

The Rock

"You are Peter and on this Rock I will build my church" Matthew 16-18

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*"And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the **good news** to them."* Luke 3:18

Kevin Collins tickets (7 pm, November 25th concert) still available at the Church office. Phone 744-2648 for further information. Don't be disappointed, get your tickets today!!

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From the Editor's Desk

Well, this is the 3rd edition of The Rock and we're moving right along. Once again, I am very pleased with the feedback to date and I have received excellent suggestions on how to move forward to improve and expand. Thank you one and all!

You will notice that this edition is a little longer and covers a few more topics and happenings around St. Peter's.

I want to remind people that if you know someone who doesn't have computer access or would just prefer a printed copy of St. Peter's newsletter to give me a call.

Again, I continue to ask that you forward your suggestions and ideas to me as this is YOUR newsletter and it is only you that will ensure its success!
Hope you enjoy.

Lest we Forget



“At the going down of the Sun and in the Morning, we will Remember them”

Everyone, as they are able, is encouraged to visit a war memorial on November 11th to Remember those who sacrificed their all for us!!

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields .

John McCrae, 1872 - 1918

Heroes of St. Peter's

Praising God through Music

St. Peter's Fellowship Band survives the test of time.

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1

Did you know that the St. Peter's Fellowship Band has been praising God through music since April 7, 2002? Band spokesperson, Ralph Drover says the 15 ½ years has just flown by.

The group had humble beginnings when four people showed up to give this relatively new concept a try. Ralph, along with his brother Alan Drover, and sisters Leona Dawe and Renee (Scottie) Rideout were the first to belt out gospel songs in the parish hall.

However, says Ralph, the face of the band changed over the years, with some members dropping off and new faces coming in. Today's version consists of Ralph Drover, Jerry White, the Rev. Canon Greg Mercer (former Rector of St. Peter's) and Andrea Powell. Jean Ford, Bob Smith, Jerry Tilley and Jackie McCann Scott have all lent their instrumental and vocal talents for varying periods of time and are likely to return occasionally.

Ralph noted that in the beginning, with no equipment such as

speakers, cables, microphones, etc., he approached vestry and asked for a \$2,000 loan to purchase the much-needed gear—and the Church body were eager to accommodate. Within a year, the loan was paid back to the Church--in full.

The group, who predominately play country gospel, is also known to entertain at a scattered Church 'kitchen party, or the like' says Ralph. "We then get into a variety of music: contemporary, secular, traditional—a mix of the old and new with a joke or two sprinkled in," he said with a laugh.

Over the years, Drover is proud to say that the band, via free will offerings has risen in excess of \$27,000. Monies have been donated to various Church projects, assisting with travel outside province for sick people seeking treatment, and natural disasters such as in Haiti.

The group has also been in demand outside the Parish of St. Peter, including Church's in Trinity, Bonavista Bay, St. Mary the Virgin and St. Thomas in St. John's--to name

a few. Occasionally, they also perform pre-worship in their home parish.

Is the best yet to come? “I don’t know,” said Ralph. “We’ll hopefully be around as long as the people will have us,” he concluded.

The Band is scheduled to next perform in the Parish Hall here at St. Peter’s on Sunday evening, November 19th @ 7:00 pm.



ST. PETER’S FELLOWSHIP BAND—While this picture is a little dated, it shows long time members of the group, past and present. From left—Jackie McCann-Scott, Alan Drover, Dennis Morgan (technician), Rev. Canon Greg Mercer (former Rector of St. Peter’s), Bob Smith, Jerry White, Jean Ford and Ralph Drover. Missing from photo Jerry Tilley.

You are invited to host the ‘Holy Family’.

On December 3rd, 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.



Joel Crews is seen here viewing the ‘**Holy Family**,’ which illustrates the amazing story of Christmas.

Upcoming Events at St. Peter's

- **November 18th**, Men's Service Club Moose Sausage and Bean Supper. Tickets now available. \$15.00 each.
- **November 19th**-Fellowship Band performs in the Parish Hall. Lunch to follow. Free will offering accepted.
- **Kevin Collins Concert**-Saturday, November 25th @ 7:00 pm. Tickets \$20.00 each and available at the Church office.
- **Sunday, December 3rd**, 1st Sunday of Advent.

St. Peter's is Now AED Equipped.



St. Peter's is now equipped with an **Automated External Defibrillator** (AED) thanks to the foresight and generosity of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (who received funding from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador). Rector's Warden, Ralph Drover's applied to the Foundation several months ago and we were fortunate enough to be chosen to

receive this life saving device – at no cost to the parish. Further, the Foundation came to the Parish Hall and trained 7 parishioners in the technique of CPR and use of the AED. Our profound thanks go out to the provincial government and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The AED is downstairs in the Parish Hall near the rear exit and elevator, and is easily accessible to patrons of both the Church and hall.

From the Archives

Baptism Register – early 1900's

The baptism register for 1901 tells us that **Ethel May Roberts**, daughter of Samuel and Caroline Roberts was born on February 4th, 1901 and baptized on February 24, 1901 by the Reverend Henry Petley.

AND

Charles Willey LeDrew Coates was born on November 13, 1901 and baptized on December 15, 1901. He was the son of Nathaniel and Selina Coates of Upper Gullies.

AND

Our very own **Aubrey Harold Dawe**, son of Garland and Jane Dawe of Upper Gullies was born on September 30, 1933 and baptized on October 15, 1933 by the Rev. Harry Whitehouse.



Seniors Corner

Seniors Safety Tips

It is extremely important for seniors to learn to protect themselves. Unfortunately, seniors are often the targets of many different crimes such as con artists, thefts, and assaults. There are some things that seniors can do, however, to ensure that they do not become victims.

At the Door

- Have a one-way peephole installed

- If the person at the door is not someone you recognize, don't open the door. Ask for identification and call the organization they represent for verification.
- If they refuse to show identification and refuse to leave, call the police and/or building manager.
- Have your door locks checked by a professional locksmith and upgraded to provide the best level of security available.

On the Phone

- Make sure you are the one to control the flow of information. If someone asks: "Who is this?" you have no obligation to tell them. Instead ask "Who are you calling?" If they won't identify themselves, hang up.
- It is not necessary to provide personal information over the telephone. Legitimate callers asking for name, address, age, and other personal information will arrange to meeting in person and provide proper credentials and means of verification.
- If you receive obscene or harassing phone calls, hang up and get in touch with your phone company for advice.

On the Street

Street crimes are crimes of opportunity. You can reduce your risk of becoming a target of opportunity by observing the following guidelines:

- Be aware of what is happening around you.
- Never carry large sums of money.
- Never flash your money for all to see.
- Never carry valuables in full view.
- Ask yourself is it always necessary to carry a purse? Would taking enough in your pocket to make the purchase make more sense?

(My thanks to Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Staff Sergeant Kevin Foley for directing me to this information).



Rev. Letto writes.....

Remembering the Price of War

Some 650,000 Canadians served in World War I. About 60,000 of these died during the war. The last of those who survived died in 2010 at the age of 109. He was born on an Ontario farm and was only 16 when he left home to join the Canadian forces in Europe. Sometime after the war he went to live in the United States and became an American citizen. But he never forgot his roots in Canada and in 2008 he asked to have his Canadian citizenship restored. A CBC report states that “Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean agreed to grant Babcock his citizenship. Canadian officials flew to Babcock's home for an official swearing-in ceremony.” This was a very fitting tribute for the last of our Canadian WWI heroes.

Over one million Canadians enlisted during World War II. More than 44,000 lost their lives and about 54,000 of the survivors were wounded. As of March this year about 61,000 WW II veterans were still living. Their average age is 92 years.

The soldiers who survived these wars and other conflicts throughout the world know the cost of fighting for peace and justice. For many of them the remaining years were plagued by the nightmares and physical scars of extreme violence that one human being can heap upon another. On Remembrance Day we remember them all and celebrate their courage and commitment to justice and peace; and we salute those women and men who serve in our Armed Forces today.

It is important to remember, not just to honour, but in order to learn. As we reflect on the past, we need to ask questions about what we are like as human beings. What is it that brings us to the point where we find it necessary to kill one another in war?

When we get to know our enemies, we realize that they are people like us. They want a place in this world where they are free to live according to the values and ways of their culture. They want their children to have those things that will help them lead happy and fulfilling lives.

It takes time, but after the guns are silenced and peace restored people who once were enemies usually learn to work and live together with respect for one another. Someday, the people who are now fighting one another will be able to live together in peace. The image of Isaiah still brings us that hope: **“Wolves and sheep will live together in peace, and leopards will lie down with young goats...The land will be as full of the knowledge of the Lord as the seas are full of water.”** (11:6-9).

Let us wear our poppies not only in memory of those who sacrificed their lives in the past, but with appreciation of those who serve today. Many veterans who will be participating in memorial services on November 11th are fortunate to have served and retired with healthy minds and bodies. We thank them for their service and wish them well. Unfortunately, there are many others who have served but live with terrible physical and mental wounds. They deserve the best professional help possible and our understanding and respect.

As we celebrate Remembrance Day, let us also remember that every veteran has parents, and many have wives and children. Their loved ones spend years worrying about them. They, too, sacrifice a lot. Often the young man or woman who goes to war returns a different person. The adjustments that have to be made as families are reunited can be very difficult. All the more reason that it is right and proper that we set aside a special day every year to honour those who serve and pray that their sacrifice will not be in vain.

Yours in Christ,

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That's -30- for now