

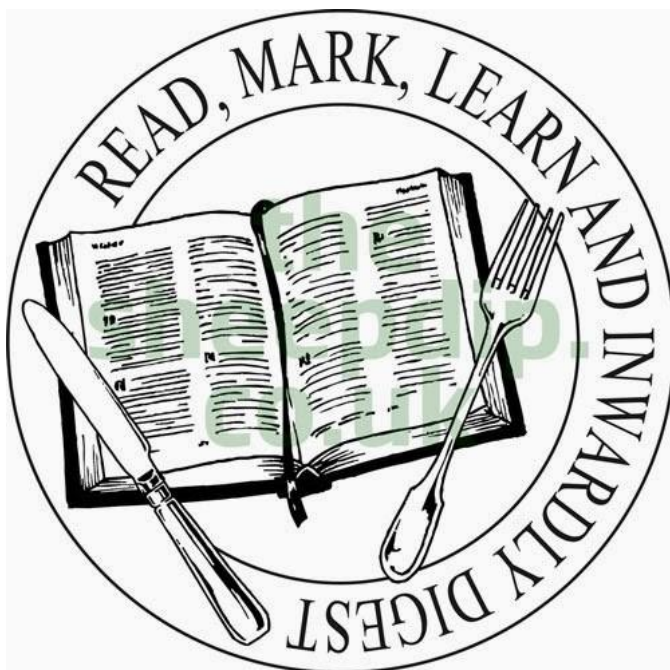
## The Parish of St. Peter (Upper Gullies)

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

Sunday, November 12, 2017  
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7[8] (BCP p426; BAS p806);  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

**COLLECT** Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Processional:	<b>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</b> (See Insert)
Gradual:	<b>(#476) God, You Have Caused to be Written</b>
Offering:	<b>(#435) Take My Life, and Let It Be</b>
Communion:	<b>(#60) I Come with Joy</b>
Closing	<b>I Love to Tell the Story</b> (See Insert)

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### **Pastoral Message**

On the Labrador Coast, when I was a child, CFCY Charlottetown was one of the few radio stations that provided good reception for us. Each Sunday morning we tuned in to listen to "Sunday School by Post and Radio." This was a program sponsored by St. Paul's Anglican Church in Charlottetown, PE.

Details about what Rev. Hogg talked about have faded from my memory, but I remember receiving in the mail four or five weekly magazines rolled together with my name on the outside. Each magazine had some simple Bible lessons and a page with questions. There was space for me to write my answers which I would mail back. A few weeks later I would receive a note from Rev. Hogg with some encouraging comments about what I wrote.

I don't know how long I was receiving this literature, but a picture of the booklets and the page with the questions is clear in my mind. It is a warm memory that I cherish and is, no doubt, an important step from the 1950's in the long ladder of my faith development.

Today's collect and Psalm 78 remind me of the importance of knowing the stories of our faith tradition. The theme song for Sunday School by Post and Radio was "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus." I can still hear the lively music and the voices coming through loud and clear on the radio. I have always appreciated knowing that hymn and I hope that you will enjoy singing it today and be inspired as I was by its simple message. **"That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children."** (Psalm 78:4)



### You are invited to host the 'Holy Family'

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Sunday in Advent, a travelling box containing the 'Holy Family' will arrive at St. Peter's. The box will contain a Nativity Set which includes Mary, Joseph; baby Jesus, Sheppard's, Wise men, Animals and Stable. It also contains stories about Christmas and a 'Token' for each family to keep.

Families are encouraged to sign up to host the 'Holy Family.' You get to take the travelling box home during the advent season at a time that's convenient for you to spend with your children and to make it a learning experience which will help them better understand the Christmas story.

A signup sheet will be available for each family to let us know the date of pick up and the date of return. The amount of interest will determine the amount of time you will be able to keep



the 'Holy Family' at your home.

This is the perfect opportunity for Dad's and Mom's to share the story of Christmas with their children through the help of props that help illustrate the narrative of the birth of Jesus—the greatest story ever told!!

The last family to host the 'Holy Family' is asked to return it to the Church on Christmas Eve.

### **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, The members of the Council of General Synod, ELCIC, The members of the National Church Council.

In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the people and Clergy of the Parish of St. Michaels and All Angels, St. John's and the Parish of St. Peter's, Upper Gullies.

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, Les McDonald, Fred Kelly and Rev. Jean.

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

**John Anthony** (remembering his birthday on November 11) and **William Dawe** (remembering his birthday on November 12<sup>th</sup>). From Joyce and Family.

My Dad, **William R. Tilley** on Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Daughter Marg Ebsary and family.

### **In Remembrance**

A donation has been given to the Building Fund in loving memory of **Reg Morgan**. By Marjorie and family