



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 June 2, click on OR copy and paste
this LINK into your web browser: <https://vimeo.com/950546582>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **SASHA LUCHKOV RETURNS TO ST. PETER'S ON SUNDAY JUNE 9** – see below
- **REFUGEE SUNDAY** – June 23 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services – more details to come
- **ST. PETER'S OUTDOOR SERVICE & BBQ** on Sunday June 30th at 10 a.m.
- **TAIZE SERVICE IN THE CEMETERY** on Wednesday July 17th at 7 p.m. – see below
- **ST. PETER'S GARAGE SALE** on Saturday July 27th – see below

UPDATE DURING THIS TIME OF TRANSITION AT ST. PETER'S

- ➡ As we send along our prayers with Reverend Jim, we want to assure the parish that **St. Peter's is OPEN and always ready to welcome anyone on their faith journey**. Although an interim priest hasn't been named yet, the Diocese is working with the leadership team to provide pulpit supply in the meantime. On Sunday June 2nd, Rev. William Pike will celebrate communion at the 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m., Rev. Norah will do morning prayer. On June 9, Rev. Williams will celebrate communion at 8 a.m. and the Venerable Eric Partridge will preside and preach at 10 a.m.
- ➡ The **mid-week service on Thursday at 10 a.m. will be on hiatus** until further notice.
- ➡ The Parish Executive wish to **gratefully acknowledge the input received on May 19** at the Community Conversation. Please understand their inability to make any significant changes at this time; however, if you wish to take on a leadership role to move forward any of the ideas, please reach out to Mark Oldnall (250-710-8900) or Liz Williams (250-246-8964).
- ➡ During this transition time, it is more important than ever to **continue to support St. Peter's** financially, and prayerfully. Please continue to attend worship services (as you're able) and other events and activities. The health and wellness of St. Peter's is dependent upon the people and we are blessed to have such a loving, caring and giving congregation!

SASHA LUCHKOV CONCERT



Sunday June 9th at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's Church. Now 19 years old, Sasha Luchkov has been studying at UBC under the brilliant Australian professor, David Fung, and he will be performing masterpieces by Debussy, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Isaac Albéniz, and Canadian composer, Marc-André Hamelin. Entry by donation.

REFLECTION WALK – AN INVITATION FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS AT ST EDWARDS



On Friday, June 14 at 10:15 a.m., all women are invited for a spiritual walk with songs and prayers, led by St. Edward's Catholic Women's League. Following this, there will be a 35 minute video presentation called JOURNEY OF HAPPINESS. We will then gather for a Potluck lunch at St. Edward's Hall. Please bring a favourite dish to share. Also invite a friend to join you for this walk, video presentation and lunch, as we thank God for all the blessings he has given us. Please register with Mary Hof mhof126@gmail.com or Tita tita.alatiit@gmail.com

UPCOMING TAIZE SERVICES

Duncan United Church is holding a Taizé service **Saturday June 15 at 7 pm**. Some of the St. Peter musicians are playing at the service and everyone is invited to come and sing and pray. On **Wednesday July 17 at 7 p.m.** it is our turn to host with a service outside in the cemetery where we'll be joined by musicians and singers from DUC. (If the weather is bad we'll be in the church). Plan to attend these two worship opportunities!

ST. PETER'S GARAGE SALE IS ON JULY 27



Here are some ways that you can help in the lead up to the Garage Sale:

SIGN UP TO HELP – there's a sign-up sheet in the Hall.

SPREAD THE WORD – take some posters and flyers and put them on community bulletin boards at the library, coffee shops etc.

SHARE THE EVENT with your Facebook friends and on other social media sites

DE-CLUTTER YOUR HOUSE or help a friend or relative with this task

SPEAK TO THE ORGANIZER MARK OLDNALL if you can store items at your place or help with pick-ups in the community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of June 2:

Members of our Congregation: Alison, Cory, 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. John the Divine, Courtenay
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- Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

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: Dominic, Liam and Nicholas Gurzinski (June 2), Hannah Smith (June 3), Joan Andrew (June 6)

Parish Families: James Van Hemert, Dorothy Whittome, Alison Wilcock.

Flowers this week: The flowers on the Reredos are given to the Glory of God by Granville Fountain in loving memory of "my mother Lillian and father Clarence and my dear wife, Ruth for 48 years and another 21 years struggling without her".

CHURCH CHUCKLES



On the way out the door to church, Mrs. Smith accidentally dropped the beautiful cake she had made for the bake sale. With no time to make a new one, she ingeniously set a roll of toilet paper in the center of the cake to give it support and then slathered icing around it. To conceal her embarrassment, Mrs. Smith planned to buy her own cake at the sale, which commenced immediately following services.

Though she hurried down to the church basement after worship, Mrs. Smith was horrified to find that her cake was already sold!

Her shock was compounded the next day at the monthly book club at the home of a friend. There on the kitchen counter was the very cake she made for the bake sale.

"What a beautiful cake," Mrs. Smith said, not knowing what else to say.

"Thank you," the friend said, smiling. "I made it myself."



As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

From the back seat I heard his earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."