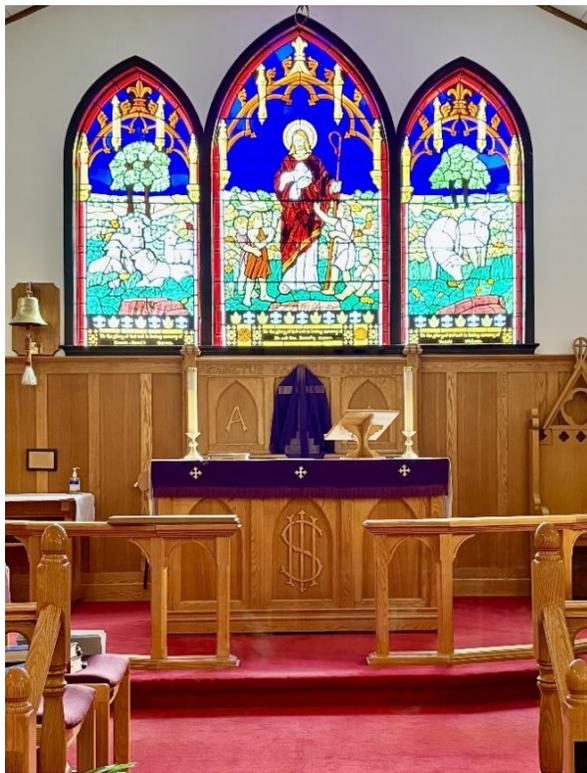


What's Up Down at Saint Peter's

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

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(left – photo: Makaza)

**“Forty Days and Forty Nights...
Grant we may not faint nor fail”**

-George Hunt Smyttan 1856

Lent at Saint Peter's

Three weeks ago on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, those who attended the 'Imposition of Ashes' service had a symbolic cross of ash drawn on their forehead. Those ashes were generated by burning palm crosses left over from last year. In two weeks time new palm crosses will be made and given out on Palm Sunday. This year's palm cross workshop, where the crosses will be made, is just one of several opportunities to experience Lent close up.

The Lenten Book Study has two more sessions on Wednesday March 18 and 25. If you have not attended a session, you are more than welcome to attend the remaining two. Soup and a roll will be served. The Book Study runs from 11:30 until 1 PM. The palm cross workshop will be held on March 25th beginning at 7 PM. A special 75th Anniversary outing is planned for Sunday March 29th. Find your own way to the Cathedral of All Saints or take advantage of car pooling for the 4 PM 'Sung Evensong'. Holy Week at Saint Peter's will see special Palm Sunday services (March 29) at 8 and 10 AM, a quiet day of reflection (Wed. Apr.1) Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM (Apr. 2) , a Good Friday service at 10 AM (Apr. 3) and Resurrection Sunday Services on Easter Sunday at 8 and 10 AM. Saturday (April 4) at All Saints Cathedral from 8 until 10 PM will be the "The Great Vigil of Easter. "



Installation of the 2026 Parish Council March 8th

**ROCKINGHAM HERITAGE SOCIETY'S
SPRING LUNCHEON**

**GUEST SPEAKER: DENISE HANSEN – “FRANCIS WENTWORTH:
A NEW LOOK AT THE GOVERNOR’S LADY”**

PLACE: ST.PETER’S CHURCH, BIRCH COVE

TIME: SAT. MARCH 21, 12:30 for 1:00 start.



For tickets (\$25) contact Glenn or Peggy Taylor at 902-443-1257. Tickets available until March 15.

BONUS EVENT: SILENT AUCTION (cash or cheque)

Dates/ Events/ Information

Mar. 14 – 12 noon – 2PM – **English Speaking Club** – lounge (info Viktoriia & Valeriia Hrushetska)

Mar. 14 - **Traditional Ukrainian Egg Painting** (free to St. Peter’s Church family) must sign up in Narthex info Viktoriia & Valeriia Hrushetska

Mar. 15 – **Food Bank Sunday**

Mar. 15 – **10 Cent Auction donation drop-off** at the 75th Anniversary Boutique after the 10 AM service

Mar. 16 – **Finance Comm.** 10 AM

Mar. 17 – **St. Patrick’s Day** 

Mar. 17 – **Knitters & Crafters** in lounge @ 1 PM.

Mar. 17 – **Parish Council** @ 7 PM

Mar. 18- **Lenten Book Study & Lunch** 11:30 – 1 PM in lounge.

Mar. 19 – **Guild Meeting** 10 AM

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

Mar. 21 – **Rockingham Heritage Society 2026 Luncheon** 12: 30 for 1 PM - \$ 25.00 (tickets & info – Glenn Taylor 443-1257)” Frances Wentworth- a new look at the Governor’s Lady “

Mar. 22 –J.S. Bach’s “ **St. John’s Passion**” a concert at All Saints Cathedral @ 4 PM. Tickets \$22.23- \$ 53.75)



SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS

for the Food Bank

IN THIRTY MINUTES

Saint Peter's, as part of its 75th Anniversary Year Celebrations, made a commitment to providing more support to the West End Ecumenical Food Bank. Thanks to the initiative of Lynn Orman, Karen Mathieu and Janet Rose, an anonymous donor who matched sales and some chocolate loving parishioners, \$ 603.00 was raised for the food bank on March 8th. All our 'no guilt' chocolate bars were snatched up in thirty minutes.

Saint John's Passion

By J.S. Bach

Will be performed by

Capella Regalis Choirs + All Saints Cathedral Choir

with Paul Halley

and Ensemble Regale orchestra, led by David Greenberg

Capella Regalis is thrilled to present this famous Passiontide oratorio by J.S. Bach at All Saints Cathedral on Passion Sunday in a collaborative performance featuring the hand-picked Ensemble Regale chamber orchestra with instrumentalists from across Canada, guest vocal soloists, and the professional singers of Capella Regalis Men's Choir and All Saints Cathedral Choir alongside Capella Regalis Boys and Girls Choirs.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear a live performance of Bach's extraordinary masterwork in Halifax! Tickets are on sale on line now.

 The poster features a central painting of Jesus with a halo, set against a dark background. Below the painting, the title "St John Passion" is written in a large, elegant white font, followed by "BY J.S. BACH" in a smaller, bold font. At the bottom, there is a section with event details, including the date and time, the performing groups, and ticket information. A QR code is also present for ticket purchases.

St John Passion
BY J.S. BACH

Featuring:
CHARLES DANIELS *Evangelist*
ALEXANDER DOBSON *Jesus*
SINEAD WHITE *soprano*
MARIE-ANDRÉE MATHIEU *alto*
MATTHEW ANDERSON *tenor*

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax

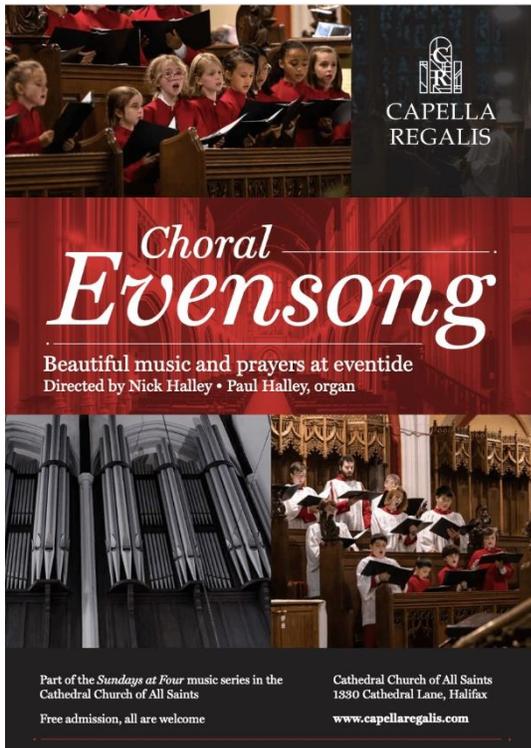
Tickets (\$20-100)
capellaregalis.com
(902) 703-3938

Directed by Nick Halley

CAPELLA REGALIS CHOIRS
ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL CHOIR
ENSEMBLE REGALE ORCHESTRA
led by David Greenberg

HALIFAX

THE CRAIG FOUNDATION



75th Anniversary Lenten Opportunity

Sunday March 29th

4-5 PM

Choral Evensong at the Cathedral

Those interested in attending a unique Lenten opportunity, a choral evensong service at the Cathedral, take note. While it's a make your own way downtown, those who would like to car pool either by driving or wanting to go with someone who is, please contact Glenn Taylor. We'll match riders with drivers and see you at the cathedral. There is no cost to attend this service.

"Evensong always occurs near sunset to observe the passing of another day in this world. During the service

itself, a choir sings canticles, Psalms, and responses. This form of worship allows believers and unbelievers alike a chance to lose themselves in the beauty of music and temporarily forget their worries and woes. Although Evensong developed during the British Reformation in the mid-sixteenth century, its origins arguably exist among the early Christians." - David Goodwin

75th Anniversary Auction to Support the Restoration of the Good Shepherd Window



photo: Makaza

Will take place from 1 – 4 PM in Daking Hall on Saturday April 25th. Set time aside for some old fashion fun. Come for the auction, come for the desserts, come for the fun, come to help restore our window.