



# What's Up Down at Saint Peter's

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

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## Christmas Eve at Saint Peter's

Over thirty children participated in this year's pop-up Nativity Pageant on Christmas Eve before an absolutely packed church. We all know the story. On year One there was no room in the inn; however, somehow in 2025, Saint Peter's was able to accommodate all those who came out on the most magical of nights to celebrate the Birth of Christ. The official count for 4 PM – 160!

At our 6 pm. service, eighty-six worshippers attended. Our traditional 2025 Christmas Eve service ended with the singing of 'Silent Night' by candlelight. Saint Peter's certainly lived up to its motto this year :

**Friend, there is a welcome in this church for you.**



Angels, wisemen, shepherds and sheep backstage and then the story is told before a packed house

## Christmas at Saint Peter's, 2025



All is calm, all is bright as ' Silent Night' concludes the 6 PM service



Choir Singing anthem at Service of Lessons and Carols . Parishioners singing 12 Days of Christmas at Parish Party

December 14

December 21





Dear Friends in Christ at St. Peter's,

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your many kindnesses to me this Christmas. From the beautiful cards, generous gift cards, cash gifts, delicious baked goods, and the thoughtful notes of appreciation. Your generosity and care are humbling, and they remind me again what a blessing it is to serve among you here at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Birch Cove.

I truly love being your Pastor and Priest, and I give thanks to God for the privilege of sharing in worship, ministry, and daily life with this faithful and caring community.

Your support and encouragement mean more than you know, and they strengthen me for the work we share in Christ's name.

With heartfelt gratitude.

Warmly in grace and peace,

Arran Thorpe

Pastor/Priest

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#### Dates/Events/ Information

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – **Epiphany Sunday** – services @ 8 AM and 10 AM

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff** at 10 AM service.

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – Eve of Epiphany - Lights on Parish Christmas tree extinguished .

January – **Alpha** Course will begin. Details TBA.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Raffle**- Shades of Blue, queen sized quilt designed and crafted by parishioner Pat Beck. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for 20.

**The parish office will be closed until January 7<sup>th</sup>. To leave messages phone ( 902) 443-1969.**



**Saint Peter's Spiritual Journey, recognizing 75 very special years, begins January 4<sup>th</sup>. Get ready to be part of something special.**