



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **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.



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.

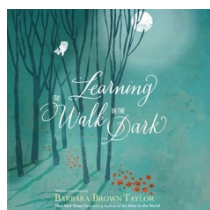


Because Anglicans love Christmas, many are surprised to learn that the birth of Christ was not celebrated until the 4th Century. Easter, by contrast – and Lent with it – was observed from the very beginning. What distinguished Christianity from other religions was not the miraculous birth of a Saviour, but the scandalous suggestion that a Saviour could be killed, and the even more scandalous suggestion that the dead could be

raised. This dying and rising, of course, is the language we use to describe baptism: the candidate is drowned in the waters of baptism and emerges gasping for air – alive! And it is why *Easter* is our premier occasion for baptism. The season of Lent emerged as a final intensive period of preparation and testing as candidates approached their baptism at the Easter Vigil. In due course, other Christians began to keep company with the baptismal candidates, by using Lent as an opportunity to deepen their own knowledge and spiritual practices, and to purify themselves from whatever sins they had committed in the previous year.

TWO STUDY OPPORTUNITIES DURING 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 Lenten Study Group (March 6 - April 10)

Pastor Liz will lead the Thursday morning study group. As a Lenten discipline, you are invited to learn about and join in Centering Prayer: a form of meditation, focused on deepening intimacy with God by way of making space for God and inviting God into that space. Each Thursday will start with Centering Prayer, move into Bible study and Holy Communion. This group meets in person at 10 a.m. in the Church with refreshments served afterwards in the lower Hall. All are welcome.



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, they have been mailed.

OFFICE RELIEF AT ST. PETER'S



We are looking for someone to provide **paid office relief from April 25 to May**. This position is the public face of our lively church community. We are seeking a compassionate person with strong office management skills who is ready to welcome visitors and church goers alike. Applicants must be comfortable 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.

DAHLIA LOVERS



St. Peter's, Campbell River is holding their annual fundraiser. Dahlia tubers are \$7.00 each. Buy 10 tubers and get the 11th free. If you like to view the catalogue or would like more information on placing an order, use this link: <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/news/> or go our website and click on the **NEWS** heading.

INTRODUCING THE ANGLICAN, LUTHERAN AND MORAVIAN PRAYER CYCLE



In 2023, the Moravian Church Northern Province, the General Synod of the ACC and the ELCIC Special Convention all approved the Declaration on recognition of full communion relations between our churches in Canada.

In lifting up our unity, the LAM Prayer Cycle will be incorporated into the Prayers of the People at worship starting March 2nd. Please take this opportunity to read further about our denominations and our work together. The full report titled "One Flock, One Shepherd: Lutherans, Anglicans and Moravians - In Full Communion" with excellent historical backgrounds to the three denominations can be found here:

<https://assembly.anglicanlutheran.ca/wp-content/uploads/6h-Report-008-Appenix-H-LAM.pdf>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of February 23:

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

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Dunstan, Gordon Head & Two Saints Ministry, Cordova Bay
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil

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: Alison Wilcock (February 23), Don Cox (February 25), Terry McHardy (February 25), Ben Buss (February 26), Mary Ann McAdam (February 27)

Parish Families: Eileen Curtis, Bernard Davignon, Richard and Mary Day

Flowers this week: The flowers on the reredos are given to the glory of God by Debbie Guthrie and Don Lee in thanksgiving for our parents John and Dolores Guthrie and John and Mildred Lee.

PLEASE NOTE...

- All parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and the Crescent Society General Meeting **THIS Sunday** after the 10 a.m. service. Lunch is provided.
- **Choir Practice on February 26th will be at 5:15 p.m.** in the Church. We are rehearsing for Lent and Taizé. New members welcome for the new season!!!