



# ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

## ANGLICAN CHURCH



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**This Sunday is our AMP at 10 a.m. in the Hall. As a result, there will be NO livestream or recorded service this week.**

### PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEE: BIO FOR CHRIS EASLY

I have been a member of the St. Peter, Quamichan family since 2008. Since then, I have run the children's Sunday School program, served on Parish Council and twice as a warden. I wish to serve once again as a member of Parish Council as I have a sincere desire to see that not only does the church family remain strong but that it also acquires a much stronger community presence in the Cowichan Valley.

### FUNERAL FOR REVEREND CHRIS STOKER

The funeral for our beloved **Rev. Chris Stoker** will be held on **Saturday March 9 at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Church**. A reception will follow – a sign up sheet for helpers will be posted soon.

Before Chris died, he spent many months at home followed by many weeks at Cowichan Hospice. During that time, he wrote the following which both he and Pearl wanted to share with the congregation:



*"Pearl and I are struggling with the joys and tribulations of my having progressive cancer. During our time at home, we were overjoyed to receive meals from parishioners of St. Peter's. We would like to write this short note to you all, to thank you for easing the worry of having to come up with such restricted meals every day, on top of the many new responsibilities that were added to Pearl's day. I am reminded of the early church where food was shared **"each according to his needs"** (Acts 4:3). I am now in Cowichan Hospice. We would also like to*

*thank those who have been praying for us. It is a good feeling being members of a community like ours at St. Peter's. Thank you all, and may God's Blessings go with you. **PS** We were also blessed by the beautiful flowers. They brighten our days.*

Well Chris, YOU brightened all of our days with your gentle ways, kindness, genuine interest in everyone, happy smiles and twinkling eyes. Thank you Chris, and may God's Blessings go with you!

### MOTHER'S DAY HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER



We're getting ready for our SPRING fundraiser. There are a variety of hanging baskets and mixed pots (sun or shade) and strawberry pots. Order forms are available from the church, hall, parish office and website. Orders must be in by March 26 and the baskets/pots will be available for pickup on Mother's Day (May 12).



### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: THE CROSS OF LOVE

Please sign up for the Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Jim on **Thursday afternoons starting** February 29 and continuing March 7/14/21 at 2 p.m. in Rm A (lower hall). Sign up sheet is in the Hall.

### BUSY WEEKEND AHEAD...

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23 AT 2 P.M. IN THE HALL KITCHEN - **SOUP MAKING**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24 AT 2 P.M. IN THE CHURCH - **PEGGY RYZAK'S FUNERAL**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25 AT 10 A.M. IN THE HALL - **WORSHIP SERVICE, ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS FOLLOWED BY A SOUP AND BUN LUNCH**



## PWRDF and HEALTH PROJECTS

Poor health often perpetuates the cycle of poverty. Illnesses can lead to increased medical expenses, reduced productivity and loss of income. By addressing health issues, individuals and communities have a better chance of escaping poverty because good health is a cornerstone of human wellbeing. Health interventions lead to better physical, mental and social wellbeing, enabling individuals to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

Health projects often have a positive impact on gender equality by addressing women's and girls health needs, reducing maternal mortality, and empowering women to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing. See more at <https://pwrdf.org> or contact Rev William Pike, Parish Rep at [pwrdf@stpeterduncan.ca](mailto:pwrdf@stpeterduncan.ca)

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. Ecumenical Worship Service will be held on **Friday March 1 at 1 p.m. at Duncan United Church**. Refreshments following the service.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of February 25:

**Members of our Congregation:** Jim, Merle, Judi, Jason, Vital, Beverley, Ethel, Connie, Gordon, Doreen, Robin, Hazel, Brandon.

#### Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Parish of Central Saanich
- Jim and Norah our Clergy
- The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Government Leaders:** Justin, our Prime Minister, David our Premier, Lydia, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and Rob and Michelle our mayors.

**Birthday Blessings this week:** Don Cox (February 25), Terry McHardy (February 25), Ben Buss (February 26)

**Parish Families:** Bob and Gwyn King, Gloria Knudsen, Vital Legault

## AN INVITATION TO JOIN IN A CONVERSATION about the future of the Anglican Church in the Cowichan Valley

The Anglican Church is at the threshold of significant change. We are the church in this time and this place. How are we going to respond? Where is the Spirit calling us? What are the values that inform who we are? What do we want to hold on to and what do we want to let go of? How can we move forward together in faith and trust?

**Who:** Anyone interested in the future of the Anglican Church in the Cowichan Valley.

**Where:** St. John's, Duncan.

**When:** March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. (muffins, coffee and tea provided).

**Why:** To explore the way forward for the parishes of the Cowichan Valley and to offer advice and recommendations to the Bishop.

If you have questions, please contact: Mark Oldnall 250-710-8900 [moldnall@gmail.com](mailto:moldnall@gmail.com)

## NEW AND HEALTHY FOR THE COWICHAN VALLEY



reFRESH Cowichan wants to feed the Cowichan Valley. Starting February 26, they are launching their new "Soup and Sandwich" for \$8. Simply visit their store between 11 and 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and order from the store clerk. Brochures are on the bulletin board in the Hall. This is a Cowichan Green Community Initiative.

## NEW DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT for CITY OF DUNCAN



Please be aware that Duncan has a new default speed limit of 30 km across the City, with a few exceptions at 40 km along sections of Government St., Canada Ave., Corination Ave., and Trunk Rd. Travel speeds are a critical factor in determining the severity of a crash and whether it occurs at all. By lowering the default speed limit, the City aims to improve safety for all road users. Learn more about this initiative on the City's website at <https://bigconversations.duncan.ca/speedlimits>