



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

The BEACON Newsletter – March 3, 2023



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WEEKLY SERVICES: Thursday at 10 a.m., Sunday at 8 a.m. (BCP) AND 10 a.m. (BAS)

Our 10 a.m. service on Sunday is livestreamed. For Sunday March 3, click on OR copy and paste

this LINK into your web browser: <https://vimeo.com/914210207>

OFFICE UPDATE



Our Parish Administrator Monica will be away for the month of March travelling to Australia and New Zealand with her husband Alan and their 4 sons. In her absence, the parish office will be open limited hours (hopefully Tues-Fri 9 to 12) BUT TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, please call ahead to check if anyone is there. The office voicemail and email will continue to be monitored.

EASTER LETTER



Please pick up your copy of the **EASTER LETTER** from the box as you enter the church. If you see that your friends and neighbours are away today, please collect their copy and deliver them. If you're not on the parish list, there are extra copies in the box and you're welcome to take one. If you'd like to go on the parish list, please fill out one of the welcome cards found in the pews and then leave it on the offering plate. **The letter includes all special services leading to Easter.**

WIND & WOOD CONCERT



Fancy a trip up island? Marilyn Rummel and Danel Cove (flute) are playing their 2nd Wind & Wood concert at St Mary's (Nanoose Bay) on Sunday March 3rd at 4 pm. Share a car with other folks from St. Peter's or meet your "up island" friends at St. Mary's for "meditations on traditional tunes".

MESSAGE FROM DEACON NORAH



There is a need in our First Nations community for baby blankets, lap blankets and drawstring pouches that are used in ceremonies. If you knit, crochet or sew and are willing to help, please speak with Deacon Norah for more details. Thank you.

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** is in the Hall.

If you are unable to attend the funeral in person or wish to watch it afterwards, here is the VIMEO link: <https://vimeo.com/909838795> The link is on the website under the heading **WORSHIP SERVICES**, then scroll down to **Special Events**.

MOTHER'S DAY HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER



Please support our SPRING fundraiser. There are a variety of hanging baskets and mixed pots (sun or shade) and strawberry pots. **GREEN** 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

Reverend Jim's Lenten Bible Study has started and will continue **on Thursdays** (March 7/14/21) at 2 p.m. in the lower lounge. All welcome!

FOOD SECURITY and CLIMATE CHANGE



PWRDF

Many people in developing countries rely on agriculture for their livelihoods. Climate change can disrupt traditional farming practices, leading to reduced crop yields, livestock losses and decreased income, as well as reduced food security. Climate change and food insecurity can lead to ecosystem degradation and loss of biodiversity. Implementing food security and climate change projects in developing countries is crucial as these initiatives address interconnected challenges that have far-reaching implications for both local communities and the global population. See more at <https://pwrdf.org> or contact Rev William Pike, Parish Rep at pwrdf@stpeterduncan.ca

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of March 3:

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

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Jim and Norah our Clergy
- Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands
- The Church of the Province of Uganda

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: Roger Williams (March 4)

Parish Families: David and Priscilla Lowe, Beverley Lowe, Judy Lowood

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

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>