



## THANKSGIVING 2019

Beloved in Christ,

“Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain and renew the face of the earth?”

All of God’s people respond  
**I WILL with God’s help!**

For the promise of harvest, contained within a seed. We thank you.

For the oak tree, within an acorn. We thank you.

For the bread within a grain. We thank you.

For the apple within a pip. We thank you.

For the mystery of nature gift wrapped for us to sow. We thank you.

A Christian Liturgy for Lughnasadh (Celtic Harvest Season)

*‘As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.’ (Genesis 8:22)*

What is it about fall that we love so much? Is it the blissful break from summer’s heat? Is it the fresh harvest of fruits and vegetables bursting with nutrition? Maybe, it’s the anticipation of upcoming holidays. In my mind, fall is the pause, the take a deep breath, the time to stop, think and give thanks. For many of us, it’s a time to remember, a time to slow down, and go inward preparing for new beginnings. Letting go is also about releasing ourselves from “we’ve always done it that way.” It’s about giving ourselves the freedom to say yes to “let’s give it a try.” It’s about choosing to embrace creativity each day and give ourselves a fresh perspective and a greater desire to do the things we are called to do!

With Chris, Trish and Paulette, our Wardens, I wish you a blessed, bountiful and safe Thanksgiving.

I remain yours in Christ’s service,

The Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk, Incumbent

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

**Inquirer's Class:** Have you ever wondered why we do some of the things we do during our weekly services and throughout the liturgical year? Well, here's your chance to learn more and help others to learn more too. Wednesdays (beginning October 23) at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall or 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Please register by contacting the Parish Office.

**Blessing of the Animals** will be celebrated on Sunday October 6 at the 10 a.m. service. The 8 a.m. service will include a celebration of the Eucharist (this service will be pet free) and the 10 a.m. will be pet friendly and the Eucharist will **not** be celebrated.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** will be celebrated on Sunday October 13 at both services.

**All Saints Day** will be observed on Sunday November 3 at both services. Please bring along a photo or other remembrance of a loved one.

**Remembrance Day** will be observed on Sunday November 10 at both services.

**Remembrance Day Tea and Tour** on Monday November 11 at 2 p.m.

**Advent (Season of Preparation)** begins on Sunday December 1 at both services.

**Advent Lessons and Carols** on Sunday December 1 at 4 p.m. at St. John's, Duncan.

**Christmas Lunch and Fair** will be held on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Messy Church Christmas Pageant** will be held on Saturday December 14 at 5 p.m.

**The Longest Night Service** will be held on Saturday December 21 at 7 p.m.

