

St. Peter's Anglican Church

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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
December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve **2020**



Christmas Message from Rev. Bill

Dear Friends,

It seems the common thought in most minds this Christmas is how different the past year has been. How it has been so challenging in so many ways. This is especially true for us at St. Peter's. Our worship life has changed and has now expanded to have an extended reach online through our webpage, Facebook, and You Tube. We have been unable to carry out many of the activities and ministries in the same way but still are blessed to stay in touch with each other.

I am pleased that our people have remained a caring congregation of hope. I am grateful to everyone who offered any kind of support to our good work through gifts of time, talent, and or treasure. The central message of Christmas is that God is Emmanuel "God is with us". May we strive to always bring that message to everyone everyday,

I pray that coming months will offer more hope with the arrival of vaccines to deal with the COVID-19 in our midst. We also hope to look for opportunities to offer ministry; especially to children and young families and to keep in contact with each other. Our goal remains unchanged:" *Come to Worship, Leave to Serve.*"

My wife Lynne joins me in wishing every person reading this to enjoy a most Sacred, Happy, and Healthy Christmas and we look forward to the opportunities of the New Year.

In His Service

Rev. Bill Strong
Rector

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

Christmas Message from Treasurer Ray

Church Family and friends,

As we come to another Christmas Season and the celebration for the birth of our Lord, we are also coming to the end of 2020 and another Church year. This has been a year in the world where the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the whole structure on how we live as a people. Many millions are suffering and dying because of this dreadful disease. Thank God that in our province and our parish we have been blessed. On behalf of Rev. Strong, Rev. Letto, Church Wardens and vestry members and especially our office administrator Jack Morgan, we are so grateful to all who have contributed to the upkeep of our Church and parish, both financially and otherwise during this past year. As I have expressed in my weekly notice in the bulletin, our fundraising efforts for the year had to be cancelled. However, you as parishioners, in so many ways (Collection plate, pre-authorized giving's, drop box, email transfers & post office) have gone above expectations and each of you should be so proud of your accomplishments for your church, St. Peter's and all outreach projects we support

Many good things have happened this year in our parish. 1). Our land at Hopewell Gardens have been sold and proceeds from the sale has been invested through Anglican Joint Investments and we will receive the dividends from these funds in the coming years (further updates in the year end reports). 2). New audio/visual equipment has been purchased and installed in the Church to meet the guidelines of the health department and our diocese so that services from our church can be transmitted to our elderly and shut ins via Facebook and YouTube. 3). New disinfection equipment has been purchased for use in cleaning our Church after each service, especially with the frequency of

Christmas services. 4) A new computer has been purchased for our office for the use of our Office Administrator.

After all those major expenditures, I am also incredibly grateful to the Afterschool program, the ACW, the Men's Service Club, Mr. Fred Dinham, Finance Officer of the Diocese for his support in obtaining the Wage Subsidy funds from the Federal Government and to all others for their support. I am pleased to say that as the year 2020 ends, financially, St. Peter's Parish will end up with all invoices paid and with a positive bank balance.

Many blessing to all this Christmas Season and best wishes for the New year,
Raymond Gregory.
Treasurer

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.

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.

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, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador Synod Office Staff: The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose-Bishop, Ms. Elizabeth Crisby, Mr. Fred Dinham, Mrs. Gail Brittain, Mr. Darrin Gosse The Ven. Greg Mercer – Mission Archdeacon, Mr. Kevin Smith – Planned Giving Officer, The Rev. Irving

Letto – Archivist, Mrs. Brenda Parmenter – Assistant Archivist, The Rev. Fred Marshall - Tri-Diocesan Officer.

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, Marina MacDonald, Teresa Ralph and Gerald Ralph.

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

Graham T. Miffen. Wife Joan and Family

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

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

Arthur Blagdon. Wife Dora and family.

Jim Dawe, my loving husband on the 21st anniversary of our last Christmas together.

Michael C. Pardy. Dad Ches & Mom Regina.

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

Doug Wilkins (remembering the 5th anniversary of his passing on December 28th) From the 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.

Ross MacLennan. Wife Sandra and family.

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

Debbie Noseworthy. Husband Arch & Family

Husband Kevin Lawlor, Daughter Linda Coates, and Grandson Nicholas Coates. Yvonne & family