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Dear Parishioner:

I am very pleased to report to you on the affairs of our Parish for past few months. It has been my honour to serve as your Priest in Charge since September. A lot has happened in the past months and the Vestry is committed to being transparent and straight forward. The Parish is going to need to increase its income to meet its obligations for 2018.

Hopewell Gardens is part of a 50 acre piece of land that was bequeathed to St. Peter's by the late Jessie Cameron in 1975. Since that time 32 acres was sold to benefit our Parish for major maintenance and renovations. This year we have sold 10 acres and we hope to conclude the sale of the remaining eight acres as soon as some legal obstacles are dealt with in the coming months.

The Diocese has given direction to parishes that the proceeds from the sale of property is to be invested. The interest is then to be used for projects to support ministry rather than to cover operating expenses.

The enclosed financial report outlines how the proceeds from the land sold to date have been spent.

This report was made at our most recent Vestry Meeting for the period ending November 30. A unique aspect of Parish finances is that we normally receive the majority of our income in the last months of the year. We will need an increase in support in order to balance income to expenses. Expenses are on budget. Yet, if income remains at 2017 levels, we could see a deficit of about \$10,000.

One convenient way to support our Parish is to sign up for our automated giving program that would allow for a regular contribution to be deducted directly from your bank account. Many members enjoy this method of giving.

Our Parish is about much more than money. I am pleased to support a range of mission based activities that carry on at St. Peter's. Godly Play, Youth Choir, Senior Choir, The A.C.W., the Men's Service Club, the ministry to homes such as Admiral's Coast, the C.L.B., The Fellowship Band, our support to the Hopewell After School Program are examples of our ongoing activities that illustrate our commitment to serve.

I would like to extend a warm and sincere invitation to you, your family and your friends to come and enjoy the blessings of the Christmas Season with us. An outline of services and activities is attached.

We hope to see you, We thank God for every dollar received and for every minute of dedicated by our members. I would be very pleased to discuss any aspect of our financial affairs at your convenience. I can be reached at 744-2648.

With every blessing and good wish for a blessed, holy Christmas and prosperous, happy and healthy 2019.

In His Service.



William Strong
Priest in Charge

St. Peter's Church **Financial Update - November 30, 2018**

To: Members of St. Peter's Church
 From: St. Peter's Vestry

At our Vestry Meeting on November 25th we decided that we should provide a special report at this time. A lot has happened this year. We appreciate your generous support, understanding and patience as we worked hard on your behalf.

Hopewell Gardens is part of the 50-acre piece of land generously bequeathed to St. Peter's by the late Jessie Cameron in 1975. In the past 30 or so years 32 acres were sold and the proceeds used to finance major maintenance and renovations of our church. At the Annual Meeting 2017 you authorised Vestry to sell the remaining 18 acres that we call Hopewell Gardens. We have a purchaser for the 18 acres and 10 acres has been sold and paid for. Unfortunately, there are some legal issues regarding the remaining 8 acres, but we are hopeful that the remaining 8-acre sale will be finalized early in 2019. We hope that with what you already know of our past financial and work history you will be able to make sense of the following concise report. Basically, with the 10-acre sale we have been able to pay off our major debts and still be able to have a substantial endowment that will bring income to our parish annually in future years. The Vestry has used what we used to call the Memorial Fund and part of the Cemetery Fund to help pay for the Special Projects listed below. New shingles on the roof is absolutely necessary. The lower level on the south side was completed this fall, but due to weather condition the remainder will not be done until next spring. The Diocese has approved paying for the roof project from the sale of Hopewell Gardens.

Sale of 10 acres of Hopewell		Special Projects 2018	
Proceeds from Hopewell Gardens	458,748.52	Church Windows	6,830.55
Paid off AF Loan	61,970.03	Church Doors	3,012.93
Repaid to Rectory Fund	20,558.91	Parking Lot Paving	6,009.25
Repaid to Cemetery Fund	39,931.20	Sound System (Paid from Sound System	7,725.94
Repaid to Memorial Fund	24,195.74	Cemetery Paving (Paid from Cemetery Fund)	16,826.97
Hopewell Gardens Endowment	312,092.74	Total Special Projects	40,405.64
		Roof Project (Shingling)	
		Spent to date	5,447.09
		To be completed in 2019	30,060.91

Now for our regular income/expense report and annual budget. Below is a concise summary of the income and expense to November 30th. Although our expenses are in line with the annual budget, our income is below what was budgeted giving a November 30th deficit of **\$21,876.71**. In past years, the December income has been much higher than other months and we expect this year will be the same. However, if our income for December this year is about the same as last year, we will still be \$10,000 short at the end of December. Vestry is hoping that our parishioners will respond with their customary generosity and give a little extra this year so that we can finish the year with a balanced financial report.

Financial Update - November 30, 2018							
Income to November 30th				Expense to November 30th			
Contributions	Actual	Annual Budget	Difference	Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference
Adult Envelopes	65,459.50	90,000.00	24540.50	Staff Salaries	84,053.96	102,217.32	18163.36
Pre-Authorized	34,149.00	41,200.00	7051.00	Synod Assessment	36,401.53	39,710.76	6618.46
Other Givings	19,447.32	35,547.00	16099.68	Utilities	17,463.88	19,831.79	2367.91
Fundraising	13,095.36	13,160.00	64.64	Maintenance	7,394.71	8,129.22	734.51
ACW	2,000.00	6,000.00	4000.00	Hall Flooring	2,425.82	2,500.00	74.18
MSC	1,120.53	1,000.00	-120.53	Administration	1,7624.10	17,296.06	-328.04
Misc Income	13,048.00	16,600.00	3552.00	Programs	4,832.42	9,372.69	4540.27
Total Income	148,319.7	203,507.84	55188.13	Total Expenses	170,196.42	199,057.84	28,861.42
				Deficit Nov. 30th	21,876.71		

Signed on behalf of the Vestry

Rev Bill Stone
 Priest In Charge

Raymond Gregory
 Treasurer

Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Upper Gullies

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December 2018 Calendar of Activities

Breakfast With the Grinch - Saturday, December 15th at 9:00-10:30am

The Grinch will be at St. Peter's Church in Upper Gullies for a pancake breakfast and photo booth! Tickets are \$5 at the door and photos are \$5. Celebrate Christmas with activities and a special reading of the Grinch from 10:30am - 12:00pm. All proceeds will go to purchase goats through the World of Gifts Program (PWRDF). Call 744-2648 for more information.

You are invited to host the "Holy Family"

On December 2nd, 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 a 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.

How many Goats can come from Upper Gullies?

Wondering what gifts to buy for Christmas? Why not buy a goat for a family in the third world from The Primates World Relief and Development Fund? For \$30 you can buy a goat that will be worth \$210! Each purchase will receive 6 times in funding from the Federal Government. Please let Jack know by **Dec 12** so that we can place a group order. Payments can be made through plate offering. Other choices can be viewed online at www.pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts. Note: To date we have received sufficient funds to purchase 16 goats!!

Blue Christmas Service, December 9 at 2:30p.m.

This is a special service for anyone who finds the Christmas Season to be a challenging time for any reason. The special liturgy will be less than an hour and will include a time for remembering passed loved ones. Please come, bring a friend and invite someone who you think would find the service to be beneficial

Would you like the priest to visit? Please call our office at to set up a time.

2019 St. Peter's Calendars

We have produced a special calendar for 2019 filled with pictures from the past year. It would make a great stocking stuffer. They are available from our office for just \$10 each.

Would you like a visit from Rev. Strong?

If you would like a visit from Rev. Strong please give him a call at 325-1278, or the Church Office at 744-2648.

Christmas Memorials

Christmas Memorials are now being accepted at the Parish Office. Deadline is Friday December 14th. Please call Jack at 744-2648 or drop by the office during regular business hour.

Carol Service and Tree lighting

St. Peter's will hold its annual Carol Service and Tree Lighting on December 16th @ 7:00 pm . Hot Chocolate to follow. Everyone welcome!

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Worship Schedule

“Come to Worship....Leave to Serve”

December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (Said B.C.P.)

10:30 a.m. Family Service (No Communion)

7 p.m. Memorial Carol Service & Tree Lighting

December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (Said B.C.P.)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Liturgical Dance from the Kelly Scott School of Dance

December 24

Christmas Eve

4p.m. Family Service (Dressing the Crèche)

7p.m Holy Eucharist (B.A.S.)

10p.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

December 30

First Sunday after Christmas

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P. Said)

10:30 a.m. Baptism & Holy Eucharist

Do You have a Will?

Everyone should have a will. Please consider our Parish in your estate planning.