



The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan

BEACON Newsletter – May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday, Year A



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Tuesday Bible Study and Eucharist at 3 PM 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>



If you need of a ride, home communion, or a pastoral visit, please contact Jennifer Perry at (250) 732-4518.

If you would like to speak directly with Reverend Theo, please call (204) 782-9454 and leave a message.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday services on May 17

Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea to preside and preach in the Reverend Theo's absence

Education for Ministry (EfM) Open House

Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 PM
See below for more information...

St. Peter's Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, May 23
See below for more information...

Baptisms at St. Peter's

Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 AM
See below for more information...

Mapping Workshop

Saturday, June 13 at 1:00-4:00 PM
Sign up sheet in the Hall

St. Peter's Parish Summer BBQ

Sunday, June 14. 10:00 AM service only this day.
BBQ to follow service.
See below for more information...

Planned Giving Seminar

Saturday, June 20 at 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Pride Parade

Sunday, June 21 at 11:00 AM
More information to come...

St. Peter, Quamichan's 160th anniversary dinner

Save the date: Saturday, October 24

**** PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, MAY 19 IN LIEU OF VICTORIA DAY ON MONDAY ****

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: 47

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53



BAPTISMS

We will be having four baptisms on Sunday, May 24 at the 10:00 AM service. Please pray for Max, Mila, Ada, Barry, and their families as they prepare for baptism. Save the date and celebrate with the families. There will be a cake at coffee hour afterwards.

DONATION MATCHING CAMPAIGN

Keep those donations coming! Mark on your cheques, your envelopes, or your e-transfer to treasurer@stpeterduncan.ca with a memo to "Donation Matching Campaign" so that we know you're taking part in this amazing challenge.

ADVERTISE IN THE BEACON

If you have a business you would like to advertise, or a special memory to share in the Beacon, contact Karen in the parish office by phone or email at admin@stpeterduncan.ca. Rates start at \$25.

Rector's Message



Ascension Sunday signals the end of Jesus' ministry on Earth. God had lovingly sent Jesus into the world at Bethlehem, and now the Son returns to God at Bethany. The period of human limitation was at an end. In the Creed we say that Jesus "is seated at the right hand of the Father" - a position of honor and authority. Christ is the Head of the Church, the giver of spiritual gifts. As Pope Francis so beautifully stated, "the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way." Jesus is no longer in a specific place in the world but is everywhere and anywhere. Jesus is now in the presence of God, present in every space and time, but also close to each one of us. In our lives we are never alone: we have an Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us through the Holy Spirit. We are never alone: Jesus has ascended into heaven but has not left us. Now go out and spread the good news!

The Reverend Theo Robinson

A NOTE ABOUT FLOWERS FOR THE REREDOS

Chris Easley creates a schedule of the flower requests for each month. For example: if you request flowers for a Sunday in August, you will receive an email from her around mid-July asking for **2 necessary** pieces of information (with a reply request – **ASAP**)

1. the flowers/colours you would like
2. the wording you would like to accompany your request.

The requests are then made into a monthly schedule which is sent to the Parish Administrator. For example: the August schedule is sent to the office before the end of July, which includes the date, name of the parishioner making the request, the chosen flowers and the wording.

Each January a sign-up sheet is posted on a bulletin board in the hall with spaces for each available Sunday. Please note that flowers are purchased at Thrifty's and sometimes the requested flowers are not available. The email does ask for a second choice. A minimum donation of \$50 is requested. Payment options are also provided.

If you don't receive emails or have any questions please don't hesitate to let Chris know – either at church or by phone: (250) 597-0075.

ST. PETER'S CHOIR

We will sing another Taizé prayer service at St. Peter's June 24, celebrating the summer solstice and Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day at 7 pm. We're hoping that some folks in the congregation might like to join the choir for that service and practice the music together in June. It is a great chance to "try out" singing with the choir; the music is beautiful and accessible, and the time frame is short. There will be 3 rehearsals: June 3, 10, and 17 from 5:15 to 6:10 PM.



ST. PETER'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The annual St. Peter's Garage Sale is coming up on Saturday, May 23. Clothing in good condition and books are welcome, but no magazines nor encyclopedias. **We will be accepting items in the Hall from May 20-22 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.** If you have furniture to donate, contact Mark Oldnall at (250) 710-8900 or email him at moldnall@stpeterduncan.ca

ST. PETER'S PARISH SUMMER BBQ

The annual parish summer BBQ is coming up on Sunday, June 14 after the 10:00 AM service. Please note that there will not be an 8:00 AM service on this day. The Holy Eucharist will be in the theme of Dr. Seuss. Come dressed in your best hat or bow tie, a la the Cat in the Hat. We will provide hot dogs and burgers. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Sign up sheet to come.

MINISTRY AT CAIRNSMORE PLACE



In March, the St. Peter Pastoral Care Team began providing a monthly Eucharist service for the Cairnsmore residents.



Everyone, no matter their denomination, is invited to this service, which occurs on the first

Friday of each month at 10:00 AM. We will be taking July and August off from this ministry. About 10 or so people, including Cairnsmore residents and St. Peter volunteers, gather in Cairnsmore's dining room for scripture lessons, prayer, music, and a brief conversation, and then we celebrate the Eucharist together. It is a lovely way to connect with our members who live at Cairnsmore, as well as anyone else looking for a spiritual experience. The St. Peter volunteers have enjoyed this ministry thoroughly and we appreciate the opportunity it has given us to connect with people who are unable to be with us at church on Sunday mornings.

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GREAT ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

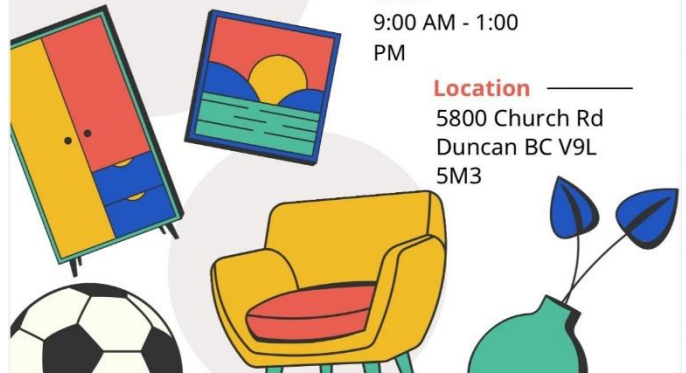
MAY 23, 2026

Time _____

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location _____

5800 Church Rd
Duncan BC V9L 5M3



LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY

Thank you to all who participated in the Lectio Divina study groups. What a great success!

Lectio Divina is a format of meditation and prayer, focusing on the Spirit's nudges for personal insights. Our groups tended to use these principles more for discussion, which was wonderful in a different way.

Although small in number, the discussions that arose in our gatherings were very interesting. Our curiosity around St. Peter's letter to those early Christians, out in the world, caused us to look at our role as Christians in our own community. Do we greet each other in love and kindness, bear suffering with the knowledge that we are upheld by God and trust in his care?

I am hoping that we will continue a Bible Study in the fall using a different approach next time. I pray that more folks will give it try. These times together are a lovely way to get to know each other on a different level and grow in the faith and knowledge of the love of God.

Blessings and peace,
Deborah Neal



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY



Are you looking to deepen your faith? Do you want to learn more about the Bible, Christian Tradition, and Church History? Are you hoping to understand how

your personal experiences and beliefs bring you closer to God and God's people?

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a learning program of theological education designed to equip lay people to live out the ministry to which all Christians are called through baptism.

If you would like to learn more about EfM you are invited to attend an **Open House at St. Peter's, Quamichan on Thursday May 21, at 6:30 PM.**

All are welcome. For further information contact Norman Knowles at (368) 993-3774.

MAPPING THE GROUND WE STAND ON



On **June 13, from 1-4 PM** in the hall, we will be hosting an interactive workshop called a "Mapping Exercise". This workshop invites participants to explore the Indigenous presence on the map of Canada, the history of Settler arrival, and their relationship to one another. It also offers an opportunity for learning and reflection on the concept of Terra Nullius, or "empty land", and the Doctrine of Discovery as foundational to colonialism (of which the residential schools were one aspect). Participants will walk on the map, reflect on their own presence on it, and discuss how they might respond to what they have learned.

We will also have an Indigenous witness to this event who may possibly share some of their story with us. As time allows, participants will also learn about Alongside Hope's 20-year history working in Indigenous communities in Canada. This event is limited to 25 people so sign up quickly! If spots have not filled in a couple of weeks, the invitation will be extended to the other parishes in our region.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall or you may contact the office to register.

St. Peter's History Corner

The first log church was completed in 1867. The current early English-style church replaced it. It was completed in 1876 and consecrated in 1877.

Source: Pioneer Parish--The Story of St. Peter's Quamichan by David Ricardo Williams

CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Reverend Theo is wondering if anyone, of any age over 11 years, is interested in taking confirmation classes and being

confirmed with others in the diocese in May 2027. Classes will begin September 13 from 12:00-2:00 PM, primarily once a month, in the meeting room of the lower Hall. If you are interested or would like more information, please see him after church or contact him any time.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the week of MAY 17:

Members of our congregation: Members of our Congregation: John, Suzanne, Shannon, Mary, Ann, Bonnie Jean, Pat, Vickie, Mark, Jane, Jim, Alison, Cory, Jason, Connie, Gordon, Doreen, Hazel, and Brandon.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- Abbey Church + Emmaus Community
- The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

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: Midge Adam (May 20)

Parish Families: John Dearman, Pat Eagar & Barry Gladesdahl, Chris Easley

Flowers this week: The flowers on the reredos are given to the glory of God by Bea Fulton celebrating birthdays of 3 Fulton family members: their beautiful daughter, Patricia, along with her son and their youngest grandson, Sam; and their treasured deceased son, Murray (2014).