



WHO IS THIS MOUSE?

When the All Souls' Home Tour began in the late 1950's, many of the members of All Souls worked on various Christmas themed decorations and gifts throughout the year. One of the members of this group had a gleam of an ideawhy not a mouse – specifically, a church mouse? And with that thought, Mrs. Sport Richards began designing Peter, a church mouse.

For a number of years, Peter the Church Mouse was carefully dressed as a chorister complete with a lace ruffle, a red robe and a white cota or over garment. As time went on, a few women stepped forward and began picking up the challenge of creating Peter. As they worked each year, Peter had a different theme, sometimes based on current or local events or whimsy. In previous years Peter has emerged dressed as a train engineer, a soldier, a beret-wearing-bagpipe-player, an angel, a hula dancer, a chef, and many other identities.

Peter's identity is a carefully held secret until the first Saturday in December. For many individuals, collecting an All Souls' mouse is an annual tradition. For everyone the annual reveal of Peter's identify, is a fun and unique part of our kick-off to the Christmas season.

On December 2nd of 2023, come to the Christmas Marketplace and Festival, see who Peter is disguised as, and purchase this year's Peter the Church Mouse.

