

January 18, 2024

Warmest blessings to you! In this season of Epiphany, we celebrate the light that shone outwards from the place where Jesus was born, reaching the ends of the Earth with radiance and hope. May the light of God's grace shine upon you.

Along with the enclosed tax receipt for your gifts in 2023, we extend sincere thanks for your financial support of St. John's Anglican Church. Reflecting on the past year at St. John's, we are grateful to realize how many new encounters happened through the ministries you supported.

In all seasons, visitors attended our worship in person and online, reminding us of a flourishing 'communion of saints' worldwide.

People who have no church connection felt welcome at concerts, painting classes, and fundraisers we hosted. We exist for the good of the *whole* community and are delighted to connect with our neighbours, however they engage with St. John's.

Our Songs for All Souls event in November provided a much-needed place for people from all walks of life to gather and acknowledge their grief. Through song, story, and candle-lighting, many felt their loneliness eased and their sorrow lifted.

Our first-ever 'Pop-Up Study Café' gave students a place to gather during the Acadia exam period – and sparked some lasting connections with the St. John's community, too.

As we try new ministry ideas, we're learning so much about the wider community – and we're growing in trust of God's guidance to lead us into encounters we can only imagine! The town of Wolfville is growing and we want St. John's to be part of the new home people find here. So, as we step into this new year, we do so with joyful expectation, knowing that new encounters, new relationships, and new opportunities to share the *good news* are ahead!

Thank you again for your support. You make so much joyful ministry possible at St. John's.

In gratitude that you are a part of this vibrant community,

The Rev. Nicole Uzans (Rector) Karen Padovani & Cameron Finlay (Wardens)