



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. Please use this link to watch the service LIVE
<https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/sermons/current-service>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **LENTEN BOOK STUDY** Tuesdays at 2 p.m. with Dean Ansley (until April 8). **Zoom Link:** <https://bc-anglican-ca.zoom.us/j/88626596175>
- **LENTEN STUDY GROUP** Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Church with Pastor Liz (until April 10)
- **HARP RECITAL WITH CHOCOLATE AND WINE** on Saturday March 15 at 6 p.m. in the Hall
- **RUTH DEARMAN'S FUNERAL AND RECEPTION** – Saturday April 5 at 1 p.m. at St. Peter's
- **DIOCESAN WOMEN'S WEEKEND** – on April 25-27 at Camp Pringle.
- **REVEREND JIM'S RETIREMENT PARTY** - Saturday May 3rd at 5:30 p.m. – *see below*



Observant Muslims are currently keeping the holy month of Ramadan – in which neither water nor food passes their lips between sun-up and sundown. Each year, there is considerable media interest in this practice, no doubt because it is kept with such rigour. It makes you wonder how it is that Christians have lost track of their own practice of fasting – which is one of the three traditional Lenten disciplines. In fact (and you can check the front of your BCP or BAS to verify!), as Anglicans we have two major fast days in the Christian

Year – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. And we have “days of special devotion observed by specials of discipline and self-denial.” These include Lent (except Sundays), and (this will be a surprise to many) ... “all Fridays of the year, in commemoration of the Lord's crucifixion, except for Fridays in the Christmas and Easter seasons.” Archbishop Desmond Tutu, beloved for his leadership of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa is said to have spoken to the Lambeth Conference of Bishops as strongly in favour of fasting, as of the need for racial equality. He apparently fasted every single Friday, and saw this as a way of reminding himself that just because the bounty of the earth lay close to hand, did not necessarily mean that it was “for him.” - MAT

Get to know our Parish Council

I grew up in the Cowichan Vally and on the unceded territory of the Quw'utsun Peoples (Cowichan Tribes). I am very grateful to have grown up on this beautiful land and experience the wonders the valley has to offer.

Hannah Smith

My favourite season of the Church Year by far is the season of Advent. It is my favourite because it allows for a period of reflective preparation and joyful anticipation. It is an amazing time of year.



♥ **What is your most prized possession?**

My cat Wilbur. She is 5 years old and has a huge personality.

♥ **What is your favorite Board game?**

CLUE. I enjoy playing with my family even though I usually lose to my sister.

♥ **How do you spend your alone time?**

Watching TV. I am currently watching Downton Abbey for the 5th time.

♥ **What is the last thing you read?**

A novel written by Monique Gray Smith called Tilly and the Crazy Eights!

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

Bryan Adams! It was awesome!

♥ **Do you like to cook or order in?**

I'd rather order in. Chinese is my favourite!

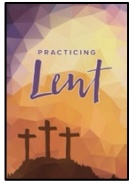
♥ **Do you prefer tea or coffee?**

Tea is usually my 'go to'.

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

Buy a house and travel LOTS!

A PARISH PRACTICE FOR LENT



We have long been taught to adopt a personal spiritual practice for Lent. But God sees us not only as *individuals*: God also sees us as *Church* – as a community of disciples. What would happen if, as the People of St. Peter’s, we took on a shared spiritual practice for Lent – something that would bind us together in our Lenten journey?

One common Lenten practice is almsgiving – or put another way, choosing some act of self-giving that aligns us with Christ’s own self-donation for the sake of others. In a recent conversation with the manager of the Cowichan Valley Basket Society (Food Bank), I learned that there is an urgent need for:

- **diapers and pull-ups (sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6)**
- **adult incontinence products (Depends, panty-liners etc.),**
- **non-perishable gluten-free foods**

Please think of picking one or more of these items on your weekly shopping run. Bring them to the parish hall, and let’s see if we can build a mountain by Easter! – *Deacon Norah*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS TOO!

Last week we noted that Bishop Anna has asked that birthday and anniversary celebrations take place in a social context, rather than as part of the Sunday service, because “as Anglicans, we do not add things to the ancient liturgy easily or without discernment.” This prompted our Parish Council to ask whether this should apply to the announcements, too. After much discussion, Council agreed to try moving the announcements to the Coffee Hour, along with other community celebrations. This is an *experiment*, and we will invite everyone to provide their input sometime in May, when we revisit this decision. Meanwhile, we do hope to project important announcements on the overhead screen before the service begins. – *MAT*

ALONGSIDE HOPE



Each week during Lent we are highlighting six different aspects of the work of Alongside Hope (PWRDF). We hope that by the sixth week you will feel moved to support this excellent ministry of our Anglican church, either through our parish or directly with the National

Church. See their website: <https://alongsidehope.org/> for more information

WEEK 2 – Health - Educating people on wellbeing to improve quality of life and promote human dignity.

OFFICE RELIEF AT ST. PETER’S

We are looking for someone to provide **paid office relief from April 25 to May 23**. Please send a resume and cover letter to lwilliams@stpeterduncan.ca

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 30** and the baskets/pots will be available for pickup on Mother’s Day (May 11).

REVEREND JIM’S RETIREMENT PARTY



The planning has begun to celebrate Jim’s Retirement 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**. This will be a wonderful evening of food and entertainment! **Signup sheets will be out soon**. We are now collecting donations to help the parish offset the costs for the evening and gift. If you wish to donate, please put “retirement” in the memo line of your cheque or etransfer.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Cowichan Valley Basket Society invites you to a Breakfast Catch-Up at White Spot on Friday March 20 at 7: 30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the CVBS office or online using this link: <https://cvbs.ca/breakfast>



Creative Quilting Pop-Up on Friday March 28 and Saturday March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s Hall. Cash, credit and debit payments accepted.



Calligraphy and Tea on Saturday April 12th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Peter’s Hall.. Join the Warmland Calligraphers for their 30th Anniversary Tea and Display.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of March 16:

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

For Those Who Have Died: We pray for Marg and the family of John Berikoff who mourn his death. Let us pray, “Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise again in glory! Amen.”

Anglican Cycle:

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| • Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC | • St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants |
| • St. Andrew, Sidney | • The Church of the Province of C. Africa |

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: Liz Kuglin-Alyea (March 16), Pat Thomson (March 17)

Parish Families: Susan Ellis, Dave, Elissa and Davis Erickson, Sarah Johnson, Terry Evans