



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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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>

Get to know our Parish Council

Favourite Season

I enjoy Spring, Summer, and Fall because of the riot of different colors, textures, and temperatures. I least love winter because of the dull, gray, rainy, depressing days and weeks.

Eileen Curtis

Favourite Board Game

I don't really have a favorite. I enjoy playing all. I'm really getting hooked on Bridge though.

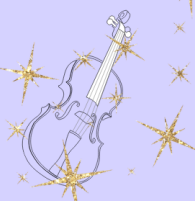


Most memorable vacation

My most memorable vacation was to Italy with my daughter, son-in-law, and grandson. At one point I missed a train connection and had to spend the night on the railway bench. It gave me a bit of an idea of what it might be like to be homeless.

What's your most prized possession?

My most prized possession is my violin. I've had it since I was nine.



What would you do if you won the lottery?

The first thing I would do if I won the lottery would be to get unlisted phone numbers, then contact a lawyer and accountant to set up trusts for family members and favorite charities. I would probably give most of it away, which is probably why I don't buy lottery tickets.



Tea or coffee?

I am a tea drinker, particularly herbal and green teas.



THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea will preside over and preach at the 8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. services while The Very Reverend Ansley Tucker is away.

MOTHER'S DAY ENGLISH TEA



St. Peter's is hosting this fundraiser on Saturday **May 10th from 2:30 to 4 p.m.** A celebration of what's best about England! Lovely treats, music and good company! Tickets are **\$45** and can be bought during coffee hour (cash or cheque) or you can e-transfer treasurer@stpeterduncan.ca (put "english tea" in the memo) to reserve your ticket to pick up at the door.

CONFIRMATION OF MITCH KIDD

Congratulations to Mitch Kidd, who will be confirmed this Sunday afternoon, May 4, at Christ Church Cathedral. Confirmations are now an annual event, and an occasion for celebrating the commitment and ministry of Anglicans from all over the diocese. Mitch will be one of about 20 people being confirmed, reaffirming their baptismal vows, or being formally received into the Anglican Church of Canada.

RINGING 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 Rev. Ansley to have a conversation with some of the elders whether we could/should start ringing the bell again on Sunday. I was told that the bell was rung at St. Ann's 3 times on Sunday and the Shaker Church rings their bell every ½ hour. The elders thought that we should start ringing our bell again. We will start to ring our bell soon!





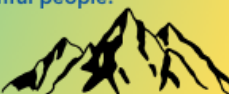

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Lenten Project this year!!

Together we built a mountain of diapers and personal products, along with gluten-free foods for the Cowichan Valley Basket Society. On Sunday, April 27, we filled Mark Oldnall's CRV with the donated goods. Mark and I delivered the mountain to the food bank on Monday, April 28. Henry Wikkerink, the CVBS manager, was delighted with the donation.

These items go a long way in helping our neighbours who are struggling to make ends meet. Well done, you good and faithful people!

Deacon Norah



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of May 4:

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

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Regional Archdeacons
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- The Church of Ireland

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: John Dearman (May 4), David Peterson (May 6), Mignon Greenhalgh (May 9), Sarah Johnson (May 10)

Parish Families: Jane Jeeves, Lesley Kay, Mitch and Jennifer Kidd and Mario

Flowers this week: The flowers on the Reredos are given to the Glory of God by the parishioners of St. Peter's with thanksgiving for Rev. Jim Holland's ministry with us at St. Peter's.

GENEROUS DONATION TO ST. PETER'S

Hearty thanks for a generous gift: Last week, Parish Council received news of a gift of \$30,000 to be set aside for capital contingencies. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get a good start on our long-stated intention to be better prepared for future expenses. By the donor's request, \$25,000 will be deposited in the Consolidated Trust Fund of the diocese, with clear parameters for its use. In the meantime, up to \$5,000 will be used to retain professional counsel on updating and clarifying our internal financial practices. In these days when regular Sunday giving is seldom equal to the needs (let alone dreams!) of a parish, gifts like this are a Godsend.

PARISH SURVEY

It's time to weigh in on the Sunday announcements! Beginning in Lent, we tried moving the Sunday announcements to the parish hall during coffee hour. When Parish Council introduced this experiment, we promised to pause and evaluate after several weeks. To this end, we've designed a short survey (no more than 2 minutes to complete!). You can access the survey by clicking here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8JHVT58>. Paper copies will also be available for those who prefer. Please check with the greeter on Sunday morning. We know there are lots of opinions swirling about; please help us ensure we hear them all!

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!



Once Upon a Harp with Josh Layne on Sunday May 4 at 2 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Chemainus. Tickets are \$23-\$30. To reserve a ticket, phone Eleanor at 250-748-8383.



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.



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.

To be read aloud at the parish of St. Peter, Quamichan on Sunday, April 27th and shared via all digital channels.

To the good people of St. Peter, Quamichan,

It is with great joy that I write to announce the appointment of The Rev. Theodore Robinson as the Incumbent of St. Peter, Quamichan effective August 15, 2025.

Theo currently serves as Pastor of Interlake Regional Shared Ministry, a ministry of six Lutheran and one Anglican parish in Manitoba. In that ministry, he has demonstrated pastoral care for a range of people and excellent organizational skills to coordinate ministry and worship in so many communities. Theo is passionate about helping repair the spiritual lives of people who have been hurt by the Church, especially the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and making the Church a safe space for those communities. His deep desire to reach out to the wider community and heart for welcoming all to Christ's table came through in interviews, and I believe they will be a great gift at St. Peter's as you share in ministry together.

I look forward to witnessing how God will continue the life-giving ministries of St. Peter's as you welcome Theo as your priest. Please uphold Theo and his family in your prayers as they prepare for this transition.

Peace,



The Right Rev Anna Greenwood-Lee
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