



# ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The BEACON Newsletter for January 9, 2021

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**SUNDAY January 9 – Click the LINK to watch the live streamed service at 10 a.m:**  
**<https://vimeo.com/651892136>**

## NOTE FROM REV. MJ

Happy New Year! In the spirit of hope and gratitude, I want to say THANK YOU to each and every one of you for the care you are showing each other in this latest COVID surge. Thank you for wearing masks without complaint. Thank you for getting vaccinated. Thank you for staying home if you are experiencing symptoms or are at high risk. Thanks to your diligence we have been able to continue worshipping together in-person safely and without spreading the virus further.

It is our profound hope to continue to offer options for both in-person and online worship in the coming weeks, including regular Sunday worship. To prioritize the safe continuation of worship and reduce exposure risks, we are moving other meetings and gatherings online wherever possible. The office will remain locked, we remind you to continue to wear a mask when it is necessary to enter. Please keep your visits to the office brief.

**Effective immediately: readers are no longer permitted to remove their masks to speak. Masks must be worn inside the church building at all times. Please make sure that your mask covers both your mouth and your nose.**

I cannot urge you strongly enough: If you are having symptoms of any kind, or if you have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID, please worship online instead of attending in-person. Following guidance from the Bishop's office, I also encourage you to worship online, when possible, if you are medically high risk in any way or if you have not been vaccinated. When in doubt, please stay home. The stakes are high right now, and our priority is keeping each other as safe as possible. The wardens, staff, and I wish you and your loved ones every blessing in this new year.

In Peace,  
MJ+



## MATTHEW 25:35 "for I was hungry and you gave me food..."

We give thanks for your generous food donations that you have given in the past and the ones that you will be making throughout the coming weeks, months, and year... **For the month of January, we are asking for school snacks and lunch items: juice boxes, bread, canned ham, turkey, tuna, granola bars, bags of fruit, bags of goldfish crackers.** Bring items to the church on Sunday or to the parish office during the week.

## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Within the next week you will receive the **Quarterly Donation Receipt**. Please check it carefully. **If you do not receive a quarterly receipt, please contact the office as soon as possible.** We will then have time to make changes to our records, and ensure that we have the correct email address or postal address prior to issuing your tax receipt. The **2021 Tax Receipts** will be sent, either by email or post, the week of February 15, 2022.



## 2022 FLOWER CALENDAR

The NEW calendar is displayed in the Church. Please sign up for Special Celebrations, "In Memory Of" and/or for Anniversaries. The fee is \$50.00 - payable to St. Peter's Church.

**For January, the following dates are available: January 16 and 23.**

To sign up, please add your name to the calendar in the church or call Marg Berikoff at 250-746-5625 or email [j.m.berikoff@shaw.ca](mailto:j.m.berikoff@shaw.ca)



## CHEMAINUS CLIMATE SOLUTIONS NEWSLETTER for JANUARY 2022

This month's newsletter can be found using this link: <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/ministries/climate-solutions-ministry> In the issue, you'll find interesting articles about Bio Fuel and the Carbon Footprint of Things We Buy!

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of January 9:

**Birthdays:** Carmen Allen (Dec 27), Barbara Dunajewska (January 1), Irene Forsyth (January 11)

**Altar Flowers:** The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God, in memory of Ron Peebles and in loving support of his wife Trish.

**Members of our Congregation:** Trish, Doris, Peggy, Alex, Terry, Ruth, Catherine, Janet, Chris, Rocke, Vital, Teresa, Frank, Pearl, Brandon, and Connie.

#### Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Mark, National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop
- John, Bishop, Diocese of New Westminster
- Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- The Community of St. George at Kingcome Inlet, Wakeman, Hopetown and Gilford 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:** Jane and Owen, Jane, David and Mary

### WHERE THE MAP BEGINS A Blessing for Epiphany

This is not  
any map you know.  
Forget longitude.  
Forget latitude.  
Do not think  
of distances  
or of plotting  
the most direct route.  
Astrolabe, sextant, compass:  
these will not help you here.

This is the map  
that begins with a star.  
This is the chart  
that starts with fire,  
with blazing,  
with an ancient light  
that has outlasted

generations, empires,  
cultures, wars.

Look starward once,  
then look away.  
Close your eyes  
and see how the map  
begins to blossom  
behind your lids,  
how it constellates,  
its lines stretching out  
from where you stand.

You cannot see it all,  
cannot divine the way  
it will turn and spiral,  
cannot perceive how  
the road you walk  
will lead you finally inside,

through the labyrinth  
of your own heart  
and belly  
and lungs.

But step out  
and you will know  
what the wise who traveled  
this path before you  
knew:  
the treasure in this map  
is buried not at journey's end  
but at its beginning.

Written by Jan Richardson (from **Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Season**)