

ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

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WEEKLY SERVICES:

Thursday Bible Study and Eucharist at 10 AM Sunday at 8 AM (BCP) AND 10 AM (BAS)

Our 10 AM service on Sunday is livestreamed. Use this link to watch the service LIVE: https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/sermons/current-service

Parish Financial Update from January 1 to Dec 17, 2025

Income to Dec 17: \$222,185 Expenses to Dec 17: \$224,256

Difference: \$-2,071

Diocesan Rectory Loan Balance: \$44,754.35

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Solstice Taizé Last Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 21 at 5:00 PM. More information below...
- Christmas Eve Family Service Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00 PM
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Wednesday, December 24 at 11:00 PM
- Christmas Day Service Thursday, December 25 at 10:00 AM. This is the only service for the day
- Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 28 at 10:00 AM. No 8:00 AM service on this day. Deacon Norah presiding.
- No Thursday Bible Study and Eucharist on December 25, January 1 and 8
- Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 4 at the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM service. Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea to preside at both services. See below for more information.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DURING CHRISTMAS

Please take note that the office will be closed from December 22 until January 2. The voicemail and email will be checked periodically, but for emergency pastoral care, please contact Deacon Norah Fisher at (250) 704-9470.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

A reminder from Treasurer, Eileen Curtis: To qualify for a 2025 tax receipt, donations need to be made before December 31, 2025. Tax receipts are issued for a minimum donation of \$20. You can donate in the usual ways: collection envelope (with your information filled out on it), cheque, e-transfer, credit and debit card.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Our sincerest thanks to all our parishioners who so generously donated over \$2,000 for our Christmas hamper campaign for the family of 13 we are supporting this Christmas season. Mark Oldnall and his crew of jolly elves are doing the shopping this Friday and will present the family with their gifts early next week.

SOLSTICE TAIZÉ – LAST DAY OF ADVENT

The seasons turn, and Christmas approaches. Join us at St. Peter's on Sunday, December 21 at 5:00 PM as we prepare our hearts in singing the chants of Taizé with harp, flute and choir.

ST. PETER'S CHOIR PERFORMING

The St. Peter's choir is singing carols at Cowichan Hospice House located at 250 Cairnsmore St. on Monday, December 22 at 6 PM. All are invited.

SHEPHERDS' PLAY

New parishioner, Joe Havixbeck and The Friends of the Medieval Oberufer Christmas Plays invite you to see The Shepherds' Play on Saturday, December 20 at 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM at the HUB at Cowichan Station. Admission is by donation.

WINTER SOLSTICE MUSIC



Come to the 10th annual Winter Solstice Music concert presented by Cari Burdett at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, December 20 at 7:00 PM. Tickets available online here: https://cariburdett.com/winter-solstice-show/#tickets.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will decorate the church for Christmas on Tuesday, December 23rd at 10:00 A.M. All are welcome to join us. For further information call Marg Berikoff at 250-746-5625.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT ST. PETER'S



St. Peter's will be hosting a free Soup and Bun lunch on Christmas Day after the 10am service. If you, or someone you know, would like to share some food and fellowship time this Christmas Day, please join us! All are welcome! We are looking for two or three people who are able to make a large batch of soup/chili which we can freeze and use for our Christmas Day Soup and Bun Lunch. Please reach out to Mark Oldnall at 250-710-8900 to arrange the details.

HARP CONCERT AT ST. PETER'S

Join our own Music Director, Marilyn Rummel performing with the Vancouver Island Harp Ensemble, with special guests the Wayward Winds at a concert at the St. Peter's Hall on Sunday, December 28 at 3:00 PM. Tickets by donation at the door.

CLAY (CANADIAN LUTHERAN ANGLICAN YOUTH)

Did you know that CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering) will be taking place in Nanaimo, BC August 19-22, 2027! Would you like to learn more about the gathering and how you might be involved? There are a variety of ways to be involved - some long term (for the next 1.5 years) and some shorter term (one day during August 2027). Some ways to help might be more active (running a workshop on site or a late-night activity) and some are more sedentary (registering groups as they arrive). The youth gathering takes a whole bunch of people, with a variety of skills to help make it happen. Come to an info session with Deacon Gretchen Peterson, assistant to the national bishop for youth for the ELCIC and learn more! See poster for an info session near you in January 2026! Or contact Reverend Theo for more information.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of December 21:

Members of our Congregation: Ann, Bonnie Jean, Pat, Vickie, Mark, Jane, Jim, Alison, Gordon, Doreen, Hazel, Connie, Brandon, Priscilla, the King Family, the Krenz Family.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Christ Church Cathedral School, Victoria
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- The Anglican Church of Burundi

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: Adele MacLeod (Dec 21), Kathleen Smith (Dec 23), Carmen Allen (Dec 27)

Parish Families: Priscilla Lowe, Beverly Lowe, Judy Lowood

Flowers this week: No flowers will be placed on the Reredos through Advent.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

It is Epiphany Sunday on January 4 and as we complete the Christmas story with the coming of the wisemen to see the Christ Child, we'll also be Chalking the Church Door which is a blessing of the church building for the coming year. Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea will be presiding at both services on Sunday, January 4.

