



The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan

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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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Sunday at 10 AM (BAS). No 8 AM service on September 27.

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 are in 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

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

Orange Shirt Sunday

Sunday, September 27 at 10:00 AM

Vera Martin Memorial Food Drive

Last day to donate on September 27

Youth/Young Adult Service

Sunday, September 27 at 7:00 PM

Board Game Night

Monday, September 28 at 6:30 PM

The Truth About Cowichan with Bishop Anna

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

Cairnsmore Holy Eucharist

Friday, October 2 at 10:00 AM

Maple Bay Painters Show and Sale

*Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3
10:00AM - 5:00 PM*

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 at 10:00 AM service

No 8:00 AM service on October 4 and 25

10:00 AM services only on these two days

St. Peter's 160th Celebration

Saturday, October 24 at 5:00 PM

All Souls Taizé

Sunday, November 1 at 7:00 PM

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm: 78:1-4, 12-16 (BAS p. 806)

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

St. Peter's will be holding the Truth & Reconciliation Sunday service on September 27 at 10:00 AM. There will not be an 8:00 AM service on this day. All parishioners are encouraged to wear orange for this special service to honour residential school survivors, their families, and communities, and to remember the children who never returned home. Mr. Arnie Joe will be the guest speaker at the service.

ST. PETER'S PRESENTS

On October 18 after the 10:00 AM service, we will have St. Peter's Presents: **What is a Diocese and Why Does it Matter?** with Mr. Brendon Neilson, Executive Officer of the Diocese. Reverend Theo asks, "What is one question you have for Mr. Neilson concerning our Diocese?" **Send your responses to admin@stpeterduncan.ca. Responses will be accepted until September 30.**

Rector's Message



"You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness." (Collect for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Sunday that falls before it has been coined "Orange Shirt Sunday." It is a day where we don our orange shirts in solidarity with our Indigenous neighbours, prayerfully acknowledging the harms that were done, especially by the church. The key to such a day is to not let that solidarity end when we take off the shirts and put them away for another year. St Peter's has done great work in trying to reconcile with the Quw'utsun people. May we always keep that relationship on our hearts as we ponder our future as a parish.

Book of the Week

Phyllis's Orange Shirt by Phyllis Webstad

When Phyllis Webstad (nee Jack) turned six, she went to Residential School for the first time. On her first day at school, she wore a shiny orange shirt that her Granny had bought for her, but when she got to the school, it was taken away from her and never returned. This is the true story of Phyllis and her orange shirt. It is also the true story of Orange Shirt Day (an important day of remembrance for First Nations and non-First Nations peoples).

Term of the Week

Residential School

The first church-run Indian Residential School was opened in 1831. By the 1880s, the federal government had adopted an official policy of funding residential schools across Canada. The explicit intent was to separate these children from their families and cultures. In 1920, the Indian Act made attendance at Indian Residential Schools compulsory for Treaty-status children between the ages of 7 and 15.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) concluded that residential schools were "a systematic, government-sponsored attempt to destroy Aboriginal cultures and languages and to assimilate Aboriginal peoples so that they no longer existed as distinct peoples." The TRC characterized this intent as "cultural genocide." For further reading, go to the website for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at

<https://nctr.ca/education/residential-school-history/>.

Blessings,
Reverend Theo



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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**



THE TRUTH ABOUT COWICHAN

Volunteers are still needed to help at the event and to provide baked goods. Sign-up sheet is in the Hall. Over 90 people are already registered for this event 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. Please register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/truthaboutcowichan>.



VERA MARTIN MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE

This is the final week for the Vera Martin Memorial Food Drive. Every donation counts! Bring in your pantry favourites. If you're looking for ideas, please donate these items: baby food, school snacks, granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, snack-pack sized cookies, muffin mix, and any non-perishable food items. Items are donated to the Cowichan Valley Basket Society.

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THE VERA MARTIN MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE

ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE COWICHAN BASKET SOCIETY

Every Sunday Between:
August 23rd - September 27th
Donations can be made in the Parish Hall after the 8am & 10am services

Vera Martin was one of the most regular contributors to St. Peter's Food Drive - Lets keep up the hard work in her memory.

Item Ideas

- Pasta sauce
- canned tomatoes
- Shelf-stable milk
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fish, meat
- Peanut butter / other nut butters
- Soups and stews
- Grain breakfast
- Canned or dried beans

ST. PETER'S 160TH CELEBRATION

My apologies. I counted wrong. There are 20 tickets remaining for St. Peter's 160th celebration on Saturday, October 24 at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$50 for a catered dinner with dessert, and are available after services on Sunday or from the parish office. A cash bar will be available.

CHANGES TO YOUR GIVING PLAN

If you would like to make changes to your giving plan, please email givings@stpeterduncan.ca or leave a message with the parish office for Eileen Curtis. Thank you for your continued support of St. Peter, Quamichan!

BIBLE STUDY

The next topic in the Bible Study program is *Managing God's Gift of Money* on **Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 PM** in the Lower Lounge of the Hall. We will explore scripture together and discuss how it applies to our lives.

ELIZABETH COULTER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

All parishioners are invited to come celebrate with Elizabeth Coulter her 80th birthday at St. Peter's Hall on Saturday, October 10 from 1:00-4:00 PM. RSVP to the email elizabethparty80@gmail.com or speak directly to Elizabeth about it. Cards are accepted, but no gifts, please. Your presence is gift enough.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flower requests for October 18 and 25 are available. Please contact Chris Easly at (250) 597-0075 ASAP if you would like either of these dates. A \$50 donation is requested.

THANKSGIVING LETTERS

Reverend Theo's Thanksgiving letters to the parish will be available for pickup from the church beginning on September 27. Please collect your letter as you enter the church.



INDUCTION OF NEW PRIEST AT ST. JOHN, COBBLE HILL

All are invited to attend the induction of The Reverend Stephanie Wood as the new priest of St. John the Baptist in Cobble Hill, 3295 Cobble Hill Road, on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00 PM. Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee will be presiding. Please RSVP by October 2 to admin@stjohnscobblehill.ca or (250) 743-3095, as space is filling up quickly. Reception to follow in the church hall.

ALL SOULS TAIZÉ SERVICE

A Taizé service for All Souls will be held on November 1 at 7:00 PM—candle lighting, prayers and music for those who have died. There will be Taizé music rehearsals for choir and whoever wants to learn the music on Wednesday, October 14 and 28 at 7:00 PM in the church. All are welcome to attend the rehearsals and the service.

SPECIAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

If you would like a copy of the minutes of the meeting that took place on September 13, please phone or email the office at admin@stpeterduncan.ca. Help us continue the legacy at St. Peter's by giving not only financially, but with your time.

Watch the September 13 meeting here:
<https://vimeo.com/1226638151/bb83413b46>.

Watch the planned giving seminar here:
<https://tinyurl.com/SPQplannedgivingseminar>

Watch the 2026 Annual Meeting of Parishioners here:
<https://vimeo.com/1167275096/ef973baa36>

CALLING ALL KNITTERS, SEWERS, BAKERS & CHEFS

Now that autumn is here, it's time to think about what items you can make or create as gifts for the Christmas bazaar craft and food tables. Food items—baked items, including gluten free baked goodies, and jam and jelly are always appreciated. Craft items—hand/machine sewn and knit items are also popular. If you have any questions about your contributions please call Chris Easly at (250) 597-0075.



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All Souls Taizé Service

November 1, 2026

@ 7pm

5800 Church Rd Duncan BC

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COME JOIN US FOR A SERVICE OF
SONG, PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND
CANDLE-LIGHTING IN THE TAIZÉ
TRADITION.

CHRISTMAS EVENT PLANNING SESSION

Friday, October 2 at 2:00 PM, Meeting Room A
Items for discussion: Christmas cakes, cookies, craft items, volunteers to help at the event and more
Your participation in and ideas for this event are appreciated and valued. Please come to help make this event a great St. Peter's Christmas tradition. All are welcome.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the week of SEPTEMBER 27:

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

Anglican Cycle:

- Shane, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada
- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Church of the Advent, Colwood
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- The Church of Bangladesh

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: Vickie Oldnall

Parish Families: Pearl Stoker, Patrick Thomson, James van Hemert

Flowers this week: The flowers on the reredos are given to the glory of God by Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea in honour of Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and in celebration of her 34th anniversary of ordination.