

## 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

**Come to Worship - Leave to Serve**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 29, 2018

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

**LECTIONARY FOR TODAY** 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14 (BCP p343; BAS p717); Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

**COLLECT** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

**LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12(13) (BCP p394; BAS p770); Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Diocesan Bishop:

The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle

Rector:

(The Rev. Bill Strong, Sept. 1, 2018)

Interim Administrator

The Reverend Irving Letto

Parish Deacon:

The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Morgan (On Leave)

Organist/Choir Director

Andrea Powell

Parish Wardens

Jim Howell and Albert Morgan

Office Administrator:

Jack Morgan

## Hymns for 10:30 Service

Opening: (#567) Eternal Father, Strong to Save  
Gradual: (Listening) ...Until All are Fed,  
Offering: (#482) Come and Journey with a Saviour  
Communion: (*Praise Book*, #25) Let Us Break Bread Together  
Closing: (#565) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

“...Until All are Fed” is a song by Brian Field McFarland.

## Theology That Matters

Metaphors are like the lens of glasses. They are not meant to be believed, but to be used to *see* and understand something else. They matter because they help us relate to God. As Marcus Borg said, they matter, “not because God wanted us to get it right, but because it affects whether we see God as real.”

If God yearns for us, why are so many people not aware of it? The answer according to the biblical tradition lies in the heart. The heart represents who we are at the deepest level. What we think, feel and will are all important, but it is the heart that really matters.

God was in Jesus bringing healing and acceptance to people in need, but many people did not recognize it because of their “hardness of heart” (Mark 3:5). Being “hard of hearing” or “having shut eyes” were other ways of saying the same thing (Matthew 13:15). Jeremiah said the people who had turned away from God had “a stubborn and rebellious heart” (5:23).

Borg’s favorite metaphor for the solution to a “closed heart” is the “opening of the heart.” He quoted another biblical scholar who talked about the “hatching of the heart.” Before an egg can grow into full life as a chicken it’s shell must crack.

Today many people are saying that the church is not important for them. It does not help them deepen their relationship with God. One of the reasons for this is that for a long time the church has put too much emphasis on believing. In the scientific age people are used to wanting something demonstrated before they believe it. Many doctrines and teachings of the church cannot be demonstrated to be true or false. Thus they are thought to be irrelevant.

Many people today would consider themselves spiritual because they are interested in deep questions about the world, life and God. But they are not religious in the sense that they find the doctrines and teachings of the church helpful.

How do we become more aware of God? What helps us open our hearts to God? This is what Borg addresses in his metaphor of “thin places.” (More about “thin places” next Sunday.)



**Stone Soup** — An evening of inspirational Music in support of the CBS Food Bank is being held at St. Peter’s Church on **this evening at 7pm**. Church choirs, individual singers and families from the shore will join their voices to fill the shelves ending in a mass choir and sing along. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall. Admission: donation of food items or free will offering.

**Removal of Flowers in Cemetery:** The cemetery committee wishes to advise that Flowers placed in the cemetery for flower service should now be removed to allow for grass cutting and maintenance. We thank you for your assistance and Cooperation.

**Worship Service Today – July 29, 2018**

ON DUTY	Today: July 29, 2018		Next Sunday: August 5, 2018	
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Sides-Persons:	Albert M. Daphne M.	Ralph D, George H, Roxanne B. Sheldon B.	Wayne M. Herb D.	Owen T, Glen Morgan Roy Morgan J. Morgan
Eucharist Assistant	Keith Pack	Annie Scott	Pam St. Croix	Pam St. Croix
Servers		Darcy Scott Sarah Young		Jenifer Warford
Altar Guild	Barbara R, Edna W, Elsie B, Daphne H, Betty S.		Irene M, Florence M, Marina McD, Paulette S, Karen J.	
Readers	Amy Anthony Cathy Lawlor	Betty Howell Gillian Crane	Keith Pack Goldie Halley	Sean Cadigan Elizabeth Cadigan

**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; Bonnie+, our Deacon, and Irving+, our interim administrator.

In the Anglican/Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, ACC Bishop Jane Alexander, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Edmonton ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the people and clergy of The Parish of New Hope and the Parish of Pasadena/Cormack.

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, 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, Rev. Jean, Elizabeth Crews, Payton Best, Rod Ward, Pamela Ennis, Anne Beresford and John Lear.

**With Sympathy**

Our sincere sympathies go out to the following on the recent loss of their loved ones:

The family of the late **Rene Molloy** who passed away on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Rene is the Nephew of Aubrey and Cynthia Dawe.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of the late **Dave Smith** who passed away on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Dave was interred at St. Peter's cemetery this past Wednesday.

The family of the late **Jim Crosbie** who passed away this past Thursday. Jim is the father in law of St. Peter's Organist/Choir Director Andrea Powell-Crosbie (Basil). Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

***'+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace.'***

**A donation has been gratefully received in loving memory of:**

**Courtney Warford** (remembering her birthday on August 4<sup>th</sup>) From Nan and Pop Morgan.