

### What's Going on Here?

What does it mean and why do we do it. Some people bow when they enter or leave the pew; the clergy bow when they enter, what are they doing?

The Altar is the place where God meets us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and in transforming all we offer to God, so we bow to acknowledge the presence of God, the sacredness of that place and its importance in our own lives.

There are some who think that bow is an acknowledgment of the Cross. It is not wrong to acknowledge the Cross but Anglicans are a Sacramental people and the Altar is central to our worship life.

What other questions would you like to see answered here? Send an email to the office or direct to Cathie.

Next week – unless we get another Question – the Sign of the Cross

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### **The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**

serves overseas and in Canada, providing funds for development and emergency funds for disaster relief. PWRDF is a qualifying agency for matching grants from the Government of Canada when such grants are offered. Barb Henshall is our Rep.

## **Gathered by the River**

### **The newsletter of Anglican Church of St. Peter**

We have all heard of the death of Her Majesty the Queen on Thursday, September 8. There is much sadness, for many the Queen is the only Monarch we have known.

We have a new King, Charles III and the Queen Consort Camilla.

People are asking, “what shall we do?” The Queen was not only our head of state she was head of the Church of England – our own parent church. – and this gives us Anglicans a special connection.

Fortunately there are folks who have asked these questions in advance of the need and the answer is “not much”. If we had a bell we could ring it but we don't. The only parish in the diocese that may hold a memorial is the Cathedral, it will be live-streamed.

After the State Funeral takes place there will be a Civic Memorial service in Ottawa, and then there will be a national service, led by the Primate at St. James Cathedral in Toronto. It is most likely that all of these services will be viewable on television or by live-stream

After all of that has taken place we are permitted to hold a special service, if we want. In the meantime we are invited and exhorted to pray for the repose of the soul of the late Queen, and for strength and grace for the King.

### **Giving at St. Peter's.**

Envelopes may be obtained from the office.

You may give through pre-authorized withdrawal, forms to sign-up are available through the office.

A secure link is available on our website.

The Collection plate is not passed from hand-to-hand in order to reduce the risk of infection. You are invited to place your offering in the plate near the door, or to send or bring it to the office.

### **This Week**

#### **Sunday**

10:00 Sunday worship, zoom and in-person.  
Book sale part 2, in the hall.  
Parish Council in the library after church.

#### **Monday**

10:00 AM Coffee Monday

#### **Tuesday**

#### **Wednesday**

10:00 ACW  
3:30 Mindfulness

#### **Thursday**

#### **Friday**

#### **Saturday**

Car Boot Sale 9 to noon

#### **Next week**

### **Forthcoming Events**

Sept. 11	after church in the library, Wardens and Clergy
	2:00 PM Celebration of Life of Bea Meier
Sept 17	9 to noon Car Boot Sale in the parking lot
Sept 18	after church in the library, Parish Council.
Sept 20	Proposed start of Island EfM group on zoom
Sept 30	Truth and Reconciliation
Sept 30 and Oct 1	Diocesan Conference in Nanaimo
October 9	Harvest Thanksgiving
October 22	Pot luck dinner, with music and silent auction
October 28	Messy Church
October 29	Turkey Pie sale
November 6	All Saints
November 20	Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ
November 27	First Sunday of Advent
December 25	Sunday and Christmas

The flowers are offered  
to the Glory of God

*Flowers may be placed in memory or in thanksgiving. Please speak to a member of the Altar Guild for information.*

### **Next Week**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Participants in the Service**

Presiding  
*The Rev. Catherine Hall*

Preaching  
*The Rev. Catherine Hall*

Musicians  
*Georgia Smith, Kate Fitzsimmons, Lori Gooldrup*

Zoom Hosts  
*Tony Smith, George Wagner*

**Greeter**  
*Jennifer Coolen*

**Reader**  
*Jennifer Coolen*

**Lay Assistant:**  
*Dave Storrie*

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**