



The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan

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Parish Financial Update for January 1-September 6, 2026

Average Weekly Income to Sept 6: \$4,881.96

Average Weekly Expenses to Sept 6: \$5,986.97

Average Weekly Shortfall: **\$1,105.01**



Scan QR code to donate
to St. Peter's

Sunday at 8 AM (BCP) and 10 AM (BAS)

Our 10 AM service on Sunday is livestreamed

Use this link to watch the service LIVE:

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



If you need of a ride, home communion, or a pastoral visit, please contact Jennifer Perry at (250) 732-4518.

If you would like to speak directly with Reverend Theo, please call (204) 782-9454 and leave a message.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vicar of Dibley Night (last one!)

Friday, September 18 at 6:30 PM

St. Peter's Presents: The Doctrine of Discovery

Sunday, September 20 at 11:30 AM

No 8:00 AM service on September 27

10:00 AM services only on this day

Vera Martin Memorial Food Drive

Ongoing until September 27

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

Orange Shirt Sunday

Sunday, September 27

Youth/Young Adult Service

Sunday, September 27 at 7:00 PM

Board Game Night

Monday, September 28 at 6:30 PM

The Truth About Cowichan with Bishop Anna

Wednesday, September 30 from 1:30-3:00 PM

No 8:00 AM service on October 4 and 25

10:00 AM services only on these two days

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 at 10:00 AM service

St. Peter's 160th Celebration

Saturday, October 24 at 5:00 PM

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms: 105:1-6, 37-45 (BAS p. 845, 848)

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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St. Peter's Presents...

The Doctrine of Discovery

with The Reverend Theo Robinson

Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts is a feature-length film that explores the lasting impact of the Doctrine of Discovery, a set of fifteenth-century papal rulings that declared lands outside Europe to be "empty" and Indigenous Peoples to be less than fully human. These ideas shaped the legal and moral framework of colonization and continue to influence laws, policies and relationships in Canada today.

September 20, 2026 @

11:30am in the Hall

Lunch will be provided



Rector's Message



*So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
(Matthew 20:16)*

Justice is getting what we deserve. Mercy is not getting what we deserve. Grace is getting what we don't deserve. Instead of worrying about getting what we deserve, we need to see the world through the lens of the Kingdom of God. What would happen if everyone got their “daily bread”?

Culturally, we spend a lot of time worrying about what's fair and not enough time looking at what's right. If the only reason we give is to get something in return, there will never be joy in our lives. Remember, equality isn't about accepting all voices; it's about making sure all voices are heard.

Book of the Week

Not So Sorry by Kaya Oakes



This book is an excellent read especially considering the reading from Romans last week about forgiveness. Kaya Oakes examines the limits of forgiveness, including understanding that sometimes forgiveness just simply can't be given, and that it can be good for the self to walk away from the people for whom you can't give that forgiveness.

Word of the Week

Deacon

A person called specifically to serve vulnerable people and has a ministry outside of the church. Deacons work directly for the Bishop and are assigned to a particular parish to help bridge the gap between the parish and the community and world. Deacons also assist liturgically and sacramentally through the reading of the Gospel and setting the table before Eucharist.

Blessings,
Reverend Theo



THE TRUTH ABOUT COWICHAN

Over 90 people are already registered for this event on September 30, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, for an overview of the colonial history of the Cowichan Valley. The presentation and discussion will take place in the parish hall from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. This event is open to all in the Diocese and general public. Please register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/truthaboutcowichan>. Volunteers are still needed to help at the event and to provide baked goods. Sign-up sheet is in the Hall.



ST. PETER'S PRESENTS

On October 18, we will have St. Peter's Presents: *What is a Diocese and Why Does it Matter?* with Mr. Brendon Neilson, Executive Officer of the Diocese. Reverend Theo asks, "What is one question you have for Mr. Neilson concerning our Diocese?" Send

your responses to admin@stpeterduncan.ca. Responses will be accepted until September 30.

VERA MARTIN MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE

This week, we are looking for healthy choices that make a difference. Please donate these items: canned vegetables, canned fruit, apple sauce, whole grain rice, quinoa, and dried fruit. See the poster in the Hall for each week's suggested donations.



ST. PETER'S 160TH CELEBRATION

There are only 14 tickets remaining for St. Peter's 160th celebration on Saturday, October 24 at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$50 for a catered dinner with dessert and are available after services on Sunday or from the parish office. A cash bar will be available.

CHANGES TO YOUR GIVING PLAN

If you would like to make changes to your giving plan, please email givings@stpeterduncan.ca or leave a message with the parish office for Eileen Curtis. Thank you for your continued support of St. Peter, Quamichan!

BOOKS AND BOOKENDS FOR THE LIBRARY

We are accepting books in good condition on religion, theology, fiction, children's, biographies, self-help, and anything in between for the lounge library.



Do you have any bookends you are willing to part with for use in the lounge's library? If so, bring them by the office.



ELIZABETH COULTER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

All parishioners are invited to come celebrate with Elizabeth Coulter her 80th birthday at St. Peter's Hall on Saturday, October 10 from 1:00-4:00 PM. RSVP to the email elizabethparty80@gmail.com or speak directly to Elizabeth about it. Cards are accepted, but no gifts, please. Your presence is gift enough.



SPECIAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Thank you to all the nearly 50 parishioners who attended the Special Meeting of Parishioners on Sunday, September 13. We appreciate all the voices heard at the meeting, especially the passion with which many parishioners spoke about how much St. Peter's means to them. The minutes of the meeting are attached for your review. We are all optimistic that the story of St. Peter, Quamichan's parish will continue beyond our already 160 years, but we need more than optimism to carry forward. Help us continue the legacy at St. Peter's by giving not only financially, but with your time. Please give thoughtful consideration to legacy giving through bequests and endowments.

The meeting on September 13 was recorded and you can watch it here:

<https://vimeo.com/1226638151/bb83413b46>.

The planned giving seminar can be watched here:

<https://tinyurl.com/SPQplannedgivingseminar>

The 2026 Annual Meeting of Parishioners this past February can be watched here:

<https://vimeo.com/1167275096/ef973baa36>

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

St. Peter's will be holding the Truth & Reconciliation Sunday service on September 27 at 10:00 AM. There will not be an 8:00 AM service on this day. All parishioners are encouraged to wear orange for this special service to honour residential school survivors, their families, and communities, and to remember the children who never returned home.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the week of SEPTEMBER 20:

Members of our congregation: Norah, Bonnie Jean, Pat, Bill, and the Mountain and Erickson Families

Anglican Cycle:

- Shane, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada
- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Deacons of the Diocese
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- The Anglican Church of Australia

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: Ann Bray, Elijah Gibson

Parish Families: Diana Sly, Matthew & Hannah Smith, Tim & Jane Stewart

Flowers this week: The flowers on the reredos are given to the glory of God by Sheila Sanders in memory of Paul, an amazing geographer

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Managing God's Gifts - A Bible Study



-With Parishoner Deborah Neal

As our council begins launching a stewardship program, this four-week Bible study will explore the gifts God has given us and what it means to be good stewards.

Each week we'll look at:

God's Gift of the World – Using the earth's resources to the glory of God and protecting creation from exploitation and abuse.

God's Gift of Other People – How we love and serve one another.

God's Gift of Time – Escaping overloaded schedules and using our time wisely.

God's Gift of Money – Practising good stewardship of the money, wealth, and possessions God gives us for our needs, our neighbours, and God's glory.

**Tuesdays in September (starting September 8) @
7:00 p.m in the Lower Lounge**

We'll explore Scripture together and discuss how it applies to our lives. Join us for one, two, three, or all four evenings!

A sign-up sheet will be available in the hall to help us estimate numbers.

We look forward to gathering with you and exploring this meaningful topic together.

BIBLE STUDY

The next topic in the Bible Study program is *Managing God's Gift of Time* on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM. There is no obligation to attend all four sessions of this Bible Study.

St. Peter's Presents...

Anglican 101

with Archdeacon Jenny Repogle

August 16th, 2026 at 11:30 AM



ST. PETER'S PRESENTS: ANGLICAN 101

Did you miss the Anglican 101 workshop with Archdeacon Jenny Repogle on August 11? You can watch the recording here:

<https://tinyurl.com/anglican101>

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT SERVICE

Ages 13 - 30, however
everyone is welcome!

Come worship together, meet other youth and young adults from across the region, and stay for social time and goodies after. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, 27 September
2026

5800 Church Rd Duncan BC
V9L 5M8 @ 7pm

For more information
contact
youth@stpeterduncan.ca

