



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

BEACON Newsletter – Sept. 13, 2025

Holy Cross Day Year C



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

Our 10 a.m. service on Sunday is livestreamed. Use this link to watch the service LIVE:

<https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/sermons/current-service>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **MEET AND GREETs** taking place throughout September at parishioners' homes.
- **PLANNING MEETING FOR CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER** on Wednesday Sept 17 at 2 p.m. in the lower hall
- **LUNCHEON TO CELEBRATE MONICA'S MINISTRY** on Sunday Sept 21st after the 10 a.m. service.
- **WE TOGETHER DIOCESAN CONFERENCE** from Friday November 14 to the 15th. *More details below...*
- **THE REVEREND THEO'S INDUCTION** Tuesday November 25 at 4 p.m. Potluck supper to follow.

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY – September 14

Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, discovered what many believed to be the empty tomb and true cross of Christ during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. According to tradition, the discovery was made on September 14th, 330, and then, after the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built on the site, it was dedicated on September 13th or 14th, 335. From as early as the seventh century, the Church commemorated September 14th each year with a Feast of the Holy Cross. Once removed from the Anglican Church calendar by Thomas Cramner during the English Reformation, the Feast of the Holy Cross returned to Anglicanism during the 19th and 20th centuries and now appears on September 14 in the calendars of the current Prayer Books. Today, the commemoration of the Holy Cross is common throughout the Anglican Church and is a time for remembering the work that Jesus did for us and for the world on the cross.

DRIVER NEEDED FOR TRIP TO NANAIMO HOSPITAL AND BACK TO CHEMAINUS

David Peterson is looking for a ride on Friday Sept 26 from Chemainus to the Nanaimo Hospital for his cataract surgery. The appointment is at 8:40 a.m. If you're able to help with this request, please email David at davidashleypeterson@gmail.com or call 306-560-0199.

THE VERA MARTIN MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

Please be generous and give with love as Vera did. The food drive continues through the end of this month. Please check each issue of the Beacon for great ideas for food items to add to your shopping list. *See below...*

Giving food is not charity; it is an expression of humanity and compassion.

St. Peter's supports the Cowichan Valley Basket Society in their efforts to feed the hungry in the Cowichan Valley. Over the next few months, we are asking everyone to buy a little extra when they do their weekly grocery shopping. To make it easier, check the Beacon each week for a suggestion for an item to bring in OR just bring in what you have extra in the pantry.



This week's food item: BOTTLED WATER - essential for hydration, especially in emergencies or BABY FORMULA - many mothers are unable to breastfeed but struggle to buy formula due to the high costs

Breaking News: Another Face of Accessibility



The **Eagle Feather Literacy Program** will officially begin on Wednesday, September 17, 2025! Although there have been several delays in the process, the program is now ready to start with 2-3 students and 2 mentors. The program will meet in Room A on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include snacks and lunch. There is the hope to train more mentors in the next few months which will mean that we can then accommodate more students. The program starts with 1-1 mentoring. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer mentor, please speak to Deacon Norah.

Financial donations may be made to the Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan with Eagle Feather Literacy Program in the memo line. This is a wonderful opportunity to help the elders while taking a further step toward reconciliation.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of September 14:

Members of our Congregation: Bonnie Jean, Laurie, Milan, Pat, Barry Vickie, David, Mark, Jane, Jim, Alison, Cory, Jason, Connie, Gordon, Doreen, Hazel, Brandon.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- St. Paul, Nanaimo
- The Anglican Church of South America

Government Leaders: Charles, our King, Mark, our Prime Minister, David our Premier, Cindy, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and Rob and Michelle our mayors.

Birthday Blessings this week: Chris Pierce (September 17), Andrew Henderson (September 17)

Parish Families: Margaret Berikoff, Frank Bollinger, Ann Bray

Flowers this week: The flowers on the Reredos are given to the glory of God by Sheila Sanders in memory of her many family members who have died over the years.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Cowichan Exhibition Fall Fair takes place Friday, Sept. 12 to Sunday, Sept. 14. The event ushers in autumn with family fun, including carnival rides, tractor pulls, logger competitions and live entertainment. The fair takes place at the Cowichan Exhibition Park.

Duncan United Church Harvest Fair is on Saturday Sept 20th from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Look for a giant garage sale, games and toys, barbeque, collectibles, baking, plants and MORE. Bring the whole family. Located at 246 Ingram Street.

Draw the Line is on September 20th from 4 to 6 p.m. in Duncan's City Square. This event is a collaboration of local social justice and environmental non-profits, as part of a global gathering called "Draw the Line". In addition to sharing music and words from the stage, local groups will have tables where you can learn more about ways we can each make a difference. For more information, go to the website:

<https://drawtheline.world/canada?r=CA&d=BC&lang=en>

