



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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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. Use this link to watch the service LIVE:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **SPRING CONCERT AT ST. PETERS** on Sunday April 13 at 3 p.m. in the Hall – see below
- **GAMES NIGHT AT ST. PETER'S** on Monday April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall
- **AGAPE MEAL AT ST. PETER'S** on Thursday April 17 at 6 p.m. in the Hall – Please sign up in the Hall
- **OPEN HOUSE IN MEMORY OF JOHN BERIKOFF** on Saturday April 19 at 2 p.m. in the Hall
- **REVEREND JIM'S RETIREMENT PARTY** on Saturday May 3rd at 5:30 p.m. – see below
- **MOTHER'S DAY ENGLISH TEA** on Saturday May 10 at 2:30 p.m. – see below

Get to know our Parish Council

David Peterson

My favourite season is Advent - it's happy and so full of joy!

What was your best vacation? Why?

A visit to Peru because I met Mily

What was the last book you read?

Conclave by Robert Harris

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy creative writing. I have always loved stories and have published a childrens book.

What is the best concert you've ever been to?

James Taylor in Victoria

What was your favourite age growing up?

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Do you have any pet peeves?

People who are rude.

What is the first thing you'd do if you won the lottery?

Purchase a home and start a business of a cafe/bookshop.

What activity instantly calms you?

Guitar playing

What is your favourite game?

I enjoy cribbage

ST. PETER'S JOURNEY FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

- **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY** on April 13 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. – Blessing of the Palms at 10 a.m.
- **TAIZE SERVICE** on Tuesday April 15 at 5 p.m. in the Church
- **NO BIBLE STUDY** on Thursday April 17
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY** on April 17 starting with the Agapé Meal at 6 p.m. in the Hall
- **GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Friday April 18th at 11 a.m. in the cemetery or church
- **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE** on Sunday April 20 – ONE service at 10 a.m. in the Church

SPRING CONCERT ON SUNDAY APRIL 13TH AT PM IN THE CHURCH HALL



Featuring the Glenora Farm Bell Choir, the Vancouver Island Harp Ensemble and Judy Hogg Dancers. Tickets are \$20 each or \$50 per family. All Welcome!

YOUR FIRST QUARTER DONATION

Quarterly Giving Statements will be distributed this week. Those who have an email address will receive the statement by email. Those who have requested paper copies will be able to pick up their copy in the church on Sunday. Please review and let either Ron or Eileen know if there are errors.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY BOOKS



The **Forward Day by Day** books have arrived for **May/June/July 2025**. These books offer daily meditation and accompanying scripture. The books can be found on the table outside the office and on the credenza in the church. The cost of the book is \$2. Please put the money into the jars found by the books.

REVEREND JIM'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Wonderful evening of food and entertainment on Saturday May 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Main courses will be provided, and **we ask that you bring a potluck side dish or dessert. There is a sign up sheet in the Hall.** If you wish to donate, please put "retirement" in the memo line of your cheque or etransfer.

MOTHER'S DAY ENGLISH TEA!



St. Peter's is hosting this fundraiser on Saturday **May 10th from 2:30 to 4 p.m.** A celebration of what's best about England! Lovely treats, music and good company! Tickets are **\$45** and can be bought during coffee hour (cash or cheque) or you can e-transfer treasurer@stpeterduncan.ca (put "**english tea**" in the memo) to reserve your ticket to pick up at the door.

A PARISH PRACTICE FOR LENT – A MOUNTAIN OF GIVING



We are gratefully accepting your donations of diapers and pull-ups, adult incontinence products and non-perishable gluten-free foods until Easter!!

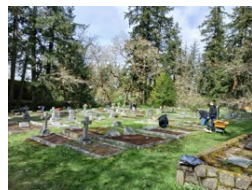
ALONGSIDE HOPE



Each week during Lent we are highlighting six different aspects of the work of Alongside Hope (PWRDF).

WEEK 6 – Humanitarian Response. Providing short- and long-term relief for people affected by natural and humanmade disasters.

QMS STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT ST PETERS



On Wednesday, April 9, a delightful and eager group of 10 students and 2 staff from Queen Margaret's School spent 4-5 hours working in the upper part of the cemetery. They removed a lot of moss from the graves and cut back shrubbery on the shed side of the cemetery. Another area that received some tidying up was the path which follows the Stations of the Cross. The weather cooperated! We thank QMS for their ongoing service partnership with St. Peter's.

TEST-DRIVE OF NEW LECTIONARY READINGS



Every Sunday, we hear part of the sacred story. Over three years, we hear a huge portion of the Scripture, and over time, we develop an innate sense of the rhythm of the church year. Our cycle of readings is framed by the **Revised Common Lectionary**. We have three years which order the readings we use. We have designated these readings as **Year A, B, and C**.

Our parish and a few others are partaking in an experiment which is authorized by the Bishop during which we will introduce a slight change in our readings. This will give us more exposure to the scripture and to hopefully deepen and strengthen our faith.

We are curious as to how you experience the changes in readings. How will the readings change your experience of worship? What new thoughts do they provoke and how do they help grow your faith? What questions do they give you? We ask God to bless our participation in this project.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP ANNA

Bishop Anna has sent a letter to all the parishes in the Diocese outlining "*some of the sacrificial acts of faith and love I am seeing in the diocese.*" To read this letter, please use this link: <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/news/pastoral-letter-from-bishop-anna> A copy of the letter has also been posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of April 13:

Members of our Congregation: Liz, Vickie, David, John, Pat, Arnold, Dave, John, Mark, Jane, Robin, Jim, Alison, Cory, Jason, Connie, Gordon, Doreen, Hazel, Brandon.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Columba, Port Hardy & St. John, Port Alice

- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- The Church of England

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: Debbie Guthrie (April 17), Jennifer Kidd (April 17)

Parish Families: Alan and Monica Gurzinski, Debbie Guthrie and Don Lee, Nancy Hargreaves