

## 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

### A Christmas Message

From Rev. Bill



**Dear Friends:**

Welcome to St. Peter's at Christmas. It is my first as your Parish Priest. I wish to acknowledge the great ministry of so many of our members during the past years and invite you to consider taking part in our Parish Family.

Our purpose is straight forward; **“Come to Worship, Leave to Serve.”** It is my hope that everyone, at every age, who comes to our Parish will feel welcome, at home, and spiritually nourished. We cherish the children and youth in our midst.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the miracle of the Christ Child with family and friends. I pray for the peace that passes all understanding to fall on all of us at this time and we look forward to serving you in 2019.

In His Service

**Reverend Bill Strong+**

**Priest in Charge**

Diocesan Bishop:

The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle

Priest-in-Charge:

The Reverend Bill Strong

Parish Deacon:

The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Morgan

Organist/Choir Director (Interim)

Andrea Powell

Parish Wardens

Albert Morgan

Jim Howell

Office Administrator:

Jack Morgan

**7:00pm Book of Alternative Services 10:00pm Book of Common Prayer:**

**LECTIONARY 7:00 pm:** Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96 (BAS p834; BCP p453); Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

**10:00 pm** – Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1: 1-4; John 1: 1-14

**COLLECT** Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **HYMNS FOR 7:00 & 10:00 PM SERVICE**

Introit:	7:00pm <b>When Lights Are Lit On Christmas Eve</b> (Senior Choir)
Candle Lighting	7:00pm <b>Hope is a Star</b> (printed inside)
Opening:	7pm & 10 pm (#97 CP, 1938) <b>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</b>
Gradual:	7:00pm <b>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</b> 10pm (#81 CP 1938) <b>Angels From the Realms of Glory</b>
Offertory:	7:00pm (119) <b>Silent Night</b> 10:00pm (#76 CP 1938) <b>While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks By Night</b>
Communion:	7:00pm <b>Regan &amp; Darcy Scott</b> 10:00 pm <b>Special Music</b>
Closing:	7:00pm (154) <b>Joy to the World</b> 10:00pm (#75 CP 1938) <b>Oh Come All Ye Faithful</b>

### **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**7:00 pm**

(Gracie Morgan & family)

*Leader: Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Leader: Today is Christmas, the day on which we celebrate the gift to us of the birth of Jesus and recall the hope we have in Christ. Today we light again the Candles of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.*

*Let us pray.*

**All: Lord Jesus, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.**

### Hope is a Star

Hope is a star shines in the night,  
Leading us on till the morning is bright.  
When God is a child, there's Hope in our song;  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
And none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth  
Giving a promise of safety and worth.  
When God is a child, there's Hope in our song;  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
And none shall be afraid.

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,  
Telling the world that the Saviour is born.  
When God is a child, there's Hope in our song;  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
And none shall be afraid.

Love is a flame that burns in our heart  
Jesus has come and will never depart.  
When God is a child, there's Hope in our song;  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
And none shall be afraid.

## **Announcements and Reminders**

### **Lighting of the Memorial Candle**

*Celebrant:* In his inspirational gospel St. John says that Jesus is a light that “shines in the darkness, and the darkness (does) not overcome it.” (John 1:5) Tonight we light this candle in the name of Jesus Christ and in memory of all those we name in our Memorial Bulletin tonight. Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God, we light this candle in the name of Jesus and in memory of our Loved Ones who have departed this life and now rest in your eternal presence. We thank you, who marvellously creates each one of us as your child, for all that was good in them. We pray that everything in them which was great will mean much to us and that their faith and values will continue to live on in our hearts and minds, and in our respect and love for one another. As light dispels darkness, we pray that your Holy Spirit will transform any sadness and disappointment we feel because of their physical absence into a joy and peace that will support us each day of our lives. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Christmas Memorials** The list of people who have given a special donation in memory of a departed loved one this Christmas and/or to help provide the Christmas bulletins is a long one. Much care has been given to making sure that all names are accurately recorded in the special Memorial Bulletin prepared for Christmas. We hope there are few errors or omissions. We thank you in advance for being kind in the way you make this known to us and a list of these errors or omissions will be provided later. You are invited to read through the list of names and say a special prayer, especially for every name that you recognize. A Memorial Candle is being lit during the service and placed on the altar in memory of all Departed Loved Ones. **May the souls of the departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

**Holy Baptism** The next dates for Holy Baptism is Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am service and January 27<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am service.

**CBS/Paradise Interfaith Food Bank Sharing Tree** Although the Food Bank has completed the Christmas Hamper program for this year, because the demand has been high it may have had to use some of its funds it had budgeted to

purchase food in the weeks following Christmas. **Therefore, we are inviting anyone who has not given to date to take one of the envelopes and make a special donation for that purpose.** Please make sure that your name and envelope number or address is on the envelope you are using and if you are paying by cheque, make it payable to St. Peter's Church. This is important because we want to make sure that your contribution is included in your income tax receipt that the church will be sending near the end of February. St. Peter's Food Bank representatives are Jim and Betty Howell - 834-9673. Thank you for your continued support.

**Year End Reminders** Individuals and groups preparing reports for the Parish Annual Report are asked to please try to have their reports provided to the parish office before the end of January. **Also the deadline for receiving donations that may be included in the 2018 income tax receipt is December 31<sup>st</sup>. If giving by cheque and you want it included on your 2018 income tax receipt, make sure it is dated no later than December 31, 2018.**

**THANK YOU** As the year comes to an end and the wardens, Vestry and parish staff begin preparing the yearend reports, we are reminded daily of how generous the members of this parish are in providing their time and resources to make this church an effective one. We want to thank all the volunteers who give of their time and energy for the work of the church, those who pray for the parish, those who pleasantly provide a helping hand when asked, and everyone who gives financially to support the work of St. Peter's Church.

**A special "Thank You"** is extended to all those who volunteer their time and energy to making the church work in this parish. You are Wardens, Vestry members, ACW leaders, Altar Guild members, readers, Eucharistic assistants, choir members, etc. etc. And to those who freely give of their money for the work of church in the parish, the country and the world, "Thank you!"

# Merry Christmas



**We pray for those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially:** Rodney Andrews, Janet Butler, Mary Dawe, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Mackenzie Jones, Glenys O'Brien, Pat Reid, Lucy Thistle, Mary Bussey, Violet Batten, Les MacDonald, Fred Kelly, Elizabeth Crewe, Payton Best, Rod Ward, Judy Barker, Kathy Dawe, Myrtle Button, Annie Barrett, Robert Moulton, Sylvia Gillespie-Miller, Janet Andrews, Sandra MacLennan, Yvonne Lawlor and Pauline McCann.

**Today's Christmas Bulletins is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of:**

**Graham Mifflen.** Wife Joan and Family

**Todd Hennessey.** Mom Judy, Lorrie, Scott & Mitchell.

**Michael Pardy.** Sisters Reneta, Angus and Kelly Pardy and families.

**Kevin (Dick) Aylward.** Donna, Heidi & Jamie and grandsons William and Thomas.

**Arthur Blagdon.** Wife Dora and family.

**Jim Dawe.** Wife Doris

**Michael C. Pardy.** Dad Ches & Mom Regina.

**The Reverend Frederick R. Rowsell+.** Wife Isabel and Family

**David William Andrews; Tom & Evelyn Andrews; David & Dorcas Coates; Brother David & Sister Joyce; Brother in laws, Leonard Mills and James Brazil.** Jean & Paul, Sheri Lynn & Stephen, Sheldon & Robyn, Nathan and Rylan.

**Damien Paul Haines ; George and Edna Haines.** Paul & Jean

**Debbie Noseworthy.** Husband Arch & Family

**Daughter Linda Coates and Grandson Nicholas Coates.** Kevin and Yvonne Lawlor

**Barry and Jeremy Scott.** Amelia Mooney

