

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan

BEACON Newsletter – Nov. 8, 2026

Remembrance Day Sunday

24th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 32)

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Parish Financial Update from January 1 - October 20, 2026

Average Weekly Income to Oct. 20: $5,360
Average Weekly Expenses to Oct. 20: $5,673
Difference: $(313)

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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 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

Remembrance Day Service
Sunday, November 8 at 10:00 AM
No 8:00 AM service today

Mend Book Study
Tuesdays November 10 & 17 at 1:30 PM
Lower Lounge

St. Peter's Presents: Liturgical Calendar Explained
Sunday, November 15 at 11:30 AM
Bring a bagged lunch

Transgender Day of Remembrance Service
Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 PM

Eat, Shop & Be Merry
Saturday, November 28 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Youth and Young Adult Service
Sunday, November 29 at 7:00 PM

Board Game Night
Monday, November 30 at 6:30 PM

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm: 116:1-8 (BAS p. 864)
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 6:37-40

VETERANS' CROSSES AT ST. PETER'S CEMETERY

A great big thank you to Mark, Pat T., Grace, Terry, Eileen P., Dick, Roger, Liz W., Trish P., Michelle & Sapho, and Alison W. who took the time to come help place crosses on veterans' graves this past Friday, October 30. All 280 crosses were placed in an hour, and some were not easy to find! Thank you to Madelaine who arrived with surprise muffins and drinks at the end. – Priscilla Lowe



Rector's Message

Advent as a Season of Change

When we see the word "change" there's a little piece of us that starts to panic. However, sometimes, change can be a good thing. And, in this case, the changes being made will be leading us back to something that was – a direction I don't normally go!

Last week I mentioned the addition of Children's Time to the service beginning on November 22. This week I want to let you know that starting on November 29, the 1st week of Advent, the Eucharistic elements, the bread and the wine, will be brought up from the transept area of the church to the altar at the beginning of the Offertory hymn. We do this as a visible act of thanksgiving, stewardship, and shared participation in the worship of the whole church. If you would like to volunteer to help with this act, please let the greeters know.

Keep watch on this section of The Beacon for more upcoming changes to our Sunday worship.

Term of the Week

Curate

A curate is a priest who is early in their ordained ministry. It is a time to focus on learning and training to be a priest without the responsibility of being the priest-in-charge or incumbent. A curacy is a practice that is not used as often as it once was, likely because many people come to the priesthood as a second career and can't afford to move into an unpaid internship.

Blessings,
Reverend Theo



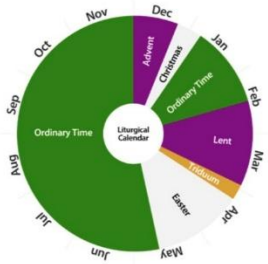
The Anglican Parish of St. Peter Quamichan

St. Peter's Presents... The Liturgical Cycle Explained

with The Reverend Theo Robinson

Ever wondered what all the colours in the worship space mean? Or why our celebrations are arranged the way that they are? Come learn about how the church calendar organizes life around the saving acts of God in Jesus Christ.

November 15, 2026 @ 11:30am in the Hall Please bring a paper bag lunch!



RINGING OF THE BELLS

Dear parishioners,

Some changes are coming to how we worship together on Sunday mornings! This Advent season, on November 29th, you will hear the ringing of bells during the Eucharistic prayer. Traditionally, bells have been used in churches to centre ourselves and draw our attention nearer to Christ.

As a progressive parish, we always strive to be more inclusive and accessible to everyone. For parishioners who are blind or visually impaired, bells serve as an audible cue for the gestures of the liturgy, such as the elevation of the host or the calling of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. As we move forward together, when you hear the bells, allow your attention to be drawn into the moment and remember that audible cues, such as bells, allow all of us, as one body, to participate in the mystery and wonder of the Eucharist.

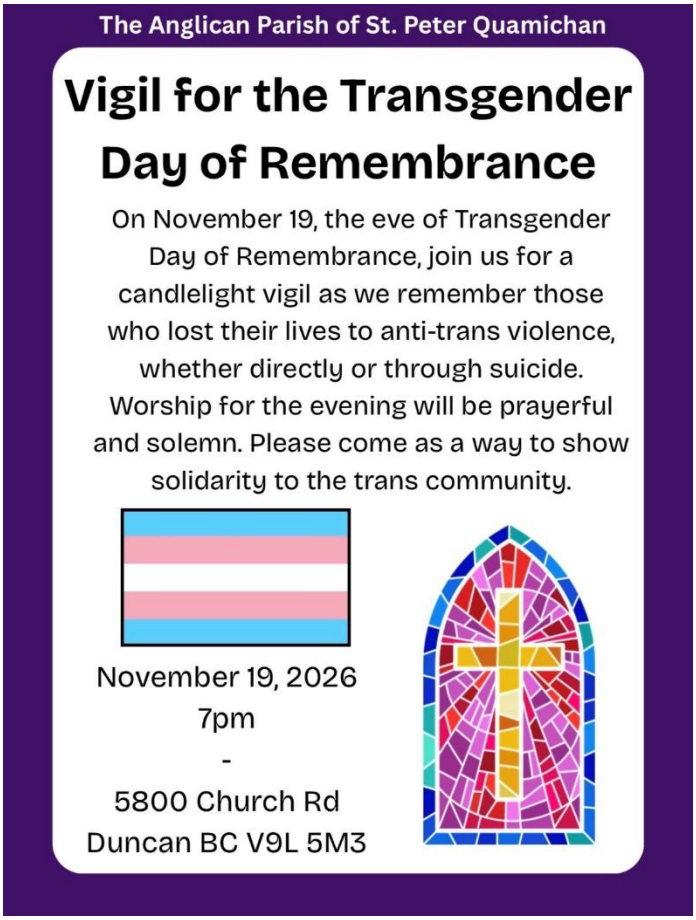


EAT, SHOP AND BE MERRY

Our Christmas Event is just a few weeks away. A very tasty brunch will be served. Along with our well-received cookie selection, we are featuring a new baked item – Christmas cakes. We are also offering two or three items for silent auction. Be on the lookout for a nice selection of crafts.

Your help is needed before, during and after the event. We will be looking for helpers to set up, decorate, sellers for the gift and specialty food items table, the cookie tables, "bankers", greeters, kitchen help, cleanup and laundry. What help can you offer? A sign-up sheet will be available in the hall on November 8. Please help to make Eat, Shop and be Merry a festive, fun and enjoyable kickstart to the holiday season.





The Cowichan Food Basket Society appreciated our generous donations during the Vera Martin Memorial Food Drive. Let's keep it up!!

This week, please bring
Hamburger Helper & Canned Vegetables

Hunger takes no holidays!



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the week of NOVEMBER 8:

Members of our congregation: Norah, Bonnie Jean, Pat

Anglican Cycle:

- Shane, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada
- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Luke, Cedar Hill
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Government Leaders: Charles, our King, Mark, our Prime Minister, Lorne, our Premier-elect, Cindy, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and Rob and Mike, our mayors.

Birthday Blessings this week: Priscilla Lowe, Arne Bunyan

Parish Families: Tricia Datené, Kathleen Skovgaard, Pat Hawkes

Flowers this week: The flowers on the reredos are given to the glory of God by Bea Fulton memory of my brother-in-law, Ronald Steedsman. Ron served in the Canadian Army throughout WWII as an ammunitions transporter. He lived to be 95 years old, passing in 1997. Ron was born, raised and lived most of his life in Northern Alberta.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

Christmas cards are now available. Celebrate the hope of Christmas with two new watercolour designs: "O Night Divine" (a caribou under the Northern Lights) and "Our Dear Saviour's Birth" (Joseph and Mary with the infant King). Cards come in packs of 12 — a minimum donation of $25 per pack is recommended (tax receipt eligible). Orders can be placed online at https://alongsidehope.org/Christmascards2026/, by contacting Anslim Hameed at (416) 822-9083 or ahameed@alongsidehope.org



AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Paul's, Nanaimo - 100 Chapel St.

Threshold
2nd Sunday of every month at 4pm
This is a service of prayer and music with a little ensemble of musicians. The music is generally contemporary with a smattering of hymns done in contemporary style. All are welcome!

Lessons & Carols
December 19th at 7pm
This service is preceded by a potluck dinner in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! If any singers would like to join the choir, please contact the Music Director, Charles Harmon through charlesharman555@hotmail.com

Please remember to turn in your intention cards ASAP. These help us to prepare the 2027 Budget for St. Peter's. **Thank you** for your generous hearts as we look forward to the new year. You may also email givings@stpeterduncan.ca with your financial giving intention for 2027 instead.