

ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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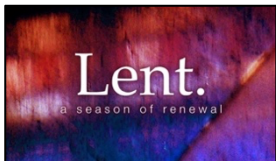


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WEEKLY SERVICES: Thursday at 10 a.m., Sunday at 8 a.m. (BCP) AND 10 a.m. (BAS)
Our 10 a.m. service on Sunday is livestreamed. Please use this link to watch the service LIVE
<https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/sermons/current-service>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **RUTH DEARMAN’S FUNERAL AND RECEPTION** on Saturday April 5 at 1 p.m. at St. Peter’s
- **BABY SHOWER FOR RANA FARIS** on Monday April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Hall. All Welcome!
- **OPEN HOUSE IN MEMORY OF JOHN BERIKOFF** on Saturday April 19 at 2 p.m. in the Hall
- **DIOCESAN WOMEN’S WEEKEND** on April 25-27 at Camp Pringle. Forms on the bulletin board.
- **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. *More details in next week’s Beacon*



One of the three traditional Lenten disciplines is prayer. In some ways, this is the hardest of the three (the others being fasting and almsgiving) to get a fix on. Often, Anglicans will commit to attending a mid-week service during Lent, or even to praying the Daily Office (one or more of matins, evening prayer, noon day prayer, or compline). These are commendable practices, and they have the effect of marking, and therefore sanctifying, time by pausing at regular intervals to pray. And, because these are *public* “offices” shared by the whole church, worldwide, they bring us into virtual community with other Christians. As the beloved hymn says, “The voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.” At the same time, it might be desirable to use Lent as an opportunity to deepen one’s *personal* prayer life – which could mean to learn and practice centering prayer or meditation; to make a personal confession of sin; to engage in daily intercession; or to begin a gratitude journal. The Anglican Church has not always been especially helpful in teaching people how to pray, leaving us mostly to figure it out for ourselves. Perhaps the Church itself needs to take up a Lenten discipline of teaching! – MAT

Get to know our Parish Council

I grew up in Wells - Barkerville

I love all the seasons of the Church Year. They’re all beautiful

What was the best vacation you ever took?

Walking in a beautiful spot

What is your favorite Board game?

I don’t do board games. They’re “bored” games!

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

Opera “The Birds”

What is the last thing you read?

Birds of BC

What was the best vacation you ever took?

Last fall - hiking and bike in Cape Breton and Grand Manan

What is your most prized possession?

My harps

Which meal is your favourite: breakfast, lunch or dinner?

Lunch

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

I’d hire a house cleaner!

Marilyn Rummel

WARDENS' UPDATE - SEARCH FOR NEW INCUMBENT

We are making progress with the process of hiring a new incumbent priest. We interviewed several candidates this week, with the help of Deacon Jenny who is working with parishes in transition. Please keep us in your prayers as we discern who amongst the candidates is the best fit for our parish. We will keep you updated.

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 pick up one or more of these items on your weekly shopping run. We’ve started our mountain, let’s see how high it can grow! – *Deacon Norah*

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 3 – Food Security & Climate Change - Adapting to climate change with conservation agriculture.

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! **There is a sign up sheet in the Hall**. 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



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.



Rotary Food Drive on Saturday April 26. Donation bags will be dropped off at **households in Duncan** on April 19th or 20th. Fill the bags with non-perishable items and leave the bags outside on your doorstep before 9 a.m. on April 26.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of March 23:

Members of our Congregation: Vickie, 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. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville | • Anglican Church in Central 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 Easley (March 23), Mark Hird-Rutter (March 25), Nancy Parker (March 26), Alan Gurzinski (March 28).

Parish Families: Norah Fisher, Irene Forsythe, Granville Fountain