

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
February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

First Sunday of Lent



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

Message from the Rev. Bill Strong

Dear Parishioners: Here we are again! Locked down to keep Covid 19 away! I join in the frustration of not being able to carry on with our ministry as we would like. We are very saddened not to be able to offer in person worship at this time. In addition, we have been asked not to have singing in any form, take place within our Church walls. This will impact on our online worship, but we will faithfully carry on.

I urge everyone to stay in contact with each other, to look out for your neighbour, to practise safe distancing, to wash your hands regularly, wear a close-fitting triple layer mask in public, to stay at home as much as

possible, to watch us online at our Facebook page, and pray constantly. We are especially mindful of our youth, seniors and those who are alone.

Your financial support is also very much appreciated at this time as we are unable to conduct our regular activities. Giving opportunities are listed in this bulletin.

I will be calling our list of parishioners and would be pleased to speak with anyone on any spiritual matter.

I thank God for your support and for the opportunity to serve. Better days ahead!

Rev. Bill+

Online Worship This Sunday

Rev. Bill will be celebrating the First Sunday of Lent online from his home this Sunday at 10:30am. Please join him on Facebook at that time as we travel the journey of Lent.

Worship On-line

Please join us on St. Peter's Facebook page for online worship this Sunday at 10:30am and Wednesday at 7:00pm. Find us on FB at : St. Peter's Anglican Church.

Bishop:	The Rt. Rev. 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

First Sunday of Lent

LECTIONARY FOR TODAY, – First Sunday of Lent:

GENESIS 9:8-17; PSALM 25:1-9; 1 PETER 3:18-22; MARK 1:9-15

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we
are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

GENESIS 9:8-17

PSALM

REFRAIN The paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. R

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. R

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. R

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. R

PSALM 25:1-9

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you -not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

1 PETER 3:18-22

Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

MARK 1:9-15

Prayer over the Gifts

God our refuge and our strength,
receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son
transform us to his likeness.
We ask this in his name.

Prayer After Communion

Faithful God,
in this holy bread
you increase our faith and hope and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ
who is your Word of life.
We ask this in his name.

Message from St. Peter's Treasurer

To begin, please let me express my sincere thanks to everyone who have been so kind to Beulah and I before, during and after my heart surgery. We are extremely grateful for all the kind acts and prayers from so many people. I am now continuing to recover from home and feeling better each day.

Just as we have begun safe in-person worship and peoples anxieties becoming a little more relaxed, here we are again in the middle

of a significant outbreak of COVID-19 within our community. Our Church is now closed to in-person worship as this pandemic rears its ugly head once again. I ask everyone to make EVERY possible effort to stay safe and follow all the directions of the Chief Medical Officer.

In order to keep your Church operating, we will need to continue to receive your generous financial support. You have answered this challenge in the past and I know you will do the same in the future. As you are aware, all our fundraising activities which generate significant financial support for the Church is now cancelled. However, we will never concede to this virus and we will be here to serve for generations to come.

I would like to remind our parishioners, supporters, and friends of the various methods in which to make your offering: **1.** Drop box inside the main door of the Parish Hall. **2.** By mail via Canada Post. **3.** By email transfer to admin@stpeterscbs.ca **4.** Pre-authorized giving's-automatic deductions from your bank account (please contact the church office for details) **5.** *Canada Helps* – visit our webpage at www.stpeterscbs.ca and locate the 'Donate Now' button on bottom right. **6.** Safe pick up at your place of residence.

Once again, let me thank you all for your faithful service to St. Peter's including your continued financial offerings. I wish God's continued blessing to each one of you and look forward to when we can worship in-person at our beloved St. Peter's together.

Raymond Gregory
Treasurer

“Battle Harbour was in My Blood.”

This book, written by **Bob Hardy** illustrates in story, caption and photo, the life and times of his father, **Mr. Bert Hardy** and his time living, working, and raising his family in Battle Harbour, Labrador. **Mr. Hardy's** work, life and passion for the Big Land is expressed in expert fashion by son **Bob** who endured tireless hours to capture these memories. Copies of **“Battle Harbour was in My Blood”** can be purchased for \$25 each at the Church Office during regular business hours (**due to COVID outbreak, please call the office in advance to make arrangements for safe visit**). A portion of each sale will be donated to St. Peter's. **Mr. Hardy**, who passed away in 2007, was a parishioner and dear friend to all at our Church.

Annual General Meeting/Reports

St. Peter's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 28th @ 2:00pm. Since the 2020 meeting did not go ahead, the business of both 2019 and 2020 will be dealt with. ALSO, all organizations/groups within the Church are asked to submit reports to be contained in the report by March 15th, 2021. Thank you.

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 Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton. ELCIC-The dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod.

In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, The Parishioners and Clergy of the Parish of Brooklyn, The Rev. Isaac Hutchings, Rector and the parish of Buchans..

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, Owen Murphy, Gerald Ralph, Janet Andrews, Gord Fewer, Marie King and Ray Gregory.



Walk
in the
LIGHT
of the
LORD

see John 3:19-21

Today's bulletin is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Jim & Madeline Ade (remembering their passing). From Brenda,
Calvin & family.