



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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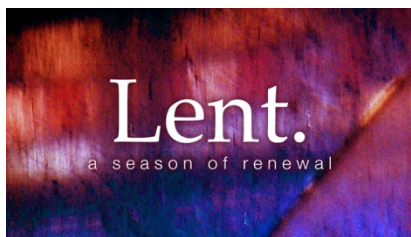
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WEEKLY SERVICES: Thursday at 10 a.m., Sunday at 8 a.m. (BCP) AND 10 a.m. (BAS)
Our 10 a.m. service on Sunday is livestreamed. For this week, please use this link to watch the service LIVE: <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/sermons/current-service>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **ONE SERVICE ONLY** on Sunday February 23rd at 10 a.m.
- **ST. PETER'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHONERS**
- **CRESCENT SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
- **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** at St. John's Church on Tuesday March 4 at 4:30 p.m. Sign up sheet is in the Hall. **Deadline is February 23.**
- **ASH WEDNESDAY TWO SERVICES** on Wednesday March 5:
 1. **Traditional Service** at 10 a.m. in the Church. Dean Ansley will preside at this service
 2. **Taize Service** at 5 p.m. in the Church. Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea will lead this service
- **LENTEN BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM & LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AND EUCHARIST** – see below
- **RUTH DEARMAN'S FUNERAL AND RECEPTION** – Saturday April 5 at 1 p.m.



March 4 is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of our annual season of repentance and renewal. It is an opportunity to re-orient our lives both to God, and to the things that really matter in life.

One way we do this is through intentional study. St. Peter's is offering **TWO study opportunities this Lent.**

1. Tuesday Afternoon Book Study (March 11 - April 8)

On Tuesdays, Dean Ansley will lead a book study on Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Darkness*. Taylor is a farmer, teacher, writer, and Episcopal priest, who was once named one of the ten most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. Working from the premise that "literal darkness is both the trigger and the metaphor" for all the other kinds of darkness in our lives, she invites the reader to explore our inclination either to hide or to turn on a light in our dark times, rather than learning what the darkness can teach us. In the bible, she says, God has a habit of showing up in the dark.

This group will meet by Zoom. Participants will need a copy of the book. Please sign up in the Hall and indicate whether you'd like us to provide a book for you (\$21) or if you'd like to get your own copy. The zoom link is here, and will be provided again: <https://bc-anglican-ca.zoom.us/j/88626596175>

2. Thursday Morning Study Group (March 6 - April 10)

On Thursdays, Pastor Liz will continue to lead the Thursday morning study group, in the context of the eucharist and an introduction to centering prayer. This group meets in person, at 10 a.m. in the Church with refreshments served afterwards in the lower Hall.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of February 16:

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

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Holy Trinity, Sooke
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- The Church of Bangladesh

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

Birthday Blessings this week: none this week.

Parish Families: Dr. Kent and Janet Clayton, Ron and Elizabeth Coulter, Don and Gail Cox

Flowers this week: The flowers on the reredos are given to the glory of God by Pearl Stoker in memory of Rev. Chris whose spirit lives on in our hearts and the hearts of those he touched. With love, the Stoker Family.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS



2024 tax receipts have been emailed. Please check your email and print off or save the receipt. If you have requested a paper copy, check for an envelope on the credenza when you come to church on Sunday.

OFFICE RELIEF AT ST. PETER'S



We are looking for someone to provide paid office relief from April 25 to May 23 as our Parish Administrator will be away. Applicants must be familiar with office work and be proficient with iMac computers. Familiarity with the Anglican church would be an asset. If you or someone you know is interested, please speak to either Mark Oldnall or Liz Williams.

PALM CROSSES



Please bring your previous year's palm crosses to the church or office to be used for this year's Ash Wednesday Service.

A BLESSING*

(written by Brian Baker, A Black Rock Prayer Book)

The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love.

May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.

Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.

May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament.

Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.

May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you.

And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love,
your love, changes everything.

*Excerpt from the 8 a.m. service on February 9 led by Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea