

What's Going on Here?

We did get a question – 2, in fact so we are saved from the Sign of the Cross for this week!

Why do people genuflect? Is the inquiry from a parish member. The word “Genuflect” is from the Latin and it literally means “bend the knee”. Some people do this as a sign of respect or honour for the presence of the Sacrament in the church. As with most things in the Anglican church it is a choice some people make.

Another question was about our prayers for those who have died, why do we pray for the repose of the soul. For centuries the church taught about the dangers of hell and described eternity in perilous terms. So we came to praying for those who have died. In fact, it feels like a transitional time when someone has died and it can be comforting to pray for them. Our BAS prayer says: Rest eternal grant to them and let light perpetual shine on them. But it is important to understand God's abiding love embraces us all.

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

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Gathered by the River

The newsletter of Anglican Church of St. Peter

Christmas Baskets are going to happen soon. If you have donations drop them off at the church or give them to Ellen Wagner.

Cougar Sighting: in the neighbourhood of the church. Please be careful on the church grounds and in the area.

Our last issue of **SPIRIT – in the time of COVID** was Spring 2022. Summer has come and is almost gone. It would be great to get this next edition out before Thanksgiving. Our busy communications director needs about 10 days to format the issue. So write an article this coming week or at the very latest, by midnight, September 25. Please don't wait until this deadline to start writing. As soon as you write your submission, please send it to me.

Besides submitting a report or article and/or pictures about the ministry you are involved in at St. Peter's, how about sending us something about what you have been doing since the Spring Spirit. We always have a “What's Been Happening” section. What did you do this summer? Do you have pictures of places you went, activities you did, or people you enjoyed being with. Grandchildren come to mind! (FYI - In order to publish pictures of people we need to know we have permission to do so. In the case of grandchildren, their parents need to know this is an on-line magazine, connected with St. Peter's website and private Facebook page.)

Here are a few guidelines for submissions.

1. Our vision statement is a good guide. “Inspired by God and the example of Jesus to serve our community by offering love and acceptance to everyone.” Our newsletter represents who we are at St. Peter Anglican Church.
2. Please limit your article to one page.
3. Please type the article, and include a title, in a simple format (Calibri, size 12 would be great); in an email or an attached word document in an email. This would really help with editing and formatting.
4. Please send pictures as attachments in the highest resolution possible. Please do not embed pictures in an email or article.

Please, send your submissions to my email address, monchak@shaw.ca as soon as you are able. (before September 25 if possible)

This Week

Sunday

10:00 Sunday worship, zoom
and in-person.

Monday

10:00 AM Coffee Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

10:00 ACW
3:30 Mindfulness

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Next week

Forthcoming Events

Sept 18 after church in the library, Parish Council. Zoom
connection may not be available

Sept 27 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

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Participants in the Service

Presiding

The Rev. Catherine Hall

Preaching

The Rev. David Fitzsimmons

Musicians

*Georgia Smith, Kate Fitzsimmons, Lori
Gooldrup*

Zoom Hosts

Tony Smith, George Wagner

Greeter

Jennifer Coolen

Reader

Quentin Dodd

Lay Assistant:

Andrea Charlton

Coffee Hour Hosts: