



# What's Up Down at Saint Peter's

A newsletter from the Parish of Saint Peter's, Birch Cove

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O Come O Come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel;  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

John Neale -1851

## ADVENT at SAINT PETER'S

Get ready! Advent ( from the Latin adventis meaning coming or arrival ), the first season of the new Christian year, arrives on Sunday November 30th. The four week season ends Christmas Eve. Each week has a different theme : hope, peace, joy and love. Each week a new candle on our Advent wreath will be lit until finally, on Christmas Eve, the Christmas Candle is lit. The history and evolution of the Advent wreath and Advent itself is fascinating. The wreath we know today evolved from a much larger one with 24 candles , created by a German Lutheran minister in 1839. The season of Advent, almost 2000 years old, was originally a period of time, for those planning to be baptized at Epiphany, to fast, pray and prepare for their upcoming baptisms. Though it has evolved over 2000 years, Advent remains a time for reflection, preparation and anticipation and there are opportunities at St Peter's to experience all three

**The Advent Study** + lunch- Sessions – Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – 11:30-1 PM

**Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing with the East Coast Carollers** on Advent 1 - Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM

**White Gift Sunday** on Advent 2 – 8 & 10 AM services

**Service of Lessons and Carols** 10 AM ( + regular 8 AM service )

**Parish Christmas Party** on Advent 4 after 10 AM service

# **Saint Peter's 2025 Christmas Craft Fair**

## **A Day of Smiles**



**Craft Fair Treasures**



**Bake Table Elves**



**We All Deserve Preserves**



**Putting on the Dog**



**Crafts Newfoundland Style**



**A Painting worth a Thousand Words**



## 2025 Craft Fair



Our 2025 Christmas Craft Fair was once again an outstanding success, not just for the \$7250 dollars ( and counting ) it raised but for the joy it spread and the fellowship it nurtured. Congratulations and thanks to all those who worked on the fair, and especially to Betty Dionne and Linda Jessop who assumed the leadership for this very important event.

## The Road Less Travelled was Well Trod



Don Campbell's painting, " The Road Less Travelled " ended up being well trod. Tickets on the painting realized an astounding \$ 1505 for the church. Thank you Don, and congratulation to Betty Dione who held the winning ticket.

### Dates/Events/Information

Nov. 29 – **English Speaking Club** @ noon in lounge ( info Viktoriia Hrushetska )

Nov. 30 **Advent 1** -services 8 & 10 AM

Nov. 30 – **Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Sing** – 6 PM in Harrington's Tree Lot then 6:30 at church with East Coast Carollers

Dec. 2 – **Book Club** meeting in lounge @ 1 PM ( info Judy Appleton )

Dec. 3 – **Advent Study + Lunch** @ 11:30 in lounge

Dec. 7 – **Advent 2** -services @ 8 and 10 AM – **White Gift Sunday**

Dec. 10 – **Advent Study + Lunch** @11:30 in lounge

Dec. 11 – **Guild's Christmas Luncheon** , noon @ The Redwood Grill ( info Peggy Taylor )

### Mitten Tree

The parish is collecting mittens, socks, scarves and toques which can be placed on the Mitten Tree located at the back of the nave. Last day for donations before items will be taken to the food bank for distribution is **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**.