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The Cover

“Now is the winter of our discontent” – Better times are ahead, A winter scene photo-imaged by Tuomas Pekkarinen.

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The editor's two cents

This is the first newsletter in some time. You can expect to see it on an occasional basis, by which I mean when I have something to print whether religious, travelogue, book review, short poem or whatever. I only ask that it be original.

Since I began editing the newsletter, my right hand, looking after proofing and making many suggestions, never appeared on the masthead (at her request.) Therefore, it seems appropriate to dedicate this issue to the late Brenda Whittingham. Brenda was indefatigable in her work: she was a task master about my punctuation, spelling, line spacing and was a fan of the font, Georgia, which we have adopted in her honour.

Life is a team sport and I can't think of anyone better to have had on my team than Brenda.

Finally, on the back cover, we catch up with what's new with the Church Mice.

Peter

**“So long,
farewell
again!”**



MY TIME BACK at my “parish church” has come to an end yet again. This is the third time I’ve needed to say goodbye. First, when we were transferred to Bermuda in 2004, and then after being ordained on All Saints in 2008.

This time was of course, very different. For the last eight months I have had the honour of leading you in worship, baptizing and laying to rest brothers and sisters in Christ. Performing the things you began raising me up to do some 15 years ago.

It has been a joy to be able to serve you in this way and I wish I had been able to take you all the way through your interregnum, but as you

know the search for your new priest is taking longer than hoped and my 2022 has been planned out for some time. However, I am leaving you in the capable hand of Paul Schumacher who, God willing, will take you to that time in the very near future.

In departing all I ask of you is to keep up the ministry you do so well in this community and don’t be afraid to push yourselves just that bit more. You are too good a faith community to stay “as is.”

May God bless you all and your vitally important work together! ✝

Ian+

The Reverend Canon Ian Powell



A few words from Paul

I AM A firm believer in the presence of the Holy Spirit working in and through each of us in this time of transition, here at Holy Trinity North Saanich. Bishop Anna asked me to join the people of this parish as we journey together toward the arrival of our next incumbent. At this moment, the search for our next spiritual leader is continuing. In our daily prayers, I ask each of you to pray for the search team as they prepare for the next steps in this journey. Pray also for our parish and each one of the many souls who call Holy Trinity North Saanich their parish home. A time of transition can be unsettling for some, and exhilarating for others.

I want to take a moment to introduce myself to you. By now, many of you will have watched the some or all of the weekly Service of

the Word videos on our Vimeo channel. I am someone who enjoys discovering new ways of using many of the tools and equipment available to us, to make new paths for the sharing of our faith. I enjoy all the Holy Spirit offers in my life.

My spouse, Lynn, and I reside in Victoria. In 2012, we moved west to Vancouver Island from Southern Ontario. Two of our children were already residents here in Victoria. The arrival of new grand-children made the transition all that much easier. We also have children and grandchildren residing in Ontario, whom we try to visit yearly, when not restricted by the current Pandemic.

My role as interim priest-in-charge is to help the congregation during this journey of transition toward the arrival of our new incumbent. I look forward to meeting as many of our parishioners as possible in the time I am with you. Please understand that when a new incumbent has been selected, has accepted the position, and has arrived in the parish, I will be leaving Holy Trinity North Saanich. I will be available to Bishop Anna for appointment to another parish in transition, at that time. ✝

Blessings,

Paul+

The Reverend Paul Schumacher

Counters needed

We are still looking for more counters. The counting guild counts the Sunday offering, records it and then deposits the money into the bank. A team of two people performs this task each week. It takes about 1 to 1-1/2 hours on Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service to complete.

Please call the office at 250-656-3223 to volunteer.

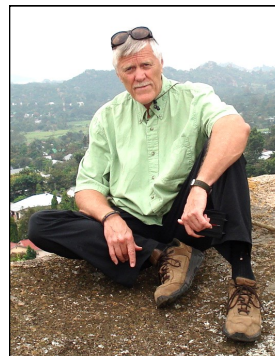
Every Sunday

Our interim priest, The Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher, presents an electronic version of the Service of the Word and the sermon for that week. You can see both by going to our website, holytrinityns.org, and toggling the service on the first page. Both are also available in text, if you prefer.

End copy, Lyn

Lyn Dunn was a parishioner of Holy Trinity. He was also the director of ALOFT with his daughter Randal. He passed away late last year.

Lyn was a regular contributor to these pages and we will miss him greatly. Now it's "-30-" good friend. RIP.



Diocesan newspaper moves to the internet and gains a new name

Beginning in January the diocese will no longer publish print issues of the its monthly newspaper and distributing it via Canada Post with the *Anglican Journal*.

And with publication of the January 22 issue, the newspaper has a new name, *Faith Tides*.

The diocesan newspaper will continue to provide inspiring and educational content online that you can download to your own device.

Don't worry, your print copy of the *Anglican Journal* will still be delivered to your door in 2022.

To subscribe, visit the diocesan website at bc.anglican.ca and toggle *Faith Tides*.

Sunday services reminder

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. (traditional) and 10:00 a.m. (choral).

Sunday Bible Readings

February 6 (Epiphany 5)

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 13 (Epiphany 6)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

February 20 (Epiphany 7)

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-112, 41-42

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

February 27

(Last Epiphany)

(Transfiguration Sunday)

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-2

Luke 9:28-43

March 5 (Lent 1)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 13 (Lent 2)

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-21, 4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 20 (Lent 3)

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 27 (Lent 4)

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 5 (Lent 5)

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Check the *Service Bulletin* for the readings each Sunday. The readings may be different from those listed here.

Daily prayer intercessions for February

- 1: Peter Shurvin and Sally Chaster, chaplain, Royal Jubilee Hospital
- 2: Lon and Marian Towstego, Parish of Central Saanich
- 3: Parish committee members and volunteers
- 4: Barry Foster, diocesan executive officer
- 5: Blair Haggart, St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island

- 6: Epiphany 5** – Anna, our bishop; St. Peter, Comox, Sulin Milne and St. Saviour, Denman Island, James Lyster; Diocese of Kootenay, Archbishop Lynne McNaughton.
- 7: Dawna and Ron Wall, St. Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak
- 8: Ross Bliss, Christ Church Cathedral
- 9: Congregation of St. Columba, Tofino
- 10: Teachers, students and staff at Christ Church Cathedral School, Shawnigan Lake School, and Margaret's School
- 11: Chance Dixon, diocesan archivist
- 12: Stephanie Wood, St. John the Divine, Victoria

- 13: Epiphany 6** – Anna, our bishop; St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin, Wally Eamer; Diocese of New Westminster, Bishop John Stephens.
- 14: Sarah and Ross Tweedale, St. Margaret, Galiano Island
- 15: Prison chaplains
- 16: Ansley Tucker, Christ Church Cathedral, and director of deacons (interim)
- 17: Safe Church parish liaisons
- 18: Don Walls, St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay
- 19: Gail and Darren Gauthier, diocesan finance officer

- 20: Epiphany 7** – Anna, our bishop; St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay, Craig Hiebert and Dyan Davison; Diocese of Yukon. Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.
- 21: Karen and James Hollis. Christ Church, Gabriola Island
- 22: Alastair and Alison Hunting, St. John the Divine, Courtenay. and St. Andrew, Sandwick
- 23: Elizabeth Northcott and Susan Cook Pecho, St. Mark, Qualicum Beach
- 24: Catherine Dafoe Hall, St. Peter, Campbell River, and St. Saviour by-the-Sea, Cortes Island
- 25: Colleen Lissamer and Grant Croswell, Church of the Advent
- 26: Catherine Pate, diocesan communications officer

- 27: Epiphany 8** – Anna, our bishop: S. Peter, Quamichan, Mary-Jane Leewis-Kirk; Territory of the People Anglican Church, Steering Committee.
- 28: John and Franciane Steele, St. John the Baptist, South Cowichan

Daily prayer intercessions for March

- 1: Brendon Neilson, diocesan vision animator
- 2: Eric Stephanson, Sts. Christopher & Aidan, Lake Cowichan
- 3: Monica Hall Kowalewski, diocesan refugee program, community engagement coordinator
- 4: Christine Conkin, St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay
- 5: military chaplains
- 6: Lent 1** – Anna, our bishop; St. Andrew, Sidney, Eric Partridge and Juli Mallett; Diocese of Caledonia, Bishop David Lehmann.
- 7: The community of St. George at Kingcome Inlet, Wakeman, Hopetown, and Gilford Island
- 8: Jeanne Forte, St. Columba, Tofino
- 9: Ember Day - Kirsten Evenden, Jill Harris, postulants of our diocese
- 10: Alan and Diana Naylor, St. Mary, Nanoose Bay
- 11: Ember Day - Kirsten Evenden, Jill Harris, postulants of our diocese
- 12: Ember Day - Kirsten Evenden, Jill Harris, postulants of our diocese
- 13: Lent 2** – Anna, our bishop; St. Columba, Port Hardy, and St. John, Port Alice, Christine Muise; Diocese of Kootenay, Archbishop Lynne McNaughton.
- 14: Diocesan Christ Church Cathedral parish staff
- 15: Brenda Nestegaard Paul, Trinity Anglican & Lutheran Church, Port Alberni
- 16: Barbara Underhill - diocesan treasurer
- 17: John Thatamanil and Kate Newman, diocesan theologian, and St. John the Divine, Victoria
- 18: Naomi Racz – *Faith Tides* editor
- 19: The board, staff, and clients of Threshold Housing
- 20: Lent 3** – Anna, our bishop; Congregation of St. Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak. Diocese of New Westminster, Bishop John Stephens.
- 21: Clergy widows and widowers
- 22: Douglas and Jeannine Friesen, St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin
- 23: Michael Wolff, diocesan registrar
- 24: Christopher and Heather Page, St. Philip, Oak Bay
- 25: choirs, choir directors, organists and musicians
- 26: Adela Torchia, The Two Saints Ministry
- 27: Lent 4** – Anna, our bishop; St. Luke, Victoria, Daniel Fournier. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.
- 28: Ellen and Rob Willingham, Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands
- 29: Gloria Hockley, ACW President
- 30: Don Walls, St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay
- 31: Deborah Rivet, St. Philip, Cedar

Christmas at Holy Trinity

As Covid continues to be with us, we once again adapted our Christmas activities to be mindful of the safety of our Parishioners and friends. We were able to have Christmas services this year with the Rev. Canon Ian Powell, with restrictions.

We required everyone to be double vaccinated, wear masks and preregister for one of two services at 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

We were able to sing, although muffled by our masks. A group of Christmas elves decorated the outside of the church for the Christmas services.

Christmas hampers were once again restricted to bags with a voucher for groceries

and home-made treats prepared by a group of parishioners from Central Saanich and Holy Trinity.

There was such a variety of homemade goodies, gingerbread, shortbread, Christmas cakes, jam, fruit, and many others.

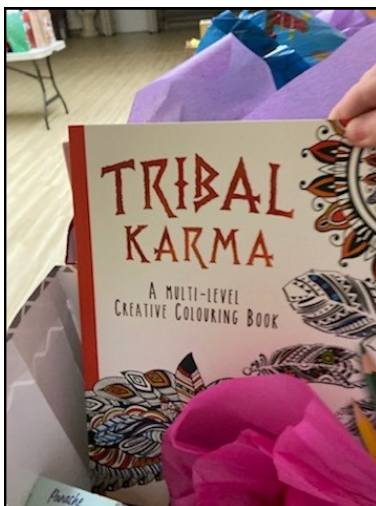
A note of appreciation from Thea Dickson said "Your wonderful response to our Christmas gift appeal was amazing!

The children's gifts were fun to see and to imagine how happy the children will be on Christmas morning.

The other gifts of mittens will be appreciated on these cold days.

We wish you could hear the "Thank you's" when the bags were picked up by Michelle, Mary, Mary Ann and Jamie.

We are so thankful to have the parish of Central Saanich join with us. This has been a joint ministry for over a year now. "Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still."



A sample of some of the Christmas gifts for children.

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Christmas continued

As Covid continues to challenge us we are adapting to the situation and now are able to provide online services to keep us connected. Response to the online services has been excellent with numbers connected continuing to climb.

On February 13, in-person services resumed. Services times have been changed from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 and the 9:00 and 10:30 services have combined for a new service time of 10:00 a.m.

As this issue goes to print, The Rev. Dr. Paul Shumacher, our interim priest-in-charge, is optimistic that some restrictions may be soon lifted. ✙



Two of the “elves” busy at work decorating the entrance of the church. They also strung lights along the walkway and in one of the trees.



The lights were a pleasant surprise greeting parisioners on Christmas Eve.

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The walkway to the entrance was also lit up. The lights were a welcome addition to the festive season.



Another example of some of the gifts contained in the hampers bags.



Michelle from the Tsawout First Nation, and Penny Donaldson from our parish, with some of the Christmas “hampers.”

With content provided by Thea Dickson, Penny Donaldson, and Peter Marshall.

Catching up with the Church Mice

