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Bishop

The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee
Diocese of Islands and Inlets
December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve 10 pm Candlelight Service



...and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord...

The parish of St Peter Anglican Church is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Ligwi'da'xw people: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiakah First Nations; the unceded traditional territory of the Homalco First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here; one based on honour and respect. We pray that we may live more deeply into the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

10 pm Candlelight Service—December 24, 2025

CP=Common Praise Hymn book ; SNC=Sing a New Creation Hymn book

Processional Hymn: CP# 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Sentence

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10-11*

The Grace

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

All And also with you.

Lighting the Advent Wreath (ELW 240)

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: Let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

Light three candles to watch for Messiah; Let the light banish darkness. Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He is coming tell the glad tidings.
Let your lights be shining!

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Celebrant

This evening we light the final candle, the Christ candle, for Christ is born a new amongst us. Our advent waiting is complete, yet our yearning for justice is but re-kindled, as we continue to work and wait; call for and co-create God's final reconciliation of all things.

Silence is kept

Collect for Purity

Almighty God,

All To you all hearts are open,
All desires known,
And from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your Holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant:

Eternal God,
this holy night is radiant
with the brilliance of your one true light.
As we have known
the revelation of that light on earth,
bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

First Reading <u>Isaiah 9:2-7</u> Bill Ritchie
Psalm <u>Psalm 96</u> Page 834 Jane Jennings
Second Reading Titus 2:11-14 Bill Ritchie

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Lord and saviour; open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sink for the good news that you bring.

Celebrant God is with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel <u>Luke 2:1-14</u>

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia (Sung)

Sermon The Rev. Stephanie Wood

Affirmation of Faith (Hear O Israel)

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All Hear, O Israel,

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of Christ.

Offertory Hymn CP# 120 Oh Little Town of Bethlehem

Celebrant

Thanks be to you,

All Lord Jesus Christ,

for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us.
In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

St. Richard (1197-1253) of Chichester

Let us pray.

Prayer over the Gifts

Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast.

May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever.

Christmas Prayer

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory.

Celebrant:

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice. that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation: by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

(Communion: Music team immediately communicated after blessing of the elements)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. Lamb of God, you give us hope as we wait for you: Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Eucharist Hymns

CP#117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

CP#119 Silent Night

CP#123 Once in Royal David's City

Prayer after Communion:

Father of all,

Tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature.

May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Distribution of the Light

Recessional Hymn: CP#154 Joy to the World

Sending Out:

LA: Go in peace to love and serve our loving and living God.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Parish Happenings

- Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1, closed on Fridays. Note: the office will be closed from Dec. 25 to Jan 5th. The church will be open for the Service of Lessons and Carols on December 28.
- Coffee Hour: Every Monday 10 am, St. Matthew's room. Also on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: <u>812 0587 4273</u>
- **Prayer Chain** meeting Is the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30.
- **Council Meeting:** every 3rd week of the month. Next meeting is December 16, 2025, 7pm in the Library.
- Healing Services: Usually the third Sunday of each month at 4 pm.
 The Next service is on January 18, 2026
- Evening Prayer: December 15th and 22nd at 6:30 pm on Monday Evenings. <u>No service</u> on December 30. Regular Evening Prayer begins again on January 5, 2026.
- Midweek Eucharists: all are welcome, please join us: Wednesday—Midweek Eucharist 12:30 Thursday – Meditative Eucharist 12:30
- Chat & Chill Gathering Every Friday 10 am in the St. Matthew's Room.
- **Mindfulness Group**: Every Wednesday in the library from 3:30 to 4:15 pm.
- Prayer Chain Requests? Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request <u>prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com</u>. There is also box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message.
- Christmas Dinner: Dec. 25, from 5 to 7 pm. Open to all, but please sign up on the list in the hallway. Thank you!

Council Members Wanted: Our annual general meeting in February 2026 will select a new parish council to administer the church. Council will need a People's Warden, two Synod Delegates, an alternate Synod Delegate, and at least two new council members. Please consider getting involved in the workings of your church. **AGM Feb. 15, 2026 after church**.

Christmas Services:

December 24 at 4 pm: Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24 at 10 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 at 10 am: Christmas Day Service

December 25 at 5 pm: Christmas Dinner in the church hall

December 28 at 10 am: Service of Lessons & Carols

Parish Staff and Leaders

Rector's Warden: Tony Smith
People's Warden: Pauline Woods
Deputy Warden: Lois Tirebuck
Deputy Warden: Rick Monchak

Treasurer: Holly Finn Church Administrator/

Communications: Trina Soltys

Custodian: Janic Kozak
Prayer Chain: Sue Vickery
Envelope Secretary: Frank Maga
Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery

Lay Assistants & Readers: Pauline Woods

Spirit Editor: Jane Monchak

Spirit Design & Production: Trina Soltys

Mindfulness: Jane Jennings

Coffee Monday: Jennifer Coolen

Librarian: Jane Jennings
Safe Church: Andrea Charlton
Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF)
Representative: Barb Henshall
Building & Grounds: George Wagner

Chat & Chill (formerly ACW): Frances

Pavne

Sides persons: Pam Hedderson Zoom master: Tony Smith

Music Ministry: Kate Fitzsimmons,

Georgia Smith, Lori Gooldrup

Altar Guild: Kim Jarvis, Leslie MacLennan

Community Garden Liaison: Rick

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Budget to Nov 30, 2025	Actual Jan-Nov	Budget Jan-Nov	Budget 2025
Envelope - General	118,625	137,500	150,000
TOTAL REVENUE	170,900	176,716	192,582
TOTAL EXPENSE	200,753	196,143	\$214,253
NET INCOME	-29,854	-19,427	-21,671

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PETER

- During Sunday Worship: offering plate at each Sunday service. Cash or cheques are accepted.
- Automatic Withdrawal: 'PAR' can easily be set up. Contact the church treasurer.
- Give online: 'Donate' button located on the top right corner of the church website at <a href="style="style-type: style-type: style-type



ALL IDENTIFIABLE FINANCIAL GIFTS ARE RECEIPTED ANNUALLY BY THE END OF FEBRUARY FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.

Zoom Sunday Service—It is always the same number. It is also noted in your weekly email. JOIN ZOOM MEETING (Point, control & click to open link)

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