



The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan

BEACON Newsletter – Sept 13, 2026

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Parish Financial Update for January 1-September 6, 2026

Average Weekly Income to Sept 6: \$4,881.96

Average Weekly Expenses to Sept 6: \$5,986.97

Average Weekly Shortfall: \$1,105.01



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to St. Peter's

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 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

Budget Review Meeting

Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 AM

Vera Martin Memorial Food Drive

Ongoing until September 27

St. Peter's Presents: The Doctrine of Discovery

Sunday, September 20 at 11:30 AM

See page 3 for more information...

No 8:00 AM service on September 27

10:00 AM services only on this day

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

Orange Shirt Sunday

Sunday, September 27

Youth/Young Adult Service

Sunday, September 27 at 7:00 PM

The Truth About Cowichan with Bishop Anna

Wednesday, September 30 from 1:30-3:00 PM

See page 3 for more information...

No 8:00 AM service on October 4 and 25

10:00 AM services only on these two days

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 at 10:00 AM service

St. Peter's 160th Celebration

Saturday, October 24 at 5:00 PM

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms: 114 (BAS p. 862)

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

IMPORTANT SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Sept 13, during coffee hour after the 10 AM service.

Reason: a review and update of the budget passed at the February Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

As promised here is another piece of information for you to consider. Attached to the Beacon, you will find a chart showing annual incomes and percentages of giving. Please give it your thoughtful attention.

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Special Meeting of Parishioners

BUDGET REVIEW

Sunday, September 13
at coffee hour
after the 10 AM service

Please attend this
important meeting
within the life of our parish

Rector's Message



"Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'" (Matthew 18:21-22)

This is a difficult week to talk about forgiveness. 25 years ago, planes crashed into the World Trade Centre, the Pentagon, and a farmer's field killing thousands of people. Nothing has been the same since. Is this a forgivable event?

As Christians, part of our foundation is that we have God's unearned eternal forgiveness and, through Jesus, it was demonstrated to us how that forgiveness should be part of our lives – not just 7 times, but 77 times. Even Jesus forgave his murderers while he died on the cross, right?

Remember though, Jesus asked God to forgive those "who do not know what they do." It's a subtlety that could and should change the conversation around forgiveness. Is it our duty, as Christians, to forgive others? Who does the forgiving – victim or assailant? Are there things in this world that are truly unforgivable?

Book of the Week

The Land is Not Empty by Sarah Augustine



In the leadup to watching The Doctrine of Discovery and the presentation The Truth About Cowichan, reading this book is very timely. Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo descendent, unpacks the harm of the Doctrine of Discovery, discusses the continued devastation of Indigenous cultures, and reframes the colonization of North America.

Word of the Week

Laity

All baptized Christians who are not ordained. Our churches rely heavily on our laity and yet they are often the most underappreciated order of ministry.

Blessings,
Reverend Theo

ANOTHER "BEHIND THE SCENES" MINISTRY



Have you ever wondered what happens to all those Country Grocer receipts you place in the donation pouch?

When Allison Pierce came to St. Peter's, moving from a very busy Calgary parish where she gave a lot of her time, she was looking for a way to contribute to St. Peter's on her own time, at home. Two years ago, she asked then-Treasurer Eileen Curtis, who proceeded to hand her a box containing a fine old adding machine and a bag full of Country Grocer receipts.



"Just add them up and bring me units of \$5,000.00. I will take them to the store and St. Peter's will receive a \$50.00 gift card". Recently, Country Grocer changed their requirement from bringing 1 bundle of receipts totalling \$5,000.00 to 5 bundles of receipts each totalling \$1,000.00. Extra work! Allison has a system in place to sort receipts– confirming and highlighting the total amount, then has a challenge to reach as close as possible the \$5000.00 amount. "My worst so far is about 27 cents over."

"This has been a fun way to contribute to St. Peter, Quamichan. It is good to know that the gift cards are distributed to people who need a bit of help at no cost to us".

Thank you for your hard work, Allison!

VERA MARTIN MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE

This week, we are looking for warm meals for cooler days. Please donate these items: canned soup, crackers, canned chili, canned stew, peanut butter, and jam. See the poster in the Hall for each week's suggested donations.



THE TRUTH ABOUT COWICHAN

All are invited to join Bishop Anna at St. Peter's on September 30, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, for an overview of the colonial history of the Cowichan Valley. The presentation and discussion will take place in the parish hall from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. This event is open to all in the Diocese and general public. To help us plan for this event, we ask that you register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/truthaboutcowichan>



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St. Peter's Presents... The Doctrine of Discovery

with The Reverend Theo Robinson

Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts is a feature-length film that explores the lasting impact of the Doctrine of Discovery, a set of fifteenth-century papal rulings that declared lands outside Europe to be "empty" and Indigenous Peoples to be less than fully human. These ideas shaped the legal and moral framework of colonization and continue to influence laws, policies and relationships in Canada today.

September 20, 2026 @
11:30am in the Hall
Lunch will be provided



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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT SERVICE

Ages 13 - 30, however
everyone is welcome!

Come worship together, meet other
youth and young adults from across the
region, and stay for social time and
goodies after. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, 27 September
2026

5800 Church Rd Duncan BC
V9L 5M8 @ 7pm

For more information
contact
youth@stpeterduncan.ca



LIBRARY IN THE LOUNGE



Do you have books in good condition that you're looking to get out of your house? Reverend Theo will be creating a small library in the newly renovated lounge in the hall basement.

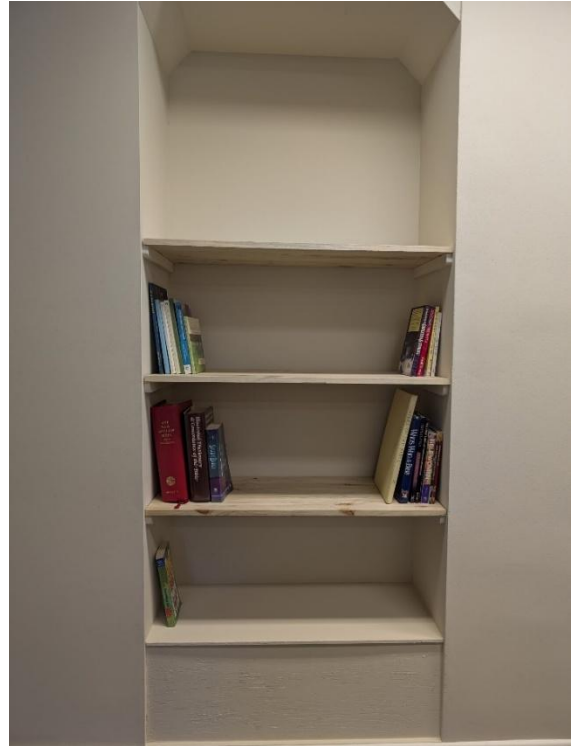


Religion, theology, fiction, children, biographies, self-help, and anything in between! Bring him your books and he will choose ones to go into the library. Anything that doesn't go into the library will be donated to local used bookstores.



BOOKENDS FOR THE LIBRARY

Do you have any bookends you are willing to part with for use in the lounge's library? If so, bring them by the office.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the week of SEPTEMBER 13:

Members of our congregation: Norah, Bonnie Jean, Pat, Bill, the Mountain and Erickson Families

Anglican Cycle:

- Shane, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada
- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Dunstan, Gordon Head and Two Saints Ministry, Cordova Bay
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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: Sue Parmenter, Dallis Zalinko, Janelle Sharpe, Chris Pierce, Andrew Henderson

Parish Families: Marilyn Rummel, Sheila Sanders, Brian & Lynn Simmons

Flowers this week: The flowers on the reredos are given to the glory of God by Bea Fulton with thanksgiving for the wonderful young people in our Cowichan Valley--our athletes, our scholars, our artisans and our warm, caring youth who are our future.