



The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan

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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

The Reverend Theo Robinson away

August 3-9, returning August 10

Vera Martin Memorial Food Drive

Ongoing until September 27

Maple Bay Preschool School Supply Drive

Ongoing until August 30

MS Ride

Saturday, August 8

See below for more information...

Vicar of Dibley Marathon Screening Night

Friday, August 14 at 6:30 PM

St. Peter's Presents: Anglican 101

Sunday, August 16 at 11:30 AM

See page 2 for more information...

Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 23 at 7:00 PM

Gordon & Vickie Oldhall's 60th anniversary party

Saturday, August 29 from 1:00-4:00 PM

No RSVP required

St. Peter, Quamichan's 160th anniversary dinner

Saturday, October 24

Tickets available now

See below for more information...

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm: 17:1-7, 16 (BAS p.720)

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Mathew 14:13-21

THE REVEREND THEO ROBINSON AWAY

The Reverend Theo Robinson will be away at the Diocesan Summer Retreat from August 2-9 and will return on August 10. In his absence, the Reverend Norman Knowles from St. John the Baptist, Duncan will be available for pastoral emergencies. He can be reached at nknowles@bc.anglican.ca or by phone at (368) 993-3774. The Reverend David Peterson will be presiding and preaching at the August 2nd services.

INTERVIEWS WITH PARISHIONERS

Parish Council Member, Max Zalinko is looking for parishioners to volunteer to answer some quick questions about their experience at St. Peter's for social media **after coffee hour for the 10:00 AM service on August 2nd**, with potential future dates. If you would like to have your voice heard on social media, please speak to Max after the 10:00 AM Sunday service, send him an email at mzalinko@stpeterduncan.ca, or call the parish office.



CHRISTMAS EVENT PLANNING SESSION

A planning session for this event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4 at 2 PM in Meeting Room A. Please come and help us plan for our annual Christmas event. On the agenda: baked goods, crafts, and more.

Rector's Message



This week's gospel is Matthew's version of the feeding the 5000. Well, more than 5000 because that number excludes the women and children. Jesus' men want to send the people away to care for themselves instead of realizing the abundance of what they have to share. So often we see what lacks in our lives instead of seeing the "enough". As a society, there is more than enough for everyone and yet those in power hold on to everything as if they won't have "enough" in the end. This week's story is a reminder that God provides in abundance and that we are meant to share in that abundance.

Next week I will be attending the diocesan summer retreat, You Are the Salt of the Earth, on beautiful Salt Spring Island! We will be spending time reflecting together on our call to be the salt of the earth amidst the very real challenges of these turbulent 2020s, as well as talking about power and empires and how the church needs to organise and mobilize in order to incarnate God's love and justice.

Reverend Theo



MS RIDE

St. Peter's is once again participating as a Bike Rest Stop for the MS Ride on Saturday, August 8. We are looking for volunteers to help with the set-up and to cheer the riders on. The set-up will take place at 9:00 AM and the first riders are expected around 10:00 AM and continue until about 11:30 AM. All of the rest stop materials, including tents, water, and snacks will be provided for the riders by the MS Ride organizers. All that's needed from St. Peter's are the enthusiastic helpers and cheering squad. The sign-up sheet is in the hall. See Liz Williams for more information.

ANGLICAN 101

Volunteers needed to help with the luncheon at the St. Peter's Presents: Anglican 101 session on August 16 at 11:30 AM. The sign-up sheet is in the Hall to bring soup and buns, as well as helping with serving and cleaning up.

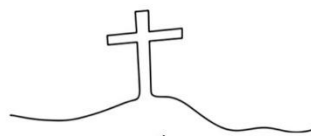
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St. Peter's Presents...

Anglican 101

with Archdeacon Jenny Repogle

What does it mean to be Anglican? Together we'll explore how the Anglican tradition came to be, the beliefs, spirituality, and ethos that shape our identity, and how these are lived out in the life of our parish today.

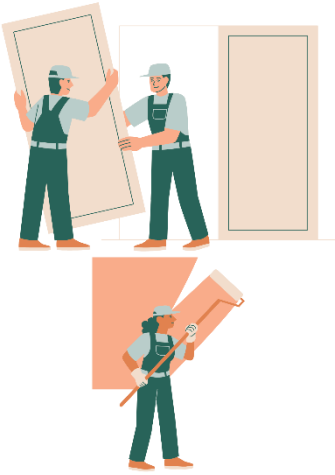


August 16th, 2026 @
11:30am in the Hall
Lunch will be
provided



HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

A message from Matthew Smith, Building & Grounds Leader:



We are well into our 2026 hall renovation project of raising and replacing the floors in the Hall chair and table rooms, plus improving paint and electrical. We have had donations of time exceeding \$3,000 in value, but as the parish is in a tight financial position, we are asking parishioners to help raise \$2,500 to spend on supplies and materials.

We wish to continue to keep our hall in good condition for the benefit of the parish and community. Donations can be made by the usual methods and please make a note of “**hall project**” on your donations so it can be properly allocated. Thanks!

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School Supply Drive

UNTIL AUG. 30

Let's Help Maple Bay Preschool Start the School Year Right!

What they need

- Mr Sketch Smelly Markers
- Construction paper packs
- White letter-sized printer paper
- Jugs of white Elmer's glue
- Small Elmer's glue sticks
- Paper towel for the bathroom
- Paper towel for the classroom
- Jugs of Lysol cleaner (unscented)
- Dollar Tree gift cards (to buy themed craft supplies)
- Jugs of Bubbles (they go through a lot of these!)
- Big bags of cheap white rice (limited quantity, for their sensory table at the start of the year)
- Whiteboard markers
- Crayola crayons
- Crayola pencil crayons
- Huggies wipes – unscented

Thank you for your help

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Past - Present - Future 160th CELEBRATION



Saturday October 24, 2026 @ 5pm
5800 Church Rd Duncan BC V9L 5M3

Join us as we celebrate 160 years of faith,
community, and history at SPQ!

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased
through the parish administrator or Sundays at
coffeehour.

The event will feature
a catered dinner,
dessert, a cash bar,
and activities
throughout the
evening. The dress
code is smart casual.



PRESCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

As you may have seen or heard we are currently running a preschool supply drive. We plan to extend our outreach when it comes to kids and families, and what better place to start than in our own backyard. In 2018, St. Peter's welcomed the Maple Bay Preschool, which previously had classroom space in a local elementary school. They lost that space. After many conversations, preparations and work, a space was created in the lower hall. They are entering their 9th year at St. Peter's. We love having the little ones here. We know some families are struggling to make ends meet. The drive for supplies is not only intended to alleviate some costs, but it is also a way to say thank you to the preschool staff and families for the gifts they have shared with the St. Peter's community since 2018.

VERA MARTIN MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE

The Vera Martin Memorial Food Drive will be kicking off August 23 and running until September 27. Vera Martin was one of the most regular contributors to St. Peter's food drive benefitting the Cowichan Valley Basket Society. Let's keep up the hard work in her memory. See the list to below for suggested donation dates.

THE VERA MARTIN MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE

Aug. 23: Start the day right!

Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, jam, peanut butter, tea, coffee, hot chocolate

Aug. 30: Pasta for the pantry.

Pasta, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, rice, macaroni and cheese, parmesan cheese (shelf-stable), olive oil

Sept. 6: Protein helps families thrive.

Canned tuna, salmon, chicken, beans, lentils, chickpeas, peanut butter, nuts (sealed)

Sept. 13: Warm meals for cooler days.

Canned soup, crackers, canned chili, canned stew, peanut butter, jam

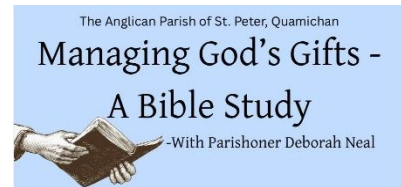
Sept. 20: Healthy choices make a difference.

Canned vegetables, canned fruit, applesauce, whole grain rice, quinoa, dried fruit

Sept. 27: Every donation counts! Bring your pantry favourites.

Baby food, school snacks, granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, cookies, muffin mix, any non-perishable food items

BIBLE STUDY WITH DEBORAH NEAL



As your council begins the work of launching a stewardship program, this Bible Study will be taking a look at what that means in regards

to the gifts that God has given us. With one topic a week, we will look at:

Managing God's Gift of the World: How do we use the resources of our earth to the Glory of God? How do we protect Creation from exploitation and abuse?

Managing God's Gift of Other People: How do we love and serve one another?

Managing God's Gift of Time: How do we escape overloading our schedules or wasting our time?

And yes, finally *Managing God's Gift of Money:* How are we called to practice good management/stewardship—of the money, wealth, and possessions that God gives us, not only for our own needs, but also for the benefit of our neighbours and for God's Glory.

We will meet in the lower lounge **every Tuesday evening for 4 weeks at 7 pm in September, starting on the 8th.** Please feel free to join us for one, two, three, or all four evenings.

We will look at scripture references and discuss how they apply to us as we explore how stewardship embraces all of life. There will be a signup sheet in the hall beginning at the end of September, to have an idea of numbers, and I look forward to gathering with you and delving into this interesting subject.

—Deborah Neal, Parishoner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the week of AUGUST 2:

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

Anglican Cycle:

- Shane, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada
- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Paul, Nanaimo
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- The Church of the Province of Uganda

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: Dittmar Mundel, Marg Berikoff, Jane Stewart, James Van Hemert, Bonnie Jean Loewen

Parish Families: Rev. Dr. June Maffin, Steve and Mary Anne McAdam, David and Catherine McNeill

Flowers this week: The flowers on the reredos are given to the glory of God by Sara Lapsley in memory of Keith Martin Lapsley (1940-2017). ***Correction:** This was meant for July 26. July 26's reported flowers by Chris and Allison Pierce were meant for August 2. Apologies for the error.