What's Up Down at Saint Peter's

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Saint Peter's Remembers

On November 8th, Remembrance Sunday, Saint Peter's recognized and gave thanks for those who protect and who have protected our country's values and sovereignty, in particular, those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in doing so. It was acknowledged that many who have found themselves in conflict while serving their country in war, in United Nations operations, in peacekeeping, in land and sea rescues, as first responders, often suffer from conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress for the rest of their lives. In John McCrae's " In Flanders Fields", those who have paid the supreme sacrifice, throw us a torch, not a weapon, to hold high. Remembering illuminates how dangerous maintaining a peaceful world can be. Remembering is one way to hold high that torch so that those who have fallen can rest in peace, so that those wounded in protecting us can find support as they recover, so that we might discover ways to prevent conflicts and suffering from happening in the first place. Remembering reminds us all, not just those in uniform of our responsibilities to seek and keep the peace. ' Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without – Buddha'

75th Anniversary Year Ends on Christ the King Sunday

Geoffrey Chaucer wrote " All good things must come to an end". Geoffrey might have been referring to Saint Peter's 75th Anniversary Year which comes to an end on November 22nd, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. After all, our theme was ' The Pilgrimage Continues' and we all know who wrote "Canterbury Tales" a collection of stories about pilgrims travelling from London to Canterbury Cathedral. We certainly have tales to tell, about our pilgrimage: an impressive parish calendar, memorable worship services, an exciting auction, a fantastic dinner theatre, a beautifully restored Good Shepherd window, major support for the West End Ecumenical Food Bank and a year-long recognition of the many ministries conducted at Saint Peter's. Perhaps Geoffrey would be willing to write a sequel. No doubt it would be a classic too!



Our Autumn/Winter Fundscrip Campaign is now underway. Order forms must be returned by Sunday Nov. 28th. Shopping cards will be available for pickup on Dec. 6th in time for Christmas shopping. The church gets extra commission this time round from merchants: Jack Astors, Marshalls, Aldo, Boston Pizza and Homesense. There are over 97 different merchants involved this month. Shoppers- start your engines!

Saint Peter's Cares



Over 30 lapghans, crafted by Saint Peter's knitters, crafters and friends waiting to be delivered to the cancer clinic to be gifted to patients who will be undergoing chemotherapy.

Dates/ Events/ Information

Nov. 14 – **Saint Peter's Christmas Craft Fair** – 9AM to 2 PM in Daking Hall (info Charmaine MacAusland or Karen Romkey)

Nov. 15 – **Food Bank Sunday**

Nov. 17 – **Knitters & Crafters** 1-3 PM in the lounge (info Shirley Steeves)

Nov. 17 – **Parish Council** – 7 PM

Nov. 18 – **Alpha** – 6:30-8:30)

Nov. 19 – **Guild Mtng**. In the lounge @ 10 AM (info Peggy Taylor)

Nov. 21 – **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** @ Jim's Restaurant @ 8 AM (info John Starling)

Nov. 22 – **75th Anniversary Year concludes** but we know ' the pilgrimage will still continue '.

Nov. 22 – deadline for **Advent Memorial** submissions (info Lynn Orman) & **Mission to Seafarers Christmas Campaign** (info Barbara Churchill)

Nov. 25 – **Alpha** @ 6:30 -8:30

Nov. 28 – deadline for **Fundscrip** order forms (info Lynda & Wally Caldwell)

Church Calendars available from the office -$10

It Doesn’t Stop





Recent Improvements to the parking lot **Recent Improvements to Daking Hall**

Check out repairs to the church parking lot, including extra accessible spaces near the front door, plus new paneling in Daking Hall (thanks to Art MacDonald and Neil Boutilier) just in time for our 2026 Christmas Craft Fair. The action at Saint Peter’s just doesn’t stop!



A gentle reminder to everyone that crafts, preserves, and baked goods for the craft fair can be dropped off from 1-5 Friday, November 13th. There is still time if you haven't yet signed up to volunteer. Email :craftfair@stpetersbirchcove.org Then of course you still have time to invite your friends and neighbours and even people you don’t know to come to the biggest craft fair in Birch Cove on Saturday, November 14th. It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas!