

May 31st.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty and everliving God who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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): Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth His gifts to all 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) Roger Squires, Tony & Millicent Squires, Viola Squires, Thelma Squires Hicks, Don & Sandy Squires and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia, The Most Revd Leonard Dawea – Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Temotu.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Harbour Grace (2 congregations) – Rector-Rev. John Nicolle and the Parish of Heart's Content (2 congregations) – Rector - Rev. Gloria Wendover.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

June 7th.

Collect for the Day: (In Unison) Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. 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) Derek & Ellen Stevenson Edna Strowbridge, Gary Sullivan, Ronald & Thelma Sullivan, Wilbert & Laura Taylor and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, The Most Revd Francisco Moreno – Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico & Bishop of Northern Mexico.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Hermitage (3 congregations) – Rector, Rev. Robyn Toal ; the Parish of Holy Innocents – Rector-Rev Byron Barter and the Parish of Holy Cross (4 congregations) – Rector-Rev. Linda Cumby.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and for all parishes now closed due to the pandemic.

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May 31st and June 7th, 2020 (Year A)

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: Sunday coming (May 31st) is an extremely important day in the life of the Church, for it is *The Day of Pentecost*. It is now 50 days since Easter Sunday, and, ordinarily I would say it is 50 days following the great celebration of Easter, however, because of Covid-19 there was not a church celebration this year. In Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to his disciples and other followers, he promises them an Advocate or a Comforter to guide them. We must remember that after Jesus' death his followers, and, especially his disciples, were a very dejected and deflated group of people. When Jesus was with them everything was fine, they had their leader, and they were emboldened to go out into the world (their known geographic world) and proclaim the Messiah. When Jesus is nailed to the cross and buried they suddenly lose courage and hope. They begin to question everything the Master had told them and taught them, they became almost like sheep without a shepherd. On the third day Jesus rises from the grave and he spends some time appearing to his disciples to once again give them reassurance that he is alive, and, to build up their courage and hope once more so that they could rise to the task of preaching the gospel and establishing the Church. In this once merry band of followers Jesus needs to infuse them with a new zest and energy that would propel them into action. Jesus knew that following his ascension back to God the Father, he would need to send the Holy Spirit upon his disciples and followers. So, before he returns to God he says to them –“ *I will not leave you comfortless, I will send you the Comforter (Holy Spirit) to teach you all things and to bring to remembrance all things*”. Then comes the day of Pentecost, when the disciples are all together in one place and the Holy Spirit descends upon them, they are speaking in tongues, and they are so happy and excited that some people think they are drunk on alcohol, Peter has to explain to others that this is God's Holy Spirit, the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel in the Old Testament, that God would pour the Holy Spirit on the people. This is the long awaited catalyst to move out and change the world. We often refer to Pentecost Sunday as the birthday of the Church, for it is from that day on that the Church really begins to take form and come into being. If we were meeting today inside the church building we would have a birthday cake and some

balloons to celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. In some ways, in these current days of Pandemic, we too can somewhat identify with the plight of the early disciples, we have been outside of our church buildings for 11 Sundays, finding alternate ways of worshipping. When we share in parking lot worship, as we have been doing for the past 6 Sundays, the one thing most everyone says is –“ *it's so good to gather together on Sunday morning, even if we can't sit in the church together*”. We all look forward to the time when we can once again sit in the church pews and stand and sing the hymns together and come forward to the altar rail to receive the Eucharist. We will get to that point, but, for now we still need to be creative and find ways to keep spiritually fed in this desert time we are in. One of the important things we bear in mind is that we are a church family, we have been baptized into the family of God, and, together we have been emblazoned with the seal of Christ on our foreheads, the sign of the cross. Being part of a family is a very strong connection, for example, look at our own family units, there is a bond that draws us together that is never broken. As parents, children, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins, there is a bond or family tie that keeps us together even when we are separated and living on the other side of the world. This bond of love is the cement that keeps us together. So too is the bond of love (in Christ) that makes us part of his family. The cement that keeps us together in that family is the same baptism we share in common. Baptism makes us one with Christ, and heirs with God. So, we will not be dejected and defeated, we will not lose hope and despair, because we support one another in prayer and fellowship. As the Holy Spirit was sent upon Jesus' followers on that first Pentecost Sunday, so too, that same Spirit is with us, and we are assured that God is not absent from us. We have the assurance that God will never leave nor forsake us, but will abide with us in every situation of life – including this Pandemic. So, this Pentecost Sunday, celebrate that Holy Spirit, and, if you are able join us at St. Philip's parking lot at 10:30 am you are welcome to help us celebrate the Church's birthday. (we adhere to the principle of physical distancing so please remain in your vehicles at all times). Remember, God loves you, you are in good hands, and God is able to meet every need we have. Don't lose hope, keep the faith for this is still God's world, God is still in Heaven, and we are blessed.

(Rev. Randy)

We received a grant from the Anglican Foundation to help with the plans we have for the cemetery space around the columbaria. Given the difficult year it is shaping up to be for investments we are very fortunate and grateful to receive this grant of \$2500. When we start and complete these beautifications will depend on the lifting of restrictions around Covid-19. Our parish supports the work of the Anglican Foundation, and, our own Debbie Collis is a member of the Foundation.

We honor our high school graduates. This has been a difficult year for teachers, students and parents. We are especially sorry that the grade 12 graduates did not get to have the traditional graduation ceremonies and celebrations that they have been looking forward to for several years. From St. Philip's parish – congratulations on your achievement, and best wishes for a bright future ahead of you!

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

Anyone desiring to have children baptized, please speak to Rev. Randy. We can do baptisms as long as we abide by the government and health regulations around Covid-19.

If anyone is going through a difficult time and in need of food because of the Covid-19 closedown please contact Rev. Randy by calling the church office at 895-0715 We have been reminding people that the church is here to help, and, if someone is in need of food we will do our very best to help with that.

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.**

NOTICES/MEMORABLE DATES

Rev. Randy plans to post another short worship service on Facebook every Sunday. Please share it widely with others once you see it. It will also be on the parish Facebook page.

The past several Sundays Rev. Randy has conducted church services from the church entrance, with parishioners listening from their vehicles. If weather permits we will continue to do so, however, we must insist that everyone continue to maintain the principle of physical distancing by remaining in the vehicle at all times.

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>

Let's call one another –we are probably home! Many of us are missing those we are so used to seeing on Sunday morning in church. Why not pick up the phone and give them a call, no doubt it will make their day and reassure them that they are not forgotten. This is a real ministry of the church that we can all engage in.

Cemetery Services in our diocese have been put on hold this Summer until such a time as congregations are able to meet together. Ours is scheduled for July 26th, so we will monitor things as we go, and, if need be we may be able to do a service in the parking lot with everyone staying inside their vehicles. Please do maintain the graves of your loved ones as you exercise physical distancing.

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.

From our Primate: Dear friends in Christ: Recently we have heard news that the Corona virus has now spread into Canada. Many of us remember the SARS crisis and the precautions that were needed when it came close to our communities. First, our prayers are extended to those who are ill with this virus and those who are caring for them. So far there has been no call from public health officials for additional measures in public activities. However it is prudent to ensure that we have reviewed our practices in pastoral care and public worship to keep everyone, especially the most vulnerable due to age or infirmity, safe and to allay fears that may arise.

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

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Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.	Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Host; the whole earth is full of his glory.
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel	The Collect, Epistle and Gospel
1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-21	1st Reading: Genesis 1: 1-4a
Psalm 104 25-35, 37 Pages: 844-845	Psalm 8 Pages: 711-712
2nd Reading: 1st. Corin. 12: 3b-13	2nd Reading: 2nd. Corin. 13: 11-13
Gospel John 20: 19-23	Gospel Mathew 28: 16-20

Our Bulletin is dedicated today in loving Memory of

Derek Mercer
(April 16, 1953-June 13, 2019)

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die...”
(Ecclesiastes 3: 1)

Lovingly Remember and forever in our hearts, Carol, Matthew, Brittany and Calla Ann.

Notes

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.

This Winter and Spring has been hard on church attendance. Because of the January state-of-emergency, and a couple of other weather events, plus COVID-19, we have missed a number of Sundays. This naturally impacts our parish finances for the year which is always concerning to Vestry. We ask our parishioners that have been unable to make their offerings to please consider helping us make up the difference throughout the year.

Please try to be regular in your weekly offering to the parish. As we now enter into the months of Summer, many people will be enjoying the nice weather (we hope) and travelling around more, or spending more time at the cottage, etc. If you are able to get your envelope offering to the parish that will be a tremendous help to us to keep up with our monthly bills. You can mail them to the parish, drop them off to the office during the week, or you can use our E-transfer (this is new for us). Thank you for your faithful support to St. Philip's parish even through this time of Pandemic.

During this time with our church building closed down a few people are opting to sign up for E-Giving. 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.

Rev. Randy will be at the church every Sunday morning during close-down for anyone that would like to come by the church to drop off their weekly offering. The time for this will be between 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Of course you can drop by anytime during the week as well when the office is open, or, you can mail it to the church. It is so important for us to keep up with our regular offerings to the church during this time so that we can keep all the church bills paid.

Invitation to be part of our Mission Team. As we enter into a new year (2020) we are going to make mission a big part of our congregational development. As the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador continues to emphasize the need for parishes to do some work in the area of mission, it is suggesting that every parish institute a mission team with goals and objectives to enable growth, including spiritual growth and renewal. If you have an interest in being part of this team we would love to have you join with us.

This year the ACW will be having a gift card tree as their Lenten/Easter fundraiser instead of filling a sock. The value of this tree is \$500.00. They are asking for your support by contributing a gift card of any value to their tree. The draw date will be determined later.

Interested in learning about what happens at the altar? Canon Morgan would be very interested in teaching you about it. If you would like to know what is involved in serving at the altar and the significance of it all, please speak to him. The invitation is to anyone 12 and over, and there is no obligation to be a server unless you want to be.

If your church can be of any help to you during this time of Covid-19 please let us know. We recognize that maybe some of our seniors may not be able to get out to purchase their groceries, or fill prescriptions, etc., if you are in need of someone to do these things for you please call the church office and we will ensure that someone comes to help you. Please call 895-0715 and leave a message or call Rev. Randy directly at 693-8537.

What does the future of the Church look like? In this case of a global Pandemic, and, as we see the situation in our own nation, province and communities presently, the whole Church of every single denomination and faith are in exactly the same position. When this is all over every church will be seeking to find once again its place in the community. When we look at biblical history every desert experience ended with new hope and new life. We pray that as we come through this desert time the church will find that it has been strengthened and given a clear vision of ministry. We pray that there will be a resurgence of living faith and that the church will be bold in leading it.

Please keep our building secure. We have had no major security issues, but from time-to-time it is good for us to remind everyone entrusted with a key to the building that it is the responsibility of that person to safe guard the key, and to ensure the key is never given to any unauthorized person. Please ensure that all lights are turned out, the door securely closed and locked. If a person receives a key for a specific duty and that person is no longer in that role the key must be returned so it can be given to the new person in that role.

Remember (when things get back to normal) that the first Sunday of each month there will be coffee/tea, juice and other refreshments served prior to the 10:30 am worship service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and welcoming everyone that comes. Thank you to Lisa for organizing it each month and to the youth that help her to serve. Anyone wishing to sponsor refreshments for a future time please contact Lisa Lake (Brown).

Church Chuckle

Notice in church magazine: 'A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by Mr. Jones in memory of his wife.'



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Giving is more than a responsibility-it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience-it is evidence of our faith.

Stewardship thought for the Week

Remember this-you can't serve God and Money, but you can serve God with money.

St. Philip's parish is now setup 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 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.