

The Church of St. Peter, Quamichan
St. Peter's Beacon
June 28, 2020



A Prayer for Uncertain Times

Give us courage to stand up for others who cannot stand up for themselves; to stand up for ourselves when it is needful to do so.

Let us fear nothing more than we fear you.

Let us love nothing more than we love you, for then we shall fear nothing also.

Let us have no other God before you, whether nation or party or state or church. Let us seek no other peace but the peace, which is yours, and make us its instruments, opening our eyes and our ears and our hearts, so that we should know always what work of peace we should do for you.

Alan Paton

Re-Opening News As you may have heard, the diocese is moving forward with plans to reopen churches. Although *suggested* earliest date for opening is July 12th, many churches are proceeding carefully and with intention. We, at St. Peter Quamichan, are looking forward to worshipping together again in community however, we want to make sure that we take time and do our due diligence that will ensure the health, safety and well-being of all who walk through our doors. In order to guide us along the path to opening, the diocese has set in place strict guidelines that **must** be met to ensure all in attendance remain healthy as we begin to worship together. We are cautiously moving forward to meet those guidelines.

Rev. MJ, along with the wardens and parish council are working hard to put together a safety plan and protocols for reopening, which includes many steps along the way. Our hope is to have a plan in place and submitted for approval to the diocese by mid-August.

The guidelines set out by the Leadership team of the Diocese do not require that parishioners wear masks or gloves. If you wish to wear either or both, please be prepared to supply your own.

Along these lines, many hands make light work and we will be looking for people to step into new roles as we embrace the new vision for wellness worship. We will keep communications coming as details, plans and opportunities to assist become more concrete and are approved. In the meantime, I encourage you to begin to pray about this and open your hearts to where God may be calling you to support us moving forward into this new territory.



We've got a mail! We've been receiving a lot of sensitive mail and cheques in our outside mail box. In the interest of safety and confidentiality, a mail slot will be installed on the left door. There will be a container on the inside into which the mail will be dropped. This container will have a lock to make sure mail dropped off at the office is secure.

Cemetery Work Parties The season is well underway. It is easy to social distance in our vast cemetery... *we lose people all the time!*

MONDAYS AT 4 PM. or 3 PM if you prefer. We only plan to work for an hour, hour and a half at most. What you want to do, is up to you.

Some regular maintenance is being done under contract now each week, but there are still many jobs they cannot do in the time they have, and those jobs are left to volunteers.

Work on one grave each time you come - that is one more than would have been done if you did not come. Enjoy the outdoors, learn history, identify flowers, SMILE.

For more information, call Priscilla Lowe 250-746-4381 or email pridalowe@shaw.ca



Music in the Cemetary: Fridays at One O'clock! Several folks have asked me if they could contribute financially to this - if you're so inclined, please make a cheque to St. Peter's who steward this lovely spot for all of us."
Thanks - Marilyn

Save Your Receipts! Many folks have mentioned that they are shopping at Country Grocer. Save your receipts or drop them off at the office in our little mail box by the door. For every \$5,000 in receipts, we'll receive \$50. EVERY BIT helps!

Finances: *We ask that you make every effort to maintain your pledge, either by electronic giving or by mailing a cheque to the office.* Alas, during this pandemic, our usual sources of income, such as rental fees and other bits and pieces have disappeared. Thanks for helping us all work together and keep our property and buildings in good working order and offer a campus to welcome ALL.

If you usually put your pledge cheque in the collection plate, or contribute cash to St. Peter, Q without pledging, please mail your cheque to the office 5800 Church Rd. Duncan, BC, V9L 5M3 OR you can safely drop it off in our, newly painted, mail box outside of the office door.

Please remember, be kind to each other AND stay healthy AND stay safe AND don't forget to wash your hands!

May the Peace of God be with you all,

MJ+

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