



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>

Get to know our Parish Council

I grew up in South Africa and moved to Canada in 1994 when I was in grade ten

Mitch Kidd

My favourite church season is Lent/Easter. I think it is so important to take time during Lent to find ways to draw closer to God and to examine where we feel called to serve. The joy of Easter Sunday is something I treasure and it's still one of those days that hasn't become totally commercialized. I love the mystery of it all.

What are your hobbies? How did you get into them?

My dad got me into drumming which is my favourite instrument. I like learning new technologies on the computer. Baking is another favourite hobby started when I was a child.

Do you have any pet peeves?

When people come over and grab me without my consent because they think they know where I need to go better than I do! Another pet peeve is when I join a group of people and no one gets to know me but only talks to me about my blindness forgetting that I have the same joys, sorrows, hopes and dreams as anyone else.

How do you spend your alone time?

We have two miniature horses named Rosebud and Bitsy and I adore caring for them!

What activity instantly calms you

Animals or when I'm in a body of water such as a swimming pool.

Do you like to cook or order in?

I would much rather cook than order in! Cooking and baking is so prayerful for me.

Do you prefer tea or coffee?

I enjoy both coffee and tea but there's something luxurious about a really good cup of loose leaf tea.

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

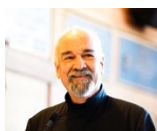
I'd give a massive donation to the Pacific Training Centre for the blind and find a way to set up the funds so that it keeps on giving. It's the only program in Canada that truly empowers the blind.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **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

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 e-transfer.

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.

The READING SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR MAY are in the Church.

Please add your name to the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. service schedule.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of April 20:

Members of our Congregation: 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, Tofino
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

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: none this week

Parish Families: Barbara Hawelka, Andrew and Judith Henderson, Mark and Jane Hird-Rutter

Flowers this week: The flowers on the Reredos are given to the glory of God by Pat Thomson in loving memory of my wife Anne and son Paul.

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.

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.

ALONGSIDE HOPE LAUNCHES RESILIENCE FUND IN RESPONSE TO AID CUTS



In the wake of massive cuts to international development assistance, Alongside Hope has launched an urgent appeal to donors. Supporting the “**Resilience Fund**” will allow Alongside Hope to provide partners with additional support for refugees, HIV-related needs and for women recovering from gender-based-violence.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, all donations made to the Resilience Fund by June 30, 2025 will be matched, up to \$250,000. To make a donation, use this link: <https://alongsidehope.org/resilience-fund/>

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRIMATE



Detailed biographies of the nominees for the Office of Primate have been added to the Primatial election website. Each of the 4 nominees has also shared their vision for the role of Primate. To view the profiles, click on this link: <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/news/biographies-for-nominees-for-primate-posted> The 44th session of the General Synod will take place June 23-29, 2025, in London, Ontario.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AT ST. PETER'S HALL – Mark your calendar!



Cherry Point Artists 2025 Annual Show and Sale on Friday April 25 and Saturday April 26 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at St. Peter's Church Hall. Free admission, free refreshments, local artists and great prices.



Cowichan Valley Garden Club presents their Annual Leaf and Flower Art Exhibit and Mad Hatter Tea on Saturday May 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall. Entrance fee and high tea (\$15 cash only), prize for best hat judged at 3 p.m.



Creative Quilting Pop-Up on Friday June 13 and Saturday June 14 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall. Hundreds of bolts of fabric, pre-cuts (including remnants of fabric notions, 505 spray, books, patterns, batting half bolts.) Cash, credit and debit payments accepted.

“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.”
William Shakespeare