



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

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WEEKLY SERVICES: Sunday at 8 a.m. (BCP) AND 10 a.m. (BAS)

Our 10 a.m. service on Sunday is livestreamed. Use this link to watch the service LIVE:

<https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/sermons/current-service>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **MS BIKE COWICHAN STOPS AT ST. PETER'S** on Saturday August 9 in the morning at 10:15 a.m. – see below.
- **INCUMBENT THEO ROBINSON** leads Sunday services on August 17.
- **FALL DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT** on September 26-28. *More details on bulletin board in the hall...*

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Warden Liz Williams will lead morning prayer at the 8 a.m. service and Dean Ansley will preside at the 10 a.m. service.

OFFICE NEWS

Monica is on holidays for 2 weeks. The office will be closed August 5/6/7 and will reopen on Friday August 8. Monica will return on Tuesday August 12.

MEET AND GREET TO WELCOME THE REVEREND THEO ROBINSON

Please continue to sign up if you'd like to **ATTEND** the meet and greets. In a couple of weeks, Warden Liz Williams will coordinate the lists and contact everyone.

OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURE CHANGE

We are just finishing at St. Peter's, an experiment in our Sunday scripture readings (our lectionary). We were part of a handful of churches trying a new selection of readings that were introduced for the time following Easter. This experiment was to give us a greater exposure to scriptures that we perhaps wouldn't hear (at least often) in our Sunday worship. For example, we had more readings from the book of Acts than usual. Another goal of this experiment was to enrich your worship experience.

Before reporting our findings to the Bishop, we ask you for your feedback. What did you think of the change? Did you hear scripture that you hadn't heard before? Did you find these scriptures enhance or even detract from your worship experiment? For that matter, did you notice and if you did, what would have helped you unpack the scriptures more for you? What support would you need so that you could understand their significance – for instance, the context the scriptures are from?

There are really no right or wrong answers – we just would like to hear what you have to say. We have had some feedback already, but not a lot. Please talk to David Peterson or Mitch Kidd if you would like to share your experience with the change. Thank you for your help.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY BOOKS



The Forward Day by Day books have arrived for August/September/October 2025. These books offer daily meditation and accompanying scripture. The books can be found on the table outside the parish office and on the credenza in the church. Each book is \$2.

MS BIKE COWICHAN – ST. PETER'S IS ON THE ROUTE AS A REST STOP

Join Warden Liz Williams and the “pit stop crew” at St. Peter’s on the morning of **Saturday August 9 to cheer on the cyclists. They will arrive at St. Peter’s between 10:15 and 11 a.m.** After a quick refreshment break, the cyclists will carry on to their next rest stop at The Blue Grouse Estate Winery. Besides cheering, there are other ways to help with this event: Click here to get more information: [Volunteer Opportunities | MS Canada](#) or speak with Warden Liz Williams.

Members of our Congregation: Laurie, Milan, Pat, Vickie, David, Arnold, Mark, Jane, Jim, Alison, Cory, Jason, Connie, Gordon, Doreen, Hazel, Brandon.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- Postulants of the Diocese
- Episcopal Church of the Philippines

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: Owen Benwell (August 3), Margaret Berikoff (August 4), Jane Stewart (August 5), James Van Hemert (August 6), Bonnie Jean Loewen (August 8), Sheila Sanders (August 9)

Parish Families: Brian and Lynn Simmons, Diana E. Sly, Matthew and Hannah Smith

Flowers this week: The flowers on the Reredos are given to the glory of God by Bob and Gwyn King in loving memory of family members.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



Part of responsible budgeting is expecting the unexpected! And this month, that has included the need to repair one of the heat pumps that keeps the parish hall cool in summer and warm in winter. Cost? Almost exactly \$1,500. (For those who are curious about such things, this would be the equivalent of the entire annual gift of someone contributing \$27 per week.) But let’s also remember that a comfortable hall assists us to provide space to groups whose work aligns well with our mission to mend God’s world – with the bonus of “making” money for us by way of rental income. Church expenditures aren’t so much costs as investments!

THANKS TO THE ALTAR GUILD



Thanks to members of the Altar Guild for helping us understand some of what they do each week to ensure that our worship is dignified, and well-prepared. Pictured here, after having tidied up following the service last Sunday, are Diana Sly, Bonnie Jean Loewen and Marg Berikoff.

We are looking for parishioners to join the Altar Guild. The time commitment for each Altar Guild member is quite small: about 2 hours per service on a bi-monthly, rotational basis. Usually, the work is done in teams of 2. If you are interested in joining the Altar

Guild, please contact Monica or Karen in the office, who will be put you in touch with the Team Leader.

SOCIAL MEDIA

St. Peter’s has recently launched an Instagram account. If you have an Instagram account, please follow us at [@stpeterduncan_quamichan](#) and keep an eye out for our first post. You can also follow us on our Facebook page at [The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan](#).