

## 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 8, 2018



**‘Blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have come to believe.’ John 20:29**

Diocesan Bishop:

Rector:

Interim Administrator

Parish Deacon:

Organist/Choir Director

Parish Wardens

Office Administrator:

The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle

The Reverend Jean Smith (On Leave)

The Reverend Irving Letto

The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Morgan (On Leave)

Andrea Powell

Ralph Drover and Robert Hilliard

Jack Morgan

**8:30am Book of Common Prayer: 10:30am Book of Alternative Services**

LECTIONARY: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133 (BCP P133 ; BAS P890); 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

**COLLECT Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

**HYMNS FOR 10:30 SERVICE**

Opening: Come Now, It's Time to Worship  
Gradual: Alleluia  
Offering: He is Risen  
Communion: Music  
Closing: Alive, Alive



**Today's Short Message**

For many years I was unable to respond to the call to ordained ministry because I did not believe many of the doctrines and teachings of the church. I was something like Thomas who said, **"Unless I... put my finger in the marks of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."** (John 20:25)

Eventually, I surrendered. It was not because my beliefs had changed. But I had changed. I came to realize that there is really no objective proof for God. The only assurance we can have comes from within ourselves.

Today's gospel is for people like me. John wanted to put his finger in the marks of the nails, but he never did. Instead he surrendered to the wonder

and mystery of the resurrection and worshipped. **"My Lord and my God!"**  
(20:28)

That was Thomas' moment of surrender. At such a moment doubts do not disappear. Instead faith and trust take over. Worship which helps one connect with God and receive God's grace begins.

This is the blessing that I received. I thank God for the gift of language which enables me share it with others and be affirmed by their witness of similar experiences. God's plan is wonderful and awesome. I count it a privilege to be a part of it. I pray for the grace to live up to the responsibilities God expects of me.

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**Lavrock Summer Camps:** It's that time of the year again. What are your children going to do this summer? There will be two camps for youth this summer – **Girls Camp (Ages 8-13) from July 9-13** and **Coed Camp (Ages 8-13) July 16-20**. Brochures including an application form are available on the table at the back of the church for anyone interested.

For further information, please contact the parish priest or email [lavrocksummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:lavrocksummercamp@gmail.com). Before sending in a camp application, please pick up at the parish office a Health History form which must be completed and mailed with the application. Young people who are at least 15 years old and has some experience as a camper or working with children and can meet the physical demands of the camping program are invited to apply to be a Counsellor in Training. More details are available with an application form available at the parish office.

### **Nick Coates Memorial Blood Drive**

Nick Coates, a member of St. Peter's was tragically killed on August 16, 2013. Many units of blood were used in an attempt to save his life. In his memory, a Memorial Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at All Saints Anglican Parish Hall, Foxtrap from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Included in this bulletin is a brochure promoting the blood drive. Please take a copy and pass along to a family member or friend who may be interested in donating. Thank you!!

***Please remember there is no longer an upper age limit to donate.***

**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 Archbishop Colin Johnson, people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba East Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the people and clergy of the Parish of The Epiphany (Heart's Delight/Islington) and the Parish of Flower's Cove.

We pray for our alongsiders Eva Adams and Evelyn Morgan

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 those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially:** Rodney Andrews, John Bradbury, Janet Butler, Mary Dawe, Muriel Fowler, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Mackenzie Jones, Glenys O'Brien, Pat Reid, Lucy Thistle, Mary Bussey, Eileen Shaw, Violet Batten, Les McDonald, Fred Kelly, Lyndon Letto, Rev. Jean, Elizabeth Crews, Frances Hilliard, Payton Best, Rod Ward and Pamela Ennis.

**Today's bulletin is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:**

**William Feaver** (remembering his birthday on April 8). Wife Susie and family.

**Laura Porter** (remembering her passing on April 12). From Peggy, Pauline & family and Linda.

**Winnie Kennedy** (remembering her passing on April 6). By husband Edwin & family.

**Edna Haines** (remembering her passing on April 6, 2016) By Paul & Jean.

**Hannah Grace Collins, Donald R. & Stella Dawe, Randell Dawe, George and Jean Bishop.** God Bless, Carrie, Wayne & family.

**Parents David and Lorraine Morgan, Brother Randy Morgan, Grandparents Heber and Ethel Morgan, Allan & Maud Dawe.** By Dianne Batten