



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>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **BABY SHOWER FOR RANA FARIS** on Monday April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Hall
- **GAMES NIGHT AT ST. PETER'S** on Monday April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall
- **OPEN HOUSE IN MEMORY OF JOHN BERIKOFF** on Saturday April 19 at 2 p.m. in the Hall
- **DIOCESAN WOMEN'S WEEKEND** on April 25-27 at Camp Pringle. Forms on the bulletin board.
- **REVEREND JIM'S RETIREMENT PARTY** on Saturday May 3rd at 5:30 p.m. – see below
- **MOTHER'S DAY ENGLISH TEA** on Saturday May 10 at 2:30 p.m. – see below

Get to know our Parish Council

I currently live in Victoria, and came there 10 years ago, after having lived in Calgary for 10 years.

My favorite season of the Church Year is Lent

What is your most prized possession?

My Kawai piano – because it makes a lovely mellow sound, and because buying it represented my emergence from a very difficult time financially.

What was the last book you read?

Anne Michaels' Held.

Do you prefer tea or coffee?

Coffee

What is the best concert you've ever been to?

A D'Oyly Carte presentation of the Mikado sometime in the 60s– probably because it was my first live music experience, and because (thanks to my father), I knew all the words.



Favourite meal?

Dinner

What is the first thing you'd do if you won the lottery?

After retiring the mortgage, I'd set up a charitable fund with the Victoria Foundation

Dear
Ansley Tucker



Do you have any pet peeves?

Really bad grammatical errors – such as, mixing up “like” and “as,” confusing “less” with “fewer,” and starting a sentence with “Him” or “Her” instead of “He” or “She,” and not realising that “none” is singular, not plural.

ST. PETER'S JOURNEY FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

- **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY** on April 13 at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. – Blessing of the Palms at 10 a.m.
- **TAIZE SERVICE** on Tuesday April 15 at 5 p.m. in the Church
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY** on April 17. Agapé Meal and Communion at 6 p.m. in the Hall followed by the Stripping of the Altar and Reading of the Passion at 7 p.m. in the Church
- **GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Friday April 18th at 11 a.m. in the cemetery or church
- **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE** on Sunday April 20 – ONE service at 10 a.m. in the Church

REVEREND JIM'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Wonderful evening of food and entertainment on Saturday May 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Main courses will be provided, and **we ask that you bring a potluck side dish or dessert. There is a sign up sheet in the Hall.** If you wish to donate, please put “retirement” in the memo line of your cheque or etransfer.

**LIVE-STREAM NEWS FROM MARK HIRD-
RUTTER**

Our Church has **TWO** new people who are helping Mark Hird-Rutter with the live-stream ministry. Gregg Perry and Mark Annandale have now joined the team to give Mark a break at least once a month. As Mark says, *“this is a wonderful relief for me as I find I need a break and I long to attend a church service and feel spiritually connected without distraction. Many, many thanks to Mark Annandale and Gregg Perry for working with me through the process. Please give them the same support you have blessed me with for the last 5 years.”*

FAITH TIDES – MARCH/APRIL EDITION



The online, faith-based publications of the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets (BC). Through news stories, reflections and feature articles **Faith Tides** aims to showcase the work God is doing through our churches. It is a space where people of faith and doubt can walk alongside one another, share their stories and grow together. **To read this month’s issue, click on [this link](#)**. It is also on our website under the NEWS heading.

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.

A PARISH PRACTICE FOR LENT

If you haven’t already, please pick up one or more of these items on your weekly shopping run.

- **diapers and pull-ups (sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6)**
- **adult incontinence products (Depends, panty-liners etc.),**
- **non-perishable gluten-free foods**

ALONGSIDE HOPE



Each week during Lent we are highlighting six different aspects of the work of Alongside Hope (PWRDF).

WEEK 5 – Indigenous Programs - Supporting reconciliation through culture and language reclamation, Responsive Grants and more.

The **EASTER LETTERS** are available **NOW** for pick up. While including messages from both Dean Ansley and Reverend Jim, it also lists the services from Palm Sunday to Easter. **Please note that the letter states there are TWO Easter Sunday Services but there is only ONE.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of April 6:

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

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Christopher & St. Aidan, Cowichan Lake
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistant
- Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

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: Lynne Adam (April 8), Eileen Curtis (April 9), Susan Ellis (April 9), Terry Evans (April 10), Doreen Chaperon (April 10).

Parish Families: Yolande Gore, Rod and Denise Gray, Barry and Mignonne Greenhalgh

**DIOCESAN WARDENS AND TREASURERS DAY –
written by Liz Williams**

On Saturday March 22 Mark Oldnall, Chris Easley, Eileen Curtis and Liz Williams attended a Diocesan Wardens and Treasurers Day in Nanaimo. Please know that both Mark and Eileen were among the presenters at the sessions. We are so blessed to have these people in our parish. It was a very well-presented conference and helpful to know there are other parishes experiencing the same kinds of joys and concerns as we are.

One of the things I took away from the event was an improved knowledge of the **Apportionment Funds**. These are the funds that we send each year to the Diocese and here is a list of what they’re used for:

- Communications and email accounts
- Financial resources (grants and loans to parishes) St Peter’s has been a recipient of both in the past 3 years
- Episcopal leadership
- Legal Guidance
- Searches and guidance for Parishes without Clergy
- Policy Guidance
- Payroll and Benefit Services
- Human Resources Services
- Property Management Services
- Securities Donations Facilitation
- Consolidated Trust Fund Investments
- Refugee Settlement
- Events such as We Together, Clergy Days, Wardens and Treasurers Day, and Parish Administrators Day

I so greatly appreciate all the work done at the Diocesan Office on our behalf and on the behalf of parishes who are much less fortunate than we are.

COMMUNITY EVENT



Rotary Food Drive on Saturday April 26. Donation bags will be dropped off at **households in Duncan** on April 19th or 20th. Fill the bags with non-perishable items and leave the bags outside on your doorstep before 9 a.m. on April 26. **If your household does not receive a bag and you’d like to contribute, we have extras in the parish office.** To donate directly to CVBS, use this QR code.