence, Portugal Cove
Canon of Children, Youth and Ministry Vocations
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Dismissal

**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.**

Sept. 19th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison) God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfillment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember) Ann & David Lambert, Calvin Lamswood, Paul & Deanna Lander, Bernadine Lawlor, Cynthia Leroux, 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 St. Augustine (Stephenville) — Rector, The Rev. Canon Kris Gosse (2 congregations); and the Parish of St. Augustine (St. John's) — Rector, The Rev. Dr. Rudolph Anthony.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sept. 26th

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison) Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in 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) Rev. Randy & Ada Lockyer, Winnie Lynch, Joe MacRoberts, Todd Martin, Nina Martin-Sheppard and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Episcopal Church.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. James the Apostle — Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Jane Allen and the Parish of St. John the Evangelist — Vacant.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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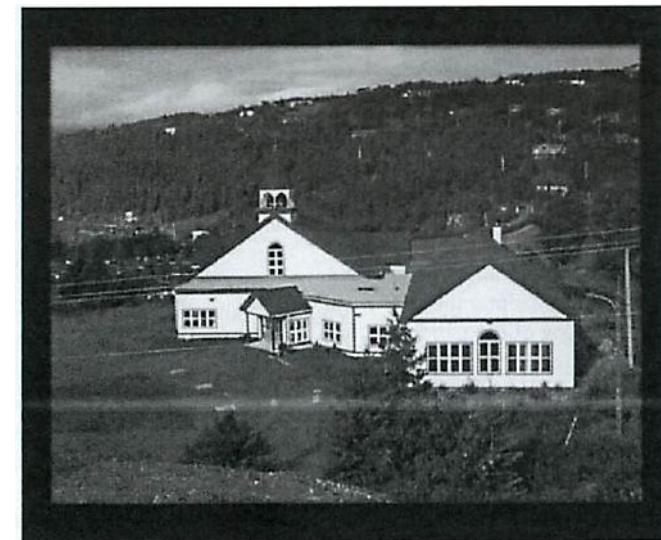
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Sept. 19th and Sept. 26th, 2021 (Year B)