



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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5th Sunday of Easter



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WEEKLY SERVICES: Thursday at 10 a.m., 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>

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service, while Dean Ansley Tucker will preach at the 10 a.m. service.

INTRODUCTION TO NEW INCUMBENT

As we prepare for the arrival in August of our new incumbent, **The Reverend Theo Robinson**, he has posted a YouTube video introducing himself to the parishioners of St. Peter's. You can watch his video here:

https://youtu.be/s_FxD1XTigg

2025 FALL DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registration for the Fall Diocesan Women's Retreat September 26-28 at Camp Pringle is now open. The event will be facilitated by Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee. The cost for day attendance is \$160, a single room is \$325, and a shared room is \$265. Registration deadline is September 11. Copies of the registration form can be found in the office and on the bulletin board in the Upper Hall. If you would like a registration form emailed to you, please let Karen or Monica know. Registration forms can be mailed to the address on the registration form or sent via email to birish@shaw.ca.

PARISH SURVEY REGARDING THE SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, May 18, is the last opportunity to weigh in on our experiment with having the Sunday announcements in the parish hall, rather than in the church. If you haven't yet completed the 2-minute survey, you can do so by clicking [here](#), or you can pick up a paper copy in the church on Sunday. We've received 45 responses to date (a very good return), and will share highlights in this space next week. Parish Council will decide upon next steps at its meeting on May 28.

COMMISSIONING OF LITURGICAL AND SACRAMENTAL MINISTERS

From Dean Ansley: Join us next Sunday, May 25, as we commission **Midge Adam, Peter Fowler, and Liz Williams** to offer the Reserved Sacrament to members of our community who love Communion, but who are unable to attend church on Sunday. This is one way of recognizing that the community of St. Peter's extends beyond our doors to all for whom St. Peter's is their spiritual home. We'll also be recognizing Liz Williams in her role as a qualified lay minister of the Word, able to lead Morning and Evening Prayer. Over the past year, perhaps more than ever, St. Peter's has needed to draw on the willingness and gifts of the laity to ensure that Sunday worship is unceasing.

RINGING OF THE BELL

From Deacon Norah: A few years ago, we stopped ringing the bell on Sunday mornings as we had been told "that it was a trigger" for some of our First Nations neighbours. I was asked by Dean Ansley to have a conversation with some of the elders whether we could/should start ringing the bell again on Sunday morning. I was told that the bell was rung at St. Anne's 3 times on Sunday and the Shaker Church rings their bell every 1/2 hour. The elders thought that we should start to ring our bell again. We will start to ring our bell on Pentecost Sunday, June 8!

Mothers' Day Tea



On Saturday May 10th, St. Peter's put on its first Mothers' Day Tea, where over 80 tickets were sold. Lead by the efforts of Marianne Nicoll and supported by a dedicated team of volunteers, it was a huge success! The event was attended by parishioners and members of the community at large. Guests were treated to many delicious sandwiches and sweet treats. Thank you to Marianne and your team.

Could this become a new tradition at St. Peter's?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of May 18:

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

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
 - St. John the Baptist, Cobble Hill
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
 - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

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: Midge Adam (May 20), Vera Martin (May 21), Mary Nelson (May 24)

Parish Families: Liz Kuglin-Alyea, Vital Legault, Bonnie Jean Loewen

Flowers this week: The flowers on the Reredos are given to the Glory of God by Bea Fulton in respect and love to Murray Fulton who would be 58 years old on May 22. And to Patty, their daughter, who celebrates her birthday in May. Many, many hugs.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY BOOKS



The **Forward Day by Day** books have arrived for **May/June/July 2025**. These books offer daily meditation and accompanying scripture. The books can be found on the table outside the office and on the credenza in the church. The cost of the book is \$2. Please put the money into the jars found by the books.

ALONGSIDE HOPE LAUNCHES RESILIENCE FUND IN RESPONSE TO AID CUTS



In the wake of massive cuts to international development assistance, Alongside Hope has launched an urgent appeal to donors. Supporting the “**Resilience Fund**” will allow Alongside Hope to provide partners with additional support for refugees, HIV-related needs and for women recovering from gender-based violence. Thanks to an anonymous donor, all donations made to the Resilience

Fund by June 30, 2025 will be matched, up to \$250,000. To make a donation, use this link:

<https://alongsidehope.org/resilience-fund/>

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRIMATE



Detailed biographies of the nominees for the Office of Primate have been added to the Primatial election website. Each of the 4 nominees has also shared their vision for the role of Primate. To view the profiles, click on this link: <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/news/biographies-for-nominees-for-primate-posted> The 44th session of the General Synod will take place June 23-29, 2025, in London, Ontario.

COMMUNITY EVENTS– Mark your calendar!



Cowichan Valley Garden Club presents their Annual Leaf and Flower Art Exhibit and Mad Hatter Tea on Saturday May 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Peter’s Church Hall. Entrance fee and high tea (\$15 cash only), prize for best hat judged at 3 p.m.



Rotary Club of Duncan Garden Tour on June 1 from 10: a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Self-guided tours of 6 beautiful gardens. All proceeds help support non-profits in the Cowichan Valley. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Buckerfield’s Supply Store and Volume One Bookstore.



Chemainus Classical Concerts presents Belonging: Bose-Pastor Duo on piano at St. Michael’s Church on Sunday June 8 at 2:00 p.m. Reserved tickets start at \$23. To reserve your tickets, please phone Eleanor at (250) 748-8383.



Creative Quilting Pop-Up on Friday June 13 and Saturday June 14 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s Church Hall. Hundreds of bolts of fabric, pre-cuts (including remnants of fabric notions, 505 spray, books, patterns, batting half bolts.) Cash, credit and debit payments accepted.