

ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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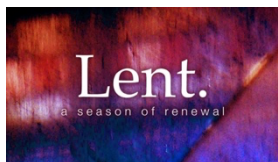
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WEEKLY SERVICES: Thursday at 10 a.m., Sunday at 8 a.m. (BCP) AND 10 a.m. (BAS)
THERE IS NO LIVESTREAM SERVICE THIS WEEK.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

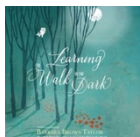
- **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** at St. John's Church on Tuesday March 4 at 4:30 p.m.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY TWO SERVICES on Wednesday March 5:**
 1. **Traditional Service** at 10 a.m. in the Church. Dean Ansley will preside at this service
 2. **Taize Service** at 5 p.m. in the Church. Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea will lead this service
- **LENTEN BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM & LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AND EUCHARIST**— see below
- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** prepared by the women of the Cook Islands on Friday March 7 at 1 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church.
- **RUTH DEARMAN'S FUNERAL AND RECEPTION** – Saturday April 5 at 1 p.m.



This week, on Ash Wednesday, we begin our annual season of Lent. Lent runs 40 days – a good biblical number, which originally meant “quite a while,” much as we might say that thus-and-such a task took “ages.” In fact, if you count up all the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day, you'll arrive at 47; and that is because Sundays don't count. Every Sunday, even in Lent, is a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Of course, we keep these Sundays in a more muted way during Lent, but they remind us that even when our lives are in chaos, darkness or wilderness, they are punctuated with hope, beauty and kindness. We are, after all, “an Easter People”. Lent is simply the clear-eyed acknowledgment that Easter *matters* as much as it does, because we *need* it as much as we do. – MAT

TWO STUDY OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

1. Tuesday Afternoon Book Study (starts March 11 until April 8)



On Tuesdays at 2 p.m., Dean Ansley will lead a book study on Barbara Brown Taylor's ***Learning to Walk in the Darkness***.

This group will meet by Zoom. Participants will need a copy of the book. Books have already been ordered. You can still join but you will have to buy your own book. Books are \$21 each.

2. Thursday Morning Lenten Study Group (starts March 6 until April 10)

Pastor Liz will lead the Thursday morning study group. As a Lenten discipline, you are invited to learn about and join in Centering Prayer: a form of meditation, focused on deepening intimacy with God by way of making space for God and inviting God into that space. Each Thursday will start with Centering Prayer, move into Bible study and Holy Communion. This group meets in person at 10 a.m. in the Church with refreshments served afterwards in the lower Hall. All are welcome.

MOTHER'S DAY HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER



Please support our SPRING fundraiser. There are a variety of hanging baskets and mixed pots (sun or shade) and strawberry pots. **GREEN** order forms are available from the church, hall, parish office and website. **Orders must be in by March 30** and the baskets/pots will be available for pickup on Mother's Day (May 11).

OFFICE RELIEF AT ST. PETER'S



We are looking for someone to provide **paid office relief from April 25 to May 23**. This position is the public face of our lively church community. We are seeking a compassionate person with strong office management skills who is ready to welcome visitors and church goers alike. Applicants must be comfortable with iMac computers. Familiarity with the Anglican Church would be an asset. Please send a resume and cover letter to lwilliams@stpeterduncan.ca

FORWARD DAY BY DAY BOOKS



The **Forward Day by Day books** have arrived for **February/March/April 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



St. Patrick's Day Party at St. John's Cobble Hill on Friday March 14 at 5:30 p.m. Great food, entertainment and Sing-along! Tickets are \$25/person and will not be sold at the door. Cash, credit card via telephone, or e-transfer to socialcommittee@stjohnscobblehill.ca Ticket sales close on Monday March 10.



Greater Victoria Police Chorus will perform on Saturday March 15th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Duncan Christian Reformed Church. Tickets are \$25 each. For more information call Pat Smith at 250-252-9243. This is a fundraising event of the Nowruz Refugee Sponsorship Group.



Cowichan Valley Basket Society invites you to a Breakfast Catch-Up at White Spot on Friday March 20 at 7:30 a.m. Find out more about many of the exciting things that are happening at the Food Bank as we try to meet ever increasing food insecurity needs in the Valley. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the CVBS office or online using this link: <https://cvbs.ca/breakfast>

INTRODUCING THE ANGLICAN, LUTHERAN AND MORAVIAN PRAYER CYCLE



In 2023, the Moravian Church Northern Province, the General Synod of the ACC and the ELCIC Special Convention all approved the Declaration on recognition of full communion relations between our churches in Canada.

In lifting up our unity, the LAM Prayer Cycle will be incorporated into the Prayers of the People at worship starting March 2nd. Please take this opportunity to read further about our denominations and our work together. The full report titled "One Flock, One Shepherd: Lutherans, Anglicans and Moravians - In Full Communion" with excellent historical backgrounds to the three denominations can be found here: <https://assembly.anglicanlutheran.ca/wp-content/uploads/6h-Report-008-Appenix-H-LAM.pdf>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of March 2:

Members of our Congregation: 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
- Parish of Saturna and Pender Island
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- Anglican Church of Burundi

Government Leaders: Charles, our King, Justin, our Prime Minister, David our Premier, Cindy, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and Rob and Michelle our mayors.

Birthday Blessings this week: Roger Williams (March 4)

Parish Families: Bernard Davignon, Jennifer Dean and Alisa Elliott, John Dearman

Flowers this week: The flowers on the Reredos are given to the glory of God by Liz and Roger Williams in celebration of 10 years of marriage and in celebration of Roger's birthday March 4th and granddaughter Tenly's first birthday on March 11th.