

## The Parish of St. Peter (Upper Gullies)

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“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.” Matthew 16-18

Sunday, October 29, 2017

ALL SAINTS

### The Merton Prayer

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you

does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust you always

though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

(See note on Thomas Merton on the Announcements Page)

Diocesan Bishop:	The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle
Rector:	The Reverend Jean Smith (On Leave)
Interim Administrator	The Reverend Irving Letto
Parish Deacon:	The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Morgan (On Leave)
Organist/Choir Director (Interim)	Andrea Powell
Parish Wardens	Ralph Drover
	Robert Hilliard
Office Administrator:	Jack Morgan

## 8:30am Book of Common Prayer: 10:30am Book of Alternative Services

LECTIONARY: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (BCP p369; BAS p744); 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

**COLLECT** Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son 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** Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. Amen.

### **HYMNS FOR 10:30 SERVICE**

Processional: (#282) Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing  
Youth Choir : You Shall Love the Lord Your God  
Prayer Shawl Blessing: (# 500) Sister, Let me Be Your Servant  
Gradual: (#439) Blest are the Pure in Heart  
Offering: (#524) O Christ, the Great Foundation  
Closing: (#467) Forth in Thy Name

1. *Godly Play and Confirmation Dismissal - Following Youth Choir anthem.*
2. *Blessing of Prayer Shawls - Following Godly Play Dismissal.*



### **Pastoral Message**

We've been used to thinking of saints as one-dimensional people like those we see in stained glass windows. They are people who exist on a different plane, not much like us ordinary folk. Yes, they suffered and may have even been martyrs, but they never suffered from the doubts, anger, fears and failings that we have. If someone called us a saint we'd probably reply, "I'm NO saint!"

The word “saint” is found throughout the Bible. It appears in Psalm 31:23 like this: **Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful.** In Romans 1:7 Paul refers to the early Christians as “saints”: **To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints.**

In the Bible, then, the saints are the people who are trying to be faithful to God. They are the people like the church members at St. Paul’s church in Rome. We, too, as Christians are “called to be saints.”

Many “saints” have died, but many are still living. Some are less faithful than others. Some stand out more than others. But we are all “formed from the dust of the ground” (*Genesis 2:7*) and the most saintly are those who realize this. Imagine this — “*holy dust!*”

### **Blessing of Prayer Shawls**

The writer of psalm 139 describes the wonder and mystery of life with this beautiful thought and picture of God: **It was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb (v.13).**

O Divine Knitter, we gather today to celebrate a special ministry of St. Peter’s Church. We give thanks for the compassion and love of the women who have knit and crocheted these shawls. We know that you are always present in our lives and that your love transcends all tragedy, illness and pain. We know, too, that sometimes a physical reminder can bring hope, healing and peace to someone who is crying out. We pray that these prayer shawls will bring comfort to those who will receive them.

Gracious God, we pray that the creating and sharing of these shawls will be an outward and visible sign of your love. They were created to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill, to bring comfort to someone who feels alone, to bring peace to someone who is troubled, to bring healing to someone who is ill.

**We lay our hands on these shawls in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and pray that they will be a sacrament of your love and ours. Amen.**

*(This prayer was written using some of the phrases and thoughts expressed in a Prayer Shawl Liturgy created by Rev. Sarah Weaver, Senior Pastor of Rehoboth Congregational Church, Maine.)*

### **This week we are praying for:**

All Church Leaders, especially +Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Fred, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; +Ronald, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, +Geoffrey, our Bishop; Jean+, our Rector; Bonnie+, our Deacon, and Irving+, our interim administrator.

In the Anglican/Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, ACC Bishop Larry Robertson, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Yukon. ELCIC The president, faculty, students, and staff of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon.

In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the people and Clergy o the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Clarenville and St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's.

In the CBS Ministerial Cycle of Prayer we pray for the unity of all Christians; and for all clergy and members of the church communities of Conception Bay South.

We pray for our Alongsiders, Eva Adams and Evelyn Morgan.

Those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially: Rodney Andrews, Payton Best, John Bradbury, Janet Butler, Mary Dawe, Muriel Fowler, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Mackenzie Jones, Marion Morgan, Glenys O'Brien, Pat Reid, Lucy Thistle, Chris Gillingham, Mary Bussey, Eileen Shaw (N.B.), Kevin Lawlor, Violet Batten, Sean Caddigan, Paul Stone and Rev. Jean.

### **Today's Bulletin is Given in Loving Memory of:**

**Elizabeth and Raymond Avery.** From their daughters.

### **Music Director/Organist**

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter is seeking a Music Director/Organist. This position will hold responsibility for the music ministry of the Parish in consultation with the Rector. In addition to weekly 10:30am services on Sunday, this position includes all major seasons of the Church - Lent, Easter, Christmas, and weekly choir practices for a senior choir and a children's/youth choir. Interested persons are asked to submit a resume and letter of intent to the Reverend Irving Letto at [irvingletto@gmail.com](mailto:irvingletto@gmail.com) or by letter to The Parish of St. Peter, 1219 Conception Bay Highway, Conception Bay South, NL A1X 4E9 by November 11, 2017.