

St. Peter's Beacon

The Church of St. Peter, Quamichan

July 5, 2020



A Prayer for Nighttime

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done;

let it be.

The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray. Amen.

Compline - A New Zealand Prayer Book, He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa



We've got mail! A mail slot will be installed on the left door.



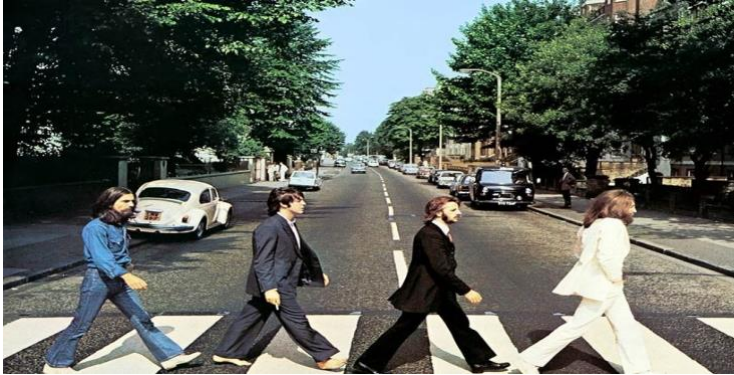
Music in the Cemetery: Fridays at One O'clock! Several folks have asked me if they could contribute financially to this - if you're so inclined, please make a cheque to St. Peter's who steward this lovely spot for all of us." *Thanks - Marilyn*

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.

Our Ultimate goal is your health and safety during worship. Several folks have said that they will not attend ANY gathering until there is a vaccine, and that is certainly wise. All personal decisions will be honoured. It is our intention to film the Sunday service and send it out online.

“Help! I Need Somebody, Not Just Anybody, You Know I need somebody...”



And that **SOMEBODY** is **YOU!**
We are 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.

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!

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+
The Rev. MJ D. Leewis-Kirk,
Incumbent,
The Anglican Church of St. Peter, Quamichan

Our FINANCIAL Picture to May 31/2020 **An update from our Treasurer, Eileen Curtis**

Income YTD = \$71,623 a 38% reduction in income from this time last year
Expenses YTD = \$80,321 a 32% reduction in expenses from this time last year
Loss = **(\$8,697)** This is 12% of the total income.

General Offerings are down because there have been no worship services and only a few of those who give weekly via the offering plate are sending in cheques. Electronic Collection Plate donations are stable. The only group using the hall is the Pre-school whose rents have been reduced to reflect the enrollment. Little to no fundraising has occurred.

The following changes have been made to reduce expenses:

1. Monica was temporarily laid off
2. MJ is working at 75% of her salary
3. There are little or no janitorial costs
4. Garbage pickup is on an as-needed basis
5. Thermostats are set at vacation levels (Hydro/Gas)
6. Lights are only on when used.
7. Paying only for essential office costs such as telephone, photocopier lease and maintenance, and postage.
8. Flowers for worship service have been reduced to one bouquet.

Year to Date Expenses have exceeded income by \$8,697 or 12%. This is mainly due to reduced income, and some capital expenses. The interior painting of the hall and the top dressing of the parking lot were authorized prior to the Covid-19 shut-down. The replacement of the hot water tank and the fire alarm panel repair were post Covid-19 and necessary to ensure safety of the building.

Although we are unable to meet publicly as a worship community, we still need to maintain our buildings and programs. We thank those who continue to give to help meet our operational costs. *We encourage all who normally give on a weekly basis to continue your financial commitment to the parish.* You can mail or drop off a cheque, request an Electronic Collection Plate application, or give online via our website www.stpeterduncan.ca Stay safe! Be kind! Be calm! Together we will weather this storm.

Respectfully Submitted
Eileen Curtis, Treasurer