

## Christmas Market - November 12

A Christmas Market will take the place of the Christmas Bazaars held pre-COVID. Artisans have been invited to join the ACW ladies in the hall. The artisans will purchase table-space and will have hand-crafted items available for sale; pottery, felting, painting, quilting and sewing; just to name a few.

The ACW ladies will have their famous Christmas cakes; a variety of home-made baking; and many items made with a double-dose of love for sale. The Christmas Baskets, filled with unique items on a theme, will be back.

A Silent Auction with items that are one of a kind will also be back. If you have good quality items you would like to donate to the auction, please contact the church office and leave a message. 250-286-1613. The Christmas Market will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12. We look forward to seeing you there!!

## Building Strong Community

Trina Soltys is our Communications Director. She often reminds us to send her news of activities so she can advertise them on Facebook or on our website. But communications is everyone's job – and so is participation.

There are some people getting worn out doing all that they do and there are many more who don't know what to do. This is part of communications as well.

There are 6 people who sit on the Administration Committee who make decisions about our parish Calendar, plan events and help get them organized. This committee, like most committees in this parish, is open to anyone – to suggest, help plan, and facilitate the event. But they can't do it alone.

Similarly, the Altar Guild has been dissolved, but we need to find ways for these tasks to be done.

Participating in tasks and sharing decision making is necessary to build community.

## Gathered by the River The newsletter of Anglican Church of St. Peter

### So, what is an Archdeacon?

Those who are new to the Anglican Church may not have heard this term – even some long-time Anglicans may not be sure what an Archdeacon is.

The word archdeacon is, in itself, a bit misleading. We have a number of Archdeacons in this diocese and all of them are priests not deacons! But the term is meant to imply an extra level of responsibility. In this diocese we have area Archdeacons. Archdeacons counsel clergy, give advice and support to them and to parishes in their area, and respond to parishes that are struggling in some way.

Archdeacon Elizabeth has been asked by the bishop to assist us in thinking of ways we can move on with a process that will respond to the changing nature of congregations, changing structures in this diocese, to consider what we have to offer to a new priest in this community, and to present that in a appealing way. This begins with your input.

### What is Messy Church?

Messy Church is an intergenerational service that appeals to all ages. It consists of a learning time with crafts and activities for all in the beginning, followed by a kid-friendly worship service in the church, and closing with a simple dinner like pasta and salad. This means we need 8 to 10 volunteers, some in the kitchen, some working with the activities, some able to re-set tables. No really hard work is involved but a deep desire to offer opportunity for worship to those who find our regular service difficult to attend. The timing – about 5 to 7 – on Friday, means families with children can join us, learn, have fun, worship, eat, and return home with younger children ready for bed.

It is particularly appealing to Grandparents who want their grandchildren to have a connection with the church.

### **This Week**

#### **Sunday**

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

#### **Monday**

10:00 AM Coffee Monday

#### **Tuesday**

6:00 PM EfM on zoom

#### **Wednesday**

10:00 ACW

3:30 Mindfulness

#### **Thursday**

#### **Friday**

#### **Saturday**

#### **Next week**

### **Forthcoming Events**

Today	Special Congregational Meeting after church
October 23	Community Garden Annual Meeting, 3:00
October 29	Turkey Pie sale
November 6	Remembrance Sunday, All Saints Deadline for volunteers for Messy Church – we need at least 8
November	11:00 AM Civic Remembrance Day Service Cathie Hall will be the Padre
November 13	Visit of Bishop Anna
November 20	Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ
Dec. 2, Friday	Messy Church (moved from October)
December 24	Christmas Eve

### **Church Hall usage Schedule**

The primary purpose of St. Peter's buildings is the worship of God, Christian education, and the support of the mission of the parish to those in need. St. Peter's is pleased to be able to share our buildings when not in use for these parish purposes. Our aim in renting spaces is to serve the needs of the community and to recover our operating costs, if possible. *Hall Use Policy, Parish Council, 2020.*

There are 6 Twelve Step Group Meetings in the evenings.  
There are 3 Yoga groups that meet in the daytime.  
There are occasional other rentals by folks like the Children's Choir, and Strata meetings.  
All other current uses of the Hall are by parish groups.

### **Next Week**

**20<sup>th</sup> 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, Roger Jennings*

**Greeter**

*Lynn*

**Reader**

*Jennifer Coolen*

**Lay Assistant:**

*Kate Fitzsimmons*

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**