

# St. Peter's Anglican Church

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FB- St. Peter's Anglican Church

'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.' *Matthew 16-18*

## Come to Worship – Leave to Serve December 20, 2020

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**LECTIONARY FOR TODAY, – December 20<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent:** 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16; CANTICLE 18 (LUKE 1:47-55) OR PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26; ROMANS 16:25-27; LUKE 1:26-38

**COLLECT:** Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:** Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Lectionary for First Sunday After Christmas, December 27<sup>th</sup>:** ISAIAH 61:10-62:3; PSALM 148; GALATIANS 4:4-7; LUKE 2:22-40

Diocesan Bishop:	The Right Reverend Samuel V. Rose
Rector:	The Reverend Bill Strong
Parish Deacon:	The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Morgan
Honourary Assistant:	The Reverend Irving Letto
Organist/Choir Director	Elizabeth Brumm
Parish Wardens	Ralph Drover and Albert Morgan
Treasurer:	Raymond Gregory
Office Administrator:	Jack Morgan

## Financial Report

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the financial report is not available this week.

## Please note

December 31<sup>st</sup> concludes the Church fiscal year. If you wish to donate to St. Peter's and have it show on your 2020 income tax receipt, we will have to receive it no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and the cheque dated no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

## Church Calendars now Available

We now have a supply of 2020 Church Calendars with pictures portraying activities in past years. \$10.00 each. Please visit the office to pick up your copy.

## Hymns for 10:30 Service

Advent Wreath Lighting:	Hope is a Star: Vs 1, 2, 3 & 4
Opening: (#91)	People, Look East! The Time is Near
Gradual: (#125)	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Offering: (#521)	Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear (tune to #60)
Communion:	Wonderful, Counselor
Closing: (#88)	Come thou Long Expected, Jesus.

## SAFETY AT ST. PETER'S

**Your safety is top priority here at St. Peter's. We have recently purchased a piece of equipment that is capable of completely sanitizing the church after each service. Our dedicated volunteers, trained in the use of this apparatus, will get to work immediately after each service to sterilize all seating areas, bathroom, and other places of human contact. We are doing our best here at St. Peter's to keep everyone safe.**

## Congratulations and Welcome to Our New Bishop

We extend heartfelt congratulations to our new Bishop, **Samuel V. Rose** on his consecration and installation as Bishop of the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador this past Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers go to **Bishop Sam** and all his family as he leads us through the trying times ahead.

# **Pre-registration for Christmas Church Services DEADLINE**

***DEADLINE for pre-registration of Christmas Eve Services is NOON, Tomorrow, December 21<sup>st</sup>. We will not be able to register you after this date.***

## **Notice**

### **Liturgy for Christmas Eve Services**

The liturgy and hymns for our Christmas Eve Services will be presented on the Church TV Screens and **not in the bulletin**. This is for safety reasons in keeping with the direction of the Chief Medical Officer and the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Dear Friends,**

I pray you all doing well and staying safe. I was thinking today that our activities at St. Peter's has changed so very much in the past year: we are unable to gather for lunch's, suppers or even a visit to listen to our beloved fellowship band. We cannot even celebrate Christmas with our brethren of the Men's Service Club or ACW—in person. But we are not defeated—and never will be!! With our Church now open, albeit on a limited COVID protocol basis, it is great to be back worshipping together again, and we pray this continues. Many of you have been very generous in your financial offerings to St. Peter's which is why we are surviving and paying all our bills. You are to be commended for all that you do for your Church!! However, due to our inability to run our usual fall fundraisers this year, we have issued a special appeal letter this past week in an effort to offset our predicted shortfall in finances for this year. I hope you consider supporting this appeal, and moreover, I look forward to the day when we can gather, unrestricted, in our Church and Parish Hall. God Bless you All. **Ray—Treasurer.**

### **This week we are praying for:**

All Church Leaders, especially +Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Linda, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; +Ronald, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, +Sam, our Bishop; Bonnie+, our Deacon, Irving+, our Honourary Assistant, and Bill+, our Rector.

**In the Anglican/Lutheran Cycle of Prayer—** ACC-The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry; Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. ELCIC-Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership.

**In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, The Clergy and parishioners of the parish of White Bay; awaiting appointment and the parish of Windsor/Grand Fall; The Rev. Jeff Blackwood, Rector.

**We pray for those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially::** Rodney Andrews, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Glenys O'Brien, Lucy Thistle, Mary Bussey, Payton Best, Robert Moulton, Yvonne Lawlor, Geraldine Piercey, Murdoch Peddle, Sylvia Gillespie-Miller, Norman Tibbo, George Moore, John Butters, Steven & Chris Dawe, Vasili Flogeras, Alan Drover, George Morgan, Joan Petten, Michael Andrews, Harriett Morgan, Carol Legge,, Marina MacDonald and Gerald Ralph.

***This week's bulletin is given to the glory of God in loving memory of:***

***George Bishop*** (remembering his passing on December 16<sup>th</sup>) and ***Jean Bishop*** (remembering her birthday on December 18<sup>th</sup>), God Bless. Wayne, Carrie, and Family.



**Our annual carol service bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of long time Choir member:**

***Aubrey H. Dawe***, by his wife Cynthia.

**\*\*Please take this bulletin with you when leaving the Church.**