

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, December 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (BCP p 438; BAS p818); 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

COLLECT Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

HYMNS FOR 10:30 SERVICE

Opening:	(#97) Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring
Advent Candle Lighting:	A Candle is Burning (1st & 2nd verse)
Gradual:	(#103) On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Offering:	(#270) Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise
Communion:	(#32 Praise Book) Make Me A Channel
Closing	(#111) Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness
Choral Benediction:	I am Walking a Path of Peace

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Pastoral Message

The Advent candle of Peace reminds us of the greeting of the angels to the shepherds. **"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favours!"** (Luke 2:14). As we light this candle today let us hope for peace not only between nations but within nations and within ourselves.

Jesus said, **"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God"** (Matthew 5:9). Isaiah said, **"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace"** (52:7). All the great world religions promote peace and honour those who work for it.

From Islam we hear, **"God will guide men to peace. If they will heed him, he will lead them from the darkness of war to the light of peace."** Hinduism asks **"How can there be any happiness without peace?"** Buddhism teaches that **"There is no happiness greater than peace."** From Confucianism we have these words of wisdom: **"Seek to be in harmony with all your neighbours... live in peace with your brethren."**

Unfortunately peace does not just happen because it is a good thing or because we desire it. Peace is the outcome of hard work, patience and respect for one another. If peace is to come to places like Syria, Afghanistan and Israel, many people will have to be willing to let go some things they said they never would give up. Wrongs will have to be corrected and forgiveness extended.

Peace among nations like peace within ourselves requires a change of heart. That is soul stuff that God is good at. Let us, therefore, continue to hold the leaders of the world before God in prayer. And let us pray that we can be at peace within and among ourselves.



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 General Secretary Archdeacon Michael Thompson, and national staff of the Anglican Church of Canada ELCIC Director Trina Gallop, and staff of Communications and Stewardship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Director Kyle Giesbrecht, and staff of Finance and Administration.

In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the staff of the Central Synod office; The Rt. Rev. John Watton, The Rev. Terry Caines, Ms. Margaret Jennix, Ms. Ada Fudge, Ms. Lori Wheaton and Ms. Sharon Rogers also the Diocesan Wellness offices -The Rev. John Bullen and Tri Diocesan Office – The Right Reverend Donald Young.

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.

Boomer Caps and Izzy Dolls



To date, parishioners here at St. Peter's have knit and provided an amazing combination of 22,881 Boomer Caps and Izzy Dolls for use by children in poor and conflict ridden areas of the world. We would like to acknowledge with thanks that several people outside our congregation who learned of this ministry have contributed caps and dolls for this project. It has now been 11 years since St. Peter's first participated in the project. We would like to send a big thanks to all those who have donated wool/yarn over the years, which helped make this project possible. However, much more is needed. If you would like to donate, please leave your wool/yarn at the Church or drop to the Parish Hall office during normal business hours. A more detailed article about this ministry will be provided by Mabel White in the next issue of *The Rock*.

We pray for 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.), Violet Batten, Les McDonald, Fred Kelly, Rev. Jean and Jeanette Rogers..

With Sympathy

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family of the late **Kenneth Smith** who passed away on December 2nd. **'Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.'**

Today's bulletin is given in loving memory of:

Heather Marie Kennedy (remembering her birthday on December 6, 1987). From her dad, Don.