

Worship Service Today – December 10, 2017

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

ON DUTY	Today: December 3, 2017		Next Sunday: December 10, 2017	
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Sides-Persons:	R. Morgan, J. Morgan	H.Dawe, O. Taylor, G.Morgan, J.Warford, W.Miller	R. Gregory, S. Bishop	B. Lee, B. Lee, G. Bonnell, M. Bonnell
Eucharist Assistant	Amy Anthony		Dennis Morgan	Michele Young
Servers' Guild:		Darcy Scott		M. Greenslade
Altar Guild	Dora B, Marina McD, Daphne K, Alicia T, Linda P.		Margaret S, Joyce M, Amy A, Ruth C, Ruby T.	

Spousal Grief and Bereavement Support.

Are you experiencing grief due to the death of your spouse? Please join us on Tuesday nights, 7:00–8:30 pm at St. Pieter's Parish Hall. For more information, please call **631-9539** or 777-8972.

Holy Baptism

The next baptism service will be at **10:30 on December 31st**. Anyone desiring to have a child baptised at that service should contact the church office as soon as possible.

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.

Christmas Memorials

Christmas memorials are now being accepted at the Church office with the deadline being December 18th @ 4:00 PM.

2018 Church Envelopes

St. Peter's 2018 Church Envelopes are now available for pick up at the back of the Church. We have endeavoured to place the envelopes in alphabetical order. If you know someone who would like a box of envelopes, please contact the Church office at 744-2648.

Christmas Home Communions

Rev. Letto will be visiting members of the congregation who would like to receive Communion at home. If you know of someone who used to regularly attend church, but has recently not been able to, please contact Rev. Letto or suggest to them that they could do this. Church office number: 744-2648.

Calendar of Events at St. Peter's for December

December 3: CBS/Paradise Interfaith Food Bank Sharing Tree. As in the past, we have set up our Food Bank Sharing Tree at the back of the church. Last year our parishioners donated about \$1600.00 through this special project which helps provide special Christmas hampers for those in need. Let's hope that we can match this amount this year. **Please take an envelope and make a monetary donation to support this special Christmas program for those in need. No gift is too big or too small.** Please ensure your donation is payable to St. Peter's Church and that you include your name and envelope number or address on the envelope. Envelopes may be placed in the collection plate or returned to the parish office. Your donation will be included on your official income tax receipt that will be issued by the church in late January. In the past few months the Food Bank has experienced a substantial increase in the number of people coming for food hampers. It's expected that more people will be needing a Christmas hamper this year as well. Our Food Bank representatives are Jim and Betty Howell - 834-9673. Thank you for your continued support.

December 10: St. Peter's CLB will be attending the 10:30 service and having their Christmas Party in the afternoon.

December 10: Service of Hope and Remembrance at 3pm: The month of December is a busy one with many special events focusing on celebration and joy, all coming to a climax with Christmas. Some people, even while participating in these events, can feel at odds or estranged from the general feeling of happiness and joy associated with the season because they have suffered a personal loss: death of a loved one, divorce, illness, job loss etc. The service seeks to comfort them by reminding them they are not alone and that their feelings are honoured.

December 10: Carol Service at 7pm: This is a special annual event that many people appreciate. Our Youth Choir and the Senior Choir will be participating. Let your friends and relatives know about this and invite them to attend.

December 17: at 2:30 pm: Special Eucharistic Celebration and a Lunch for Residents of local Community Care Homes.

December 17: Fellowship Band at 7pm: The Fellowship Band is preparing a special Concert of Christmas Music. Last Sunday it was announced that it would be in the hall. Because of the lack of space for the instruments and going to the hall for refreshments after, it was decided to **hold it in the church hall**. There will be special guests. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. Refreshments to follow. Come and bring a friend.

December 24: Christmas Eve: Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, Vestry has decided, after listening to the opinions expressed by many members of our parish, to **NOT** hold our regular 8:30 and 10:30 services on this day, but focus on our traditional Christmas Eve schedule. **Thus, on Christmas Eve, there will be a 4pm, 7pm and 10pm service as in past years.**

Thank You From Rev. Emeline

A very warm thank you to all who attended my ordination to the Priesthood on November 30 on The Feast of St. Andrew. Your caring, love and support will long be remembered. Love you all. Reverend Emeline.

First Baptism at All Saints, Foxtrap

This year, All Saints Anglican in Foxtrap celebrates 85 years in their 'new' Church building. Who was the first person baptised when it opened 81/2 decades ago? **Mr. Edwin Kennedy**, now a resident of Admiral's Coast Retirement Centre was the first to be christened in the 'new' Church.

Second Sunday in Advent, December 10, 2017

Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Week 2

The Candle of Hope

Reader 1: John the Baptist preached about making crooked paths straight, of making a smooth highway broad enough for all God's people to move on together in peace and harmony.



Reader 2: Our actions can help build that highway. John's dream can become our dream.

Reader 1: Last Sunday we lit the **Candle of Hope**. We light it again today to remind us that we hope we can be compassionate like Jesus was. (*Light the first candle.*)

Reader 2: Today we light the **Candle of Peace**. The flame reminds us that God wants us to burn brightly in the world as people of peace. (*Light the second candle.*)

All: Loving God, help us be part of your dream for a world of peace and justice. Help us to be respectful of people who are different than us and be kind to those who are afraid. Help us build a Highway of Peace. Amen.

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of Hope in December's dark night
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of Peace
A candle to signal that conflict must cease:
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.