

Worship Service Today – December 3, 2017

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

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	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Sides-Persons:	R. Hilliard, J. White	B. Howell, S. Baird, T. Baird, A. Morgan, D. Morgan, J. Howell, R. Drover, G. Hiscock	R. Morgan, J. Morgan	H. Dawe, O. Taylor, G. Morgan, J. Warford, W. Miller.
Eucharist Assistant	Annette Stone	Kelly Scott	Amy Anthony	
Servers' Guild:				Darcy Scott
Altar Guild	Irene M, Florence M, Carina LeD, Paulette S, Margaret E		Dora B, Marina McD, Daphne K, Alicia T, Linda P.	

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.

Return of Miniature Christmas Stockings

The ACW is asking all persons to return the **Miniature Christmas Stockings** used last year for the **collection of Dimes**. (Please return to a member of the ACW or the parish office.)

We gratefully ask that you to take part in this project again this year. Thank you one and all for your continued support.

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 sign up 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.

ACW Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the ACW will be held in the parish hall **tomorrow**, December 4th at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be provided. All members are encouraged to attend.

Christmas Memorials

Christmas memorials are now being accepted at the Church office with the deadline being December 17th @ 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.

MSC Christmas Party

The MSC Christmas party will be held on December 9th at 7:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

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.

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.**

First Sunday in Advent, December 3, 2017

Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Week 1 (Readers Today: Crystal and Daniel Button)

The Candle of Hope

Reader 1: This is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season of waiting and hoping. It is the first season of our church calendar.



Reader 2: During Advent we will learn about how Bible people hoped for a kinder and more peaceful world.

Reader 1: Today we hear Isaiah say that God is like a potter and we are like clay. During Advent we will think about how we need to change. We pray that we will let God mold us into kinder more peaceful people.

Reader 2: During Advent we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. We hope that we can be more like him.

Reader 1: Let us pray that God will help us be compassionate and understanding like Jesus. When we see another person bullied or laughed at, we hope that we can be brave like Jesus and take their part.

Reader 2: We light this **Candle of Hope** to mind us of the kind of people God wants us to be. We light it to remind us that we want to be caring and brave like Jesus.

All: God, you are the potter and we are the clay. Thank you for creating us. When we go astray help us to find our way back to you. Help us to be like clay so we can be changed and reshaped into kinder more peace-loving people. Help us learn more about Jesus and be more like him. Amen.