



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)

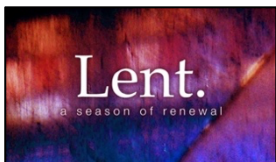
Our 10 a.m. service on Sunday is livestreamed. Use this link to watch the service LIVE:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **RUTH DEARMAN'S FUNERAL AND RECEPTION** on Saturday April 5 at 1 p.m. at St. Peter's
- **BABY SHOWER FOR RANA FARIS** on Monday April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Hall – see below
- **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

→→ See next page for information about **Services between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday** →→ →→



It is often said that in polite conversation, one must steer clear of four topics: religion, politics, sex, and money. Funny, isn't it, that this doesn't seem to have bothered Jesus – who has quite a lot to say about all four. In particular, Jesus has more to say about money, taxes, poverty, investment and giving than almost anything else! He is acutely aware of the generosity of the poor, the rapaciousness of the rich, the fearfulness of those with little wealth, the greed of the collectors of taxes and tolls – the latter, to the extent of taking a whip of cords to the money-changers in the temple! Small wonder then, that one of the traditional practices of Lent is almsgiving. Of course, this translates ultimately into the recommendation that we dig a little deeper in Lent. But even more important is the invitation to consider our relationship with money. This is not a merely *material* question: it is a *spiritual* question. Money is a cipher for our approach to all of life. Am I a saver or a spender? (Because I'll likely treat time, things, and people the same way!) Do I like to be seen as well-heeled? What does my chequebook say about what really matters to me? Can I be proud of how the money in my pocket got there? And so on... - MAT

Get to know our Parish Council

I grew up in West Vancouver, but as my paternal grandparents lived in Maple Bay I first came to the Cowichan Valley as a tiny tot. I moved here to live in 2007, from Kamloops, Terrace, Regina, Nanaimo, Lytton, Oxford, Indonesia and West Vancouver.

My favorite season of the Church Year is Easter, because I have such fond memories of helping my Gran decorate St. Peter's for Easter with daffodils from her garden that she let me pick.

What is your favorite Board game?

Cribbage

Do you have any pet peeves?

The expression "I was only joking." I'm a big fan of, "Say what you mean and mean what you say."

Ideally, how would you spend your birthday?

There would be cake, ice cream, a hike in the woods and a trip to the spa, with my favourite people (my kids and my husband)

What activity instantly calms you?

Quilting and Kayaking

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

Pay off my kids' mortgages and take Roger on a 'Round the World' Cruise!

Liz Williams



What was the last book you read?

"Murder in an Irish Pub"
by Carlene O'Connor

Do you prefer tea or coffee?

Both coffee and tea, but they need to be decaffeinated

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

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.**

➔MOTHER'S DAY HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER

Orders must be in by March 30 and the baskets/pots will be available for pickup on Mother's Day (May 11).

BABY SHOWER FOR RANA FARIS



St. Peter's is hosting a baby shower for Rana who was the janitor at St. Peter's for the past few years. Please join us on Monday April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Hall as we celebrate this happy occasion. There will be a card to sign in the hall after Sunday services.

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.

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



And the mountain keeps growing! Thank you for your contributions. 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). We hope that by the sixth week you will feel moved to support this excellent ministry of our Anglican church, either through our parish or directly with the

National Church. See their website: <https://alongsidehope.org/> for more information

WEEK 4 – Empowering Women & Girls - Ensuring women and girls have the same rights and protections as men and boys

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Calligraphy and Tea on Saturday April 12th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Peter's Hall. Join the Warmland Calligraphers for their 30th Anniversary Tea and Display.



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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of March 30:

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

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- St. Barnabas, Victoria
- Prov. of the Anglican Church of the Congo

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: Monica Gurzinski (March 31), Dorothy Whittome (April 4)

Parish Families: Peter and Jane Fowler, Bea Fulton, Connie and Lloyd Gerbrandt.

