

## 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**

**March 14, 2021**



### Message from our Rector

Dear Friends:

We are now into the third week of level 5 of the pandemic. I am sure that I am not alone in stating that I am ready for this time to pass and for us to return to a more “normal” way of functioning.

Still, there are many lessons to be learned from this experience:

**First** is that God is always with us. God is not just in our buildings or just present at worship or in challenging times. We are called to look for that in our interactions with others no matter how limited those interactions may be at this time.

**Second**; we are capable of being resilient in following the sound guidance that Public Health officials provide us with. We are truly blessed by their service and by the good work of everyone who serves the public.

**Third:** There is light ahead! Vaccines are becoming available that will help bring about a new normal. We can look forward getting back to regular worship again as long as we continue to **Hold Fast!**

I thank God for the prayerful support we offer to each other and would be happy to speak further with you by phone. I can be reached at 325-1278 anytime.

With every Blessing and good wish.

**Rev. Bill+**

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

### Readings

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

#### **LECTIONARY FOR TODAY, – third Sunday in Lent**

#### **Readings**

NUMBERS 21:4-9; PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22; EPHESIANS 2:1-10; JOHN 3:14-21

#### **Collect**

Gracious Father,  
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven  
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,  
evermore give us this bread,  
that he may live in us, and we in him,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### **First Reading**

#### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and

we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

NUMBERS 21:4-9

## **Psalm**

PSALM

REFRAIN Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. R

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. R

He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. R

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

## **Second Reading**

### **A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

## **Gospel**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

JOHN 3:14-21

### 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.

### Easter Memorials

Easter memorials are currently being accepted at the Church office.

Please telephone your request to 744-2648 or email:

[admin@stpeterscbs.ca](mailto:admin@stpeterscbs.ca) Deadline for memorials is March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm.

Donations for memorials may be left in the drop box inside the Parish Hall door, sent via Canada Post or by email transfer to [admin@stpeterscbs.ca](mailto:admin@stpeterscbs.ca)

Memorials will be sent to all on our email list and posted to our web page.

Paper copies will be available at the office.

### Message from St. Peter's Treasurer

*Dear Friends of St. Peter's:*

As was noted in last week's message, I continue to monitor the finances of our parish going forward.

It is a blessing that you, our parishioners, and friends are continuing to honour your monetary contributions to St. Peter's, even under the lockdown of our Church because of COVID-19.

We, the finance committee, Rev. Letto, Wardens and with the much-needed help of Jack, we have just completed the statements for the year 2020 which will be presented at our scheduled annual meeting. We are pleased to say that with all parish expenses paid, we start the new year with a surplus.

The preparation of this year's budget 2021 is now progressing and should be completed shortly. Because of COVID-19 this was a difficult process; there are so many unknowns, as to Church functions etc. Therefore, we trust and pray that we will continue to support St. Peter's even during these difficult times.

As your treasurer and with the help of others, I will keep our parishioners informed through the bulletin with regard to our finances.

God bless you all.

**Raymond Gregory**

**Treasurer**

### Bob Hardy's:

#### "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-POSTPONED**

St. Peter's Annual General Meeting originally announced for March 28<sup>th</sup> has now been ***POSTPONED INDEFINATLEY*** due to the recent outbreak of the variant COVID virus. A new date will be announced later as the alert levels move down. ***PLEASE NOTE: Church organizations are still asked to submit their annual report by March 15<sup>th</sup> as there is considerable work required to compile and print it. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time.***

### **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 Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. ELCIC-The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod

**In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, The Parishioners and Clergy of the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Corner Brook: The Very Rev. Catherine Short, Dean & Rector; The Rev. P. Lynn Braye, Vicar Choral; The Very Rev. Stewart Payne & the Rev. Canon Duncan Granter, Honourary assistants. Hospital Chaplains: The Rev. Edward Keeping, St. John's; The Rev. David Pilling, St. John's; The Rev. Canon Iliffe Sheppard, Part-time, St. John's; The Rev. Canon David Russell, Corner Brook; The Rev. Dcn Terry Loder, Relief Chaplain, Corner Brook; The Rev. Joan Antle, Grand Falls/Windsor and the Rev. Sheila Sceviour, Clarneville.

**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, Ray Gregory, Bill Andrews & Nora Rideout.

**THANK YOU REV. BILL**

Sometimes we take our surroundings, friends and our leadership for granted, and we often forget to thank them for all they are doing.

We send out a big thank you to our RECTOR, REV. BILL STRONG for hanging tough during the pandemic, for being there for those that need him through trying times; for calling and keeping in touch with our elderly and shut-ins, the bereaved, the lonely and anyone who would just like to have a chat. Thank you for your services each and every Wednesday evening and Sunday Morning, either from his home or from the Church. They are uplifting and meaningful. Thank you for being you and for all you do!! It is not going unnoticed.

As Rev. Bill would say: "All is Good." and we would reply "Thank you, All is Good indeed."

**A PRAYER FOR REV. BILL AND ALL OTHER CLERGY:**

Loving God, thank you for being our shield and strength. You are a God of compassion and faithfulness. During this challenging time, please protect, nourish and sustain our clergy and other church leaders through the work of your Holy Spirit. May they find rest and encouragement in your loving care. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

(Anglican Church of Australia Website)





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

**James Ade & Herbert Lear** (remembering their birthdays this month).  
From Calvin, Brenda & family.

All victims of Cougar Flight 491 who tragically lost their lives on March 12, 2009: Matthew Davis, John Pelley, Corey Eddy, Tim Lanouette, Thomas Anwyll, Peter Breen, Gary Corbett, Wade Drake, Wade Duggan, Colin Henley, Ken MacRae, Derrick Mallowney, Burch Nash, Paul Pike, Allison Maher, Keith Escott, Gregory Morris. From all of us at St. Peter's, CBS.