



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 Sunday April 14, click on OR copy and paste this **LINK** into your web browser: <https://vimeo.com/931795217>

LIGHTING UPGRADE NEEDED AT ST. PETER'S



The Parish wishes to upgrade some lighting in the Altar areas of the church, and to replace failing lights in the preschool with LED's. After consultation and a quote, we are looking to raise \$4000 for this work. The upgrades will help the musicians and clergy see better and will help attract user groups for the church building, and we will see reductions in our power usage for the hall as the lights are used 5 days a week. If you wish to donate, please mention "lighting" with the donation. Thanks!

DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING/SHARING FAITH

Thursdays at St. Peter's are changing. We will no longer be gathering in the church for Holy Communion at 10 a.m., instead we will **meet in the downstairs lounge at 2 p.m. to explore our faith, share our stories and look at ways that link our lives to the sacred rhythms of the liturgical year.**



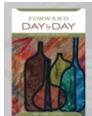
This will be a series of courses that one can attend from beginning to end but will also be open to drop-ins. **We begin May 2 with three sessions looking at the theme of Rebirth and Resurrection.** What does the Resurrection of Jesus mean for humanity and how do we experience rebirth, spiritually, emotionally and psychologically in our own lives? Have a cup of tea and some meaningful conversation. **Sign up this Sunday in the Hall.** Invite your friends. Bring your curiosity. Readings will be provided. Sessions will last an hour and a half.

TRU EARTH EARTH SALE



TRU EARTH has launched their **Earth Sale from April 12-22**. During this time, our fundraiser will earn 25% on every sale when you use our Tru Earrth Fundraising Link: <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/StPeterQuamichan> **PLUS** you will receive **30% off your entire order** by using the discount code **STRIP** at checkout. If you have any questions or problems placing an order, please reach out to Monica in the parish office. Monica has been using the laundry strips for a couple of years now and with 4 growing boys, that's a LOT of laundry!!

FORWARD DAY BY DAY Books



The **Forward Day by Day books have arrived for May/June/July.** These books offer daily meditation and accompanying scripture. The books can be found on the table outside the office and in the church. The cost of the book is \$2. Please put the money into the jar found by the books.

SCHEDULE FOR READERS



The **APRIL & MAY Reader Sign-up Schedules** are available on the table across from the church entrance. Please sign up for the 8 and 10 a.m. services. The readings will be emailed to you a few days before the designated Sunday.

Parish Council meets on Thursday April 18 at 6 p.m. in the Lower Hall.

HOUSING REQUEST

An elderly member of St. Peter's is desperately seeking housing. Preferences include a rural setting with space for a well behaved and friendly 2 ½ year old border collie. If you can help, please call Hazel Nielson at 250 748-8489. Very willing to help with house or pet sitting.

FOOD BANK



Food bank donations are gratefully accepted! Please place in the large basket in the church across from the entrance – thank you! You can also drop off your extra reusable bags in the basket outside the church office or in the basket in the church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of April 14:

Members of our Congregation: Jim, Merle, Judi, Jason, Vital, Beverley, Ethel, Connie, Gordon, Doreen, Robin, Hazel, Brandon.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Jim and Norah our Clergy
- St. Columba, Port Hardy & St. John, Port Alice
- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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

Birthday Blessings this week: Debbie Guthrie (April 17)

Parish Families: Mark and Grace Oldnall, Gordon and Vickie Oldnall, Ron and Nancy Parker

Flowers this week: The flowers on the Reredos are given to the Glory of God by Alison Wilcock with thanks that God has written the promise of the resurrection not in words alone but in every leaf and flower in Spring.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHERRY POINT ARTISTS Spring Show and Sale - Friday April 26 & Saturday April 27th from 10 to 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Hall. Featuring fine art paintings and pottery. Free Admission. Refreshments \$2 or by donation.

DUNCAN CHORAL SINGERS present **Sing Into Spring** on Sunday April 28 at 2 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church (Duncan). Tickets are available at the door and are \$15 each.

EILEEN CURTIS CELEBRATES HER 80TH BIRTHDAY



5 Simple Ways to Celebrate Earth Month

1. Plant a Pollinator Garden - bees are critical to our food supply
2. Join a Clean Up Walk or organize one for yourself and a few friends
3. Take a Consumption Reduction Challenge -what items can you cut back on?
4. Opt for a more sustainable diet - seek out local and seasonal food
5. Do a plastic audit - Reducing plastic consumption can prevent greenhouse gases and microplastics from entering the environment.

