

THE
CONSECRATION
OF

ST. MARY'S
CHURCH
HODGE'S COVE



BY

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 21ST, 1973
AT
11:00 P.M.

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ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR
THE CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH

PETITION:

The Bishop, attended by his Chaplain, shall be received at the door of the Church by the Rector and the other Clergy, the Church Wardens and Select Vestry. The petition for Consecration shall be presented to the Bishop in the name of those present by the Church Warden.

THE BISHOP, ACCEPTING THE PETITION, THEN
CONSENTS TO PROCEED TO THE CONSECRATION.

ENTRANCE:

The Bishop, taking his Pastoral Staff, shall knock on the door and say...
Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them and give thanks unto the Lord."

THE CHURCH WARDENS SHALL OPEN WIDE THE DOORS.

Then the Bishop, standing within the entrance, shall say...

Peace be to this House from God our Heavenly Father. Peace be to this House from his Son who is our Peace. Peace be to this House from the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

HYMN # 478; Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove.

PROCESSION TO THE CHANCEL:

While the Hymn is being sung, the Bishop shall proceed to the Chancel, and the Clergy, Choir and Vestry to their appointed places.

After the hymn, when the Bishop is seated, the necessary papers and the Church Key is presented to him

The Bishop shall then say...

"Dearlly Beloved.....(See page 683 of your Prayer book)

"Let us pray"

After the Bishop has traced the Sign of the Cross upon the floor, together with the Alpha and Omega, he shall say...
I claim this place for Christ crucified, who is the first and the last, and the Lord of all. Amen

PEOPLE SHALL
STAND.

The Bishop shall then proceed to each of the following in turn. (The people are reminded to reflect on the promises they have made at each of these places.

The Font (Baptism)
The Chancel (Confirmation & Marriage)
Page 684 ff The Prayer Desk (Confession & Prayer)
The Pulpit (Ministry of the word)
The Chancel (Almsgiving)
The Altar (Holy Communion)

Hymn # 466; We Love the Place, O God.

THE SENTENCE OF CONSECRATION

Hymn # 460; Lo, God is here; Let us adore.

The Holy Eucharist:

The Lord be with you,
And with Thy spirit
Let us Pray

The Collect

The Epistle (People seated)

Hymn #484; O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace.

The Gospel (People standing)

The Creed (Page 71)

The Sermon

The Offertory

Hymn # 350; All people that on earth do dwell.

Biddings and intercessions, page 75

The Communion; Hymns 238, 240, 232

The Lord's Prayer (Page 85)

The Blessing.

Hymn # 656 Rise up O men of God

Immediately following the Service, the Bishop, former Incumbents, and remaining Clergy will form a line at the back of the Church, to meet the Congregation as they leave.

I would like to take this opportunity to express congratulations to the Congregation of St. Mary's. A very special word must be said in appreciation for the hard work of the building committee, the wardens, The A.C.W.A. The monthly collectors, the select Vestry, and all the others connected with the building and the preparation of this House of Worship for Consecration.

I know that this was a big and difficult undertaking, and that the many strains of both building and paying must have caused many hours of worry and toil. But yet, with God's Help, you have persevered, and now we have a building which is entirely without debt, of which we can all be proud of. But yet, in our pride let us not forget the greater purpose for which we have laboured. It is built to the Glory of God, and not in any way as an advertisement of the self-esteem of human beings. It expresses its welcome to all men, and I trust that it will be a real center of Worship. My mere words are not able to express its potential in terms of its spiritual, moral, educational and inspirational values. Let us all pray and work constantly that it will be a wholesome influence for all that is good in life now, and for many generations to come.

To all of you who have done so well, I would hope that you may be aware that even though our Church is built, the task is not over. God has seen fit to give us the strength and the will to build His House, He will also give us the Grace to use it often. He still requires of us that same devotion and labour that we have given during the past ten years. Now that we have our Church building, let us try to build up our Church, that Family of God in this community, and the Parish. Even though the collectors will no longer be making monthly visits to your door, your constant givings are still needed in terms of prayer and useful service.

I would like to end this message by expressing a deep sense of gratitude to those men who worked tirelessly in keeping alive those hopes that our present new Church realizes. I speak of Rev. J.W. Taylor who helped in the original planning; of Rev. G.W. Ethridge who helped in the actual building; and of Rev. M. Boucher who helped in arranging total payment of our debts. As I came to the Parish in September, I found all the work already done. I must also mention the hard-working women of the A.C.W.A. and all of the people who deserve thanks today. All of you working together have given us what we have today. May God Bless you all.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP:

The Consecration of St. Mary's Church in Hodge's Cove is a cause for rejoicing and thankfulness, on the part of all who have worked and prayed and given over many years for this fine New Church. The Diocese rejoices with you, and congratulates you on your accomplishment. The successive Clergy who have helped you over the past ten years - The Rev. Gordon Ethridge, The Rev. Morley Boutcher, and now The Rev. Gerald Peddle, must have a particular pleasure in sharing the happiness of this occasion.

And with the Consecration of the Church Building, may there be in all hearts the desire and the readiness to commit themselves more fully to the Mission of Christ's Church in this place, in Worship, and service and witness.

God bless and keep you in His Love and care, and increase your Faith and fellowship one with another, as you use St. Mary's Church as the living center for your growth in Christ.

Your friend and bishop
† Robert Newfoundland.

A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. MARYS

Hodge's Cove today is a prosperous little community of about ninety families, of which St. Mary's serves over sixty. Approximately 103 years ago, in the late 1860's its first settlers came to our Cove and brought their families. They were both James Drovers, who were first cousins and came from Island Cove in Conception Bay. They must have liked what they found because soon others came, and the first houses, wharves and stores were built. This was to be the beginning of the Hodge's Cove which we know today. Because there were so few people, and they were so poor at the time, no Church was built immediately, but I am told that Services were held in the fish-loft of one of the stores. These were obviously devout Christian people who could still find time and means to worship God, despite the circumstances.

No one seems to know exactly when the first Church was planned or built, but we do know that it was torn down in 1903. This first St. Mary's was a small building of about 25 feet long with two short ranks of seats. It also had a small Vestry, and was of the same style as the present Old Church at Hillview, except much smaller.

After this first Church was taken down in 1903, work was started almost immediately on the construction of the second one. Three years were to pass however, before the work was completed. During those three years services were held in the school.

In either late 1906 or early 1907 the second new Church was opened, much larger than the first, and was always referred to as "The Large Church in Random." This building had three ranks of pews with two center isles, and had a slate roof which the men brought by boat from a quarry near Hickman's Harbour on Random Island. The men from neighboring Island Cove helped in the construction, but later decided to build their own, and thus were not to use it. The first person to be Baptized in this Church was Eliot Drover, who is still a member of St. Mary's Congregation.

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By the 1950's, this Church too began to show the effects of time. Big repairs were needed, and under the Incumbency of Rev. J.W. Taylor, the first plans were made to build the third St. Mary's. From the report of the annual meeting held on Feb. 1st, 1955, we read the following: "The meeting was then open for discussion on the topic of repairing the Church. It was decided that instead of repairing the Church the Congregation should make preparations to build a new one. It was proposed that a Church Building Fund be started, by George Thomas and seconded by W.J. Peddle, and carried by a majority vote. It is also interesting to note that at the same meeting, it was also decided to build a new Hall. However, five years were to pass before concrete plans were made. At a meeting held on Jan. 16th, 1961 during the Incumbency of Rev. G.W. Ethridge, it was decided that a questionnaire be sent to the people, to ascertain the number of people who would support the building of the New Church.

Within that year, the Congregation really began to move. A committee was formed, with Mr. W.J. Peddle as warden.

During 1962, the men began to cut logs for the Church in the Deer Harbour Brook area, behind Long Beach. The men of the United Church Congregation, as well as the men from neighboring communities, helped to haul the logs out of the woods. These logs were then sawed by Mr. Eric Vey in a mill at Long Beach. In the meantime, the land on which the Church and Rectory now stand was bought from Mr. Obediah Higgins. A tractor was hired and the basement was dug. The ladies of the A.C.W.A. bought the cement and the basement was poured with all free labour, sometime during 1963. Then Mr. Norman Peddle and Mr. Eliot Drover were hired to lay the foundation, as well as supervise the work being done by the other men. The basement and foundation were laid North and South, and soon the beginning of this present Church could be seen.

Now the big job was to somehow try to find sufficient money to finance the project. Along with the monthly collections, a canvass was made from Southport to
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History, continued...

Clarendville, and a good sum was made. At later stages in the project, a \$12,000.00 loan was necessary, and the Warden Mr. W.J. Peddle seemed to have little difficulty in getting the support of the people in this regard. Later on the women of the A.C.W.A. were to stage a walk-a-thon, and even some elderly people were able to earn money in this way. In 1972 the final payment on our debt was made, and much credit here must be given to Rev. M. Bouchard, as well as the wardens, Mr. Cyril Thomas and Mr. George Drover. The previous warden, Mr. Maxwell Peddle had earned over \$100.00 for the Church by selling the still-good wood from the Old St. Mary's. Every idea was used, and much work was utilized, but in the end, the determination of all these people was to give them their well-deserved reward.

After the building was framed and shingled, Mr. Dan Balsom and Mr. Chesley Drover were hired to complete and supervise the interior work. The organ, Font and Bishop's Chair was brought from the old Church. The Organ was reconditioned, and paid for by the A.C.W.A. with Mrs. Ethridge giving a \$100.00 donation. On November 28th, 1965 the New Church was officially opened and dedicated by Rev. Can. L. Norman. All the dreams and plans were at last realized, and our New Church today stands as a fitting memorial to all the labours and sacrifices put into it by the people of Hodge's Cove.

St. Mary The Virgin:

Our Church is named to the Honour and Memory of the Mother of Jesus. In the New Testament she is portrayed as a woman with very human traits, who knew suffering, heartache and victory. But yet, in her devotion to God, she became the instrument of the Incarnation; the person whom God chose to become the human mother of His only Son. She, in devotion, humility and perseverance should be an inspiration to us, as we strive together to work and worship in St. Mary's Church.

The following is a list of those clergy who have served in the Parish, and at St. Mary's from 1880 until the present. Our Parish records begin in the year 1880, but more than likely at least one Clergyman might have visited the area before then.

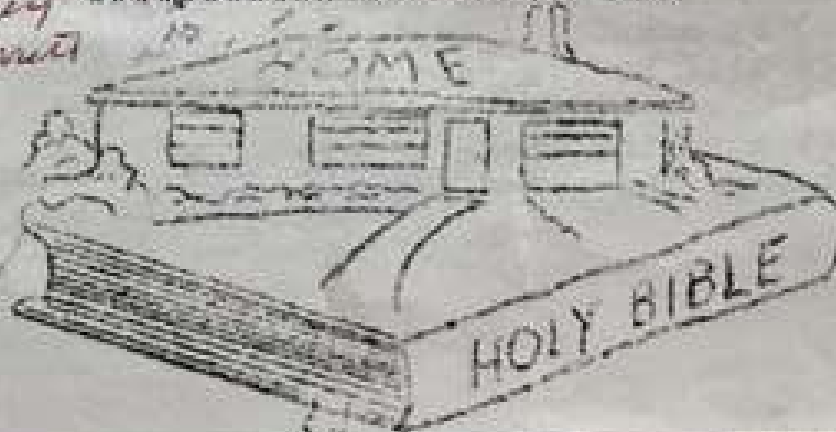
Rev. J.S. Lauderson,	from Oct. 1880 to May 1882
Rev. J.S. Thompson,	from Sept 1882 to Aug 1884
Rev. W. Smith,	from Aug. 1884 to Mar 1885
Rev. W.S. Romilly,	from Mar. 1885 to Oct 1890
Rev. H. Shington,	from June 1891 to Nov 1891
Rev. H. Petley,	from Jan. 1893 to Sep 1895
Rev. G.R. Godden,	from Oct. 1895 to Oct 1897
Rev. H.C. Johnson,	from Mar. 1897 to Oct 1898
Rev. H.C. Shears,	from Dec. 1898 to Jul 1902
Rev. A.E. Tulk,	from Dec. 1903 to Dec 1905
Rev. W.K. Pitcher,	from Nov. 1905 to Jul 1906
Rev. M.K. Gardner,	from Jan. 1907 to Oct 1909
Rev. J. Prescott,	from Jan. 1910 to Jul 1911
Rev. W.A. Butler,	from Aug. 1912 to Jun 1919
Rev. G. Templeman	from Oct. 1919 to Feb 1920
Rev. R. Fowlow	from June 1920 to Nov 1925
Rev. M.B. Way	from Jan. 1924 to Oct 1925
Rev. S.R. Shepherd	from Feb. 1926 to Aug 1929
Rev. A.P. Rowe	from Sept 1929 to Apr 1931
Rev. C.D. Sparshott	from Sept 1931 to Sep 1935
Rev. J.L. Quinton	from Nov. 1935 to Jun 1937
Rev. O.C. Dickenson	from Aug. 1937 to Jul 1939
Rev. J. Pike	from Oct. 1939 to Jul 1942
Rev. H.M. Batten	from July 1943 to Jun 1945
Rev. M.C. Jones	from Aug. 1945 to Jul 1951
Rev. J.W. Taylor	from Aug. 1951 to May 1957
Rev. J. Rodgers	from July 1958 to Sep 1958
Rev. G.W. Ethridge	from Nov. 1958 to Jul 1967
Rev. M. Boutcher	from Aug. 1967 to Sep 1972
Rev. G.E. Peddle	from Sept 1972

Rev. D. Hewitt

Rev. Adey

Rev. Barnett

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Many thanks must be given to the people of Hodge's Cove who gave faithfully every month towards the Church building fund. Even though your names and donations are too many and varied to mention here, your help and dedication have made our new Church possible.

Following is a partial list of those who gave special gifts towards our new Church

Litany Desk... Rev. And Mrs. Ethridge
Choir Stall... Mr. & Mrs. George Thomas
Lecturn..... James & Bertha Drover
Prayer Stall.. Mr. & Mrs. Hayward Drover
Altar Rail.... Mr. & Mrs. Chesley Drover
Front Doors... Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Peddle
Funeral Truck. Mr. & Mrs. Fred. Smith
2 Chancel Fronts. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith
Bridge Rails.. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith
Pulpit..... Delilah, Eugene, Roland & Max Peddle
Pew..... Anglican teachers of 1965/66
Labor for lights. Mr. & Mrs. George Barfett
Font Cover.... Girls Club
Visitors Book. Walter Curtis
Prayer Book... Albina Way & Mary Maher
Collection Plates. Eliza Jane Smith (Hillview)
Rope Divider.. Mrs. George Thomas
Hymn Boards.. Baxter Peddle
Prayer Stall.. Margaret, Doris, Florence, Annie & Fred.
Chimes (Planned, but not installed) Mr. & Mrs Archer Peddle
Reredos..... Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Balsom
Altar Linen... Mrs. Mary Bertha Sweetapple
Kneeler..... Mrs. Bertha Drover
Kneeler..... Mr. George Thomas
Kneeler..... Mr. Malcolm Vey

My sincere apologies to anyone I have missed in the above list. Many of you gave free labour, money and prayers. Although your names could not be mentioned here to be acknowledged to men, I am sure your labours will be rewarded by God.

"I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is yet day; the night cometh, when no man can work."
John 9,4

NOTES OF THANKS

To the Rev. Gordon Ethridge for conducting the Services of
reparation

The Rev. Andrew Hall, whose assistance in the preparation of
this little booklet was invaluable.

The Rev. Morley Boucher for being our Organist and taking
part in our Service of Consecration.

The following people who supplied me with the facts in the
short history of St. Mary's Church:

Mr. W.J. Peddle

Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell Peddle

Mr. & Mrs. Obediah Higgins

Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Thomas

Mr. & Mrs. George Drover

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Lord, we would be thy instruments. We have nothing to offer
except the desire to be workers in thy Harvest. But since
Thou hast chosen the weak things of this world and the things
which are not, wilt Thou not also choose us to be thy servants?
We cannot of ourselves speak Thy message to man. But we pray
that Thou wilt grant us not to speak our own words but Thy
Word, through which men come to know and Love Thee.
Give us courage to confess the name of Jesus before men. Help
us to care for them, to act as neighbors unto them, and to share
with them what Thou hast given to us. We do not ask to see
the results of our work. We need only know that Thou art using
us in Thy work of Salvation and that Thy Kingdom is coming
among us. Send us, Lord as witnesses of the Good News of Your
Love made known in Christ Jesus. AMEN.

W.A. Visser't Hooft(1844)