



# ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

The BEACON Newsletter for June 6, 2021

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## PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN (from the ACC's statement written by Melanie Delva)

### EVERY CHILD MATTERS

God who came into the world as a child, we bring before you in deep grief the children who did not survive Residential Schools. Continue to hold them closely in the safety, comfort and everlasting Love which you desire for all creation. Hear again our cries of sorrow and lament for our participation in a system that allowed these deaths to happen. Forgive us.

Holy Spirit, in the unimaginable pain of this loss, when all words fail, hear and hold our “groans too deep for words” as we see and honour the anguish of families left without the life, love and laughter each child represents. Be present with us in the myriad of emotions that the release of these names may bring – sadness, anger, relief, confusion, fear. Guard also the hearts and minds of survivors as they are faced again with memories of their own trauma and suffering.

Jesus, who showed us how Love is meant to live in the world, call us again out of denial and into truth, out of despair and into hope. Spur us to action in the places where systems of injustice prevail. Provoke us to speak out against racism, discrimination, climate injustice, and all that stands between us and the good, just, beautiful life you designed for us together. Be our strength when weak, our courage when afraid, our light in dark places.

Hear our prayer, God of all, in the name of your son the Reconciler of all things, **Amen.**

**BELL RINGING  
FOR 215 LIVES  
LOST AT THE FORMER  
KAMLOOPS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL**

On **Sunday June 6 at 12 PM**, Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria and Christ Church, Alert Bay will ring their bells **215 times** representing each of the lives lost in a sign of love and respect. **St. Peter Quamichan will also take part in the bell ringing.** St. Peter's will be OPEN during this time if you'd like to do a walk through - we ask that you wear a mask.

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION from Ruth Dearman

*“Thank you friends of St. Peter's. You lifted my spirits during my recent injury. I am doing much better now.”*

## FUNDRAISER for St. Peter's – orders must be received by Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup>

We are selling Meat Pasties made at the Little Zimbabwe Farm located in the Cowichan Valley. Pick from beef, chicken or vegetable pasties for \$7 each. All pasties are fully cooked, frozen and individually wrapped. Please attach payment to your order. Alternatively, payment can be made when picking up your order. **Pickup and/or delivery is on Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 p.m.** Order forms are included in this week's email and can also be printed from our website or picked up from the church office.



**Here is the link:** <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/news/meat-pasties-for-sale>

## How to watch PREVIOUS VIDEOS from Messy Church in a Bag

You can find ALL previous Celebration Videos for Messy Church in a Bag on our website: [www.stpeterduncan.ca](http://www.stpeterduncan.ca) For the current month, look under the **NEWS** heading. For previous months, go to the **MINISTRIES** heading and then scroll down to Messy Church in a Bag.

## Dates for UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS in 2021/22

- Sept 12, 2021      **Ordination of Deacons** at Christ Church Cathedral. We are planning for this service to be an in-person celebration, however the service will also be live-streamed.
- October 23, 2021      **Order of the Diocese Investiture** at Christ Church Cathedral. Nominations have been received and the Order's advisory council is currently reviewing and preparing the make recommendations to the bishop.
- November 6, 2021      **Vocations Day** - the day is open to those who themselves might be discerning a call to ordination or those wishing to just know about the process.
- May 7, 2022      **Diocesan Confirmations** - anyone throughout the diocese who is interested in being confirmed or received into the Anglican Communion is welcome.
- July 12-17, 2022      **General Synod** in Calgary
- Sept 23-25, 2022      **We Together** Diocesan Conference

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of June 6:

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers in the church are given by Granville Fountain to the Glory of God in loving memory of his dear wife Ruth and his mother and father who made him into the person he is today.

**Members of our Congregation:** Geoff, Chris, Bob, Andrea, Ruth, Rocke, Sandee, Jennifer, Vital, Teresa, Frank, Pearl, Connie and Brandon.

#### Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Mark, National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop
- Lynne, Bishop, Diocese of Kootenay
- The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- Dawna, Priest, St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak
- MJ, Chris, Jim and Norah, our Clergy, Kirsten, our Seminarian

**Government Leaders:** Justin, our Prime Minister, John our Premier, Dr. Bonnie Henry, William, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and Al and Michelle our Mayors.

**Parish Families:** Pansy and Donald, John and Pat

**Birthday Blessings this week:** Phyllis Strong (June 6)



### The JOYS of SQUIRRELS

Recently, a couple of parishioners were "blessed" with the company of squirrels.



First, Monica and Alan Gurzinski had a non-paying tenant in their perimeter soffits for a few weeks. This critter sounded like a small army of squirrels running back and forth while the homeowners could only watch and listen in disbelief. On a recent very hot day, the squirrel left for the day and on his return, he found his passage boarded up! Let's see what this wily rodent does next....

← Second, Eileen Curtis took creative measures in her creation of this squirrel deterrent in her ½ barrel of sweet peas. Yes, those are really forks in the soil!!