



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

The BEACON Newsletter for July 4, 2021

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PASTORAL CARE NOTICE

With great sadness, we share the news of the passing of two long time parishioners of St. Peter's - Michael Coleman and George Brockhurst. A service for Michael - **family only** - will be held at St. Peter, Quamichan followed by a reception open to the public held at a later date. Details for George's service are still pending. We will update you as we receive information.

Well done thou good and faithful servants, Michael and George. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise again in glory.

What's COMING UP at St. Peter's?

→ **Quiet Meditation** in the church - starting Thursday July 1st and hopefully ALL Thursdays in July, the church will be OPEN for quiet meditation from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Although the provincial restrictions are easing, at this point, we are still recommending the following:

- 2 people per pew
- Wear a mask - masks and hand sanitizer will be available.
- Enter through the north door and exit through the south door.

→ **Harp Concert** - on Saturday (July 3 and 10), Marilyn Rummel will be playing her harp in the cemetery from 3 to 4 p.m. Again, we recommend social distancing and staying within your bubble. On July 10, Marilyn will be joined by up to 15 other harpists to add to your listening pleasure. This is an added treat and as always, we thank Marilyn for her generosity of time and talent!

For the above mentioned events, washroom facilities will be available in the hall. The church and hall are air-conditioned - we recommend bringing a water bottle to stay hydrated!

CEMETERY Work Parties

Due to the continued extreme heat warnings, the Monday evening cemetery work parties have been put on hold. Stay tuned for an announcement regarding their resumption.

Mark your Calendars!



Save the Date

Our **Christmas Festival** will be on Saturday December 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plans are in the works for our annual Christmas lunch and sale. Start now to make crafts for the Craft table; jams and jellies, meat pies and other frozen delicacies for the home cooking table; share your thoughts for Silent Auction theme baskets; make a list of things to bake nearer the date; talk to your friends and neighbours, tell them to book the date. Let's make this year a fun and profitable event.

TRU EARTH SALE until July 7

If you haven't done so already, it's a good time to check out Tru Earth as they're having a **Plastic Free Week Sale**. St. Peter's has partnered with TRU EARTH and when you order a product, St. Peter's receives 20% of the total sales value.

In order for St. Peter's to receive the 20%, you must start your order by using this link:
<https://fundraising.tru.earth/StPeterDuncan> Thank you for your support!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of July 4:

For Those Who Have Died: We pray for the families of **Michael Coleman** and **George Brockhurst** who mourn their deaths. Let us pray, "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise again in glory! Amen."

Members of our Congregation: Brian, Geoff, Chris, Bob, Andrea, Peggy, Rocke, Sandee, Jennifer, Vital, Teresa, Frank, Pearl, Brandon, David, Priscilla, and Connie.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Mark, National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop
- David, Bishop, Diocese of Caledonia
- The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- Andrew and Christine, Clergy, Ss. Anne & Edmund, Parksville & Church of the Good Shepherd, Lasqueti Island
- 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.

Birthday Blessings this week: Robin Luxmoore (July 9), Judi Anderson (July 9), Audrey Loewen (July 10)

A PRAYER FOR CANADA DAY

Written by Kirsten Evenden

Thank you God for this piece of the world,
a slice of land broad and wide,
blessed with rivers and great lakes,
wide skies and great forests,
high mountains and gracious plains,
beautiful from sea to sea to sea.

Thank you for letting us live here,
even though we do not own it.
This land is your land, which we use in trust for
future generations.

Thank you for its rich history, which includes the
beauty and wisdom of Inuit and First Nations and
Metis peoples.

We pray for justice and wisdom as we work on
healing difficult and abusive relationships with the
First Peoples of this land.

Thank you for our system of government.
Even though we recognize the errors of the past
and the systemic oppression that is inherent in the
system.
We give thanks for the right to speak freely, and to
elect our leaders as we continue to seek a new way
forward.

Thank you for the freedom of religion and
conscience that we enjoy.

Thank you for universal health care,
and a social safety net, even though not all are
caught by it, and not all dwell in safety.
We continue to strive for an end to disparity in
these lands so all may be safe and well.

We want a country that is the best it can be,
a home for all, welcoming refugees and
newcomers,
sharing this wealthy country with the world.
Bless our leaders, our Prime Minister and all
members of parliament;
guide their steps, and help us use our voice to
guide them as they make difficult and far-reaching
decisions.

We thank you today for this country, acknowledging
its many faults along the way. Thank you for giving
us a home here, where we live in peace and
security. Where we can work together in community
to seek healing and wholeness to those we have
wronged for generations.

God keep our land, Canada, keep it strong and
free, keep it safe and beautiful for future
generations.

Amen.