

St. Peter's Beacon
The Church of St. Peter, Quamichan
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A Prayer for Uncertain Times

O God, we look to you for guidance and direction in all we do. Let your wisdom counsel us, your hand lead us, and your arm support us. We put ourselves into your hands. Breathe into our souls holy and heavenly desires. Conform us to your own image. Make us like our Saviour. Enable us in some measure to live here on earth as he lived, and to act in all things as he would have acted.

Ashton Oxenden (20, 9, 1808 – 22 02-1892) former Bishop of Montreal.

Notice of an Email phishing scam going around again

Folks, just a quick note to let you know that another email scam is going around. Recently, parishioners have reported to me that they have received an email with my name attached asking that they buy \$800 worth of iTunes cards or some other favour. I encourage you to be suspicious of any emails requesting help from me or anyone else in the parish or from any other church in this diocese. It seems that this round is quite convincing, with the sender's address looking legitimate. I assure you that I will not send out such an email. **Do NOT respond, and do NOT forward it, just delete it.** This is happening to many clergy in our churches across Canada.



To Granville Fountain and The Rev. Dr. June Maffin, for their name suggestions for our newsletter! Folks voted for a combination of two suggestions! & A big thank you to Val Major for letting me know that many years ago, the St. Peter newsletter was ...

“The Beacon”! How about that?

Re-Opening News: Recently we received some Q & A from the Leadership team, of our diocese. I thought you might be interested. Here is a summary:

Can we use single-use communion cups?

No. The passing and sharing of the “common cup” is embedded in Anglican practice and theology. We are re-enacting the scriptural account of the Last Supper where, “when supper was ended, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them...” This was an additional single cup, saved till the end of the meal, and shared by all. Our practice is rooted first in Christ's own example.

Can people bring their own bread and wine?

No. An important component of our eucharistic liturgy is the “breaking of the bread” for distribution to the people. This act has two meanings. First, as the “body of Christ,” the breaking of the consecrated bread symbolizes Christ’s own brokenness for our sake. Similarly, there is one cup, the cup of Christ’s own life, which is poured out for us. Second, the fact that all of us share from the same bread, and the same cup is a powerful symbol of the way in which “we, being many, are one body” in Christ. We are literally united by taking the same food and drink into ourselves.

If we worship outside, can we sing?

No. At present, singing is considered a high-risk activity, because singing projects respiratory droplets farther than speaking does. In terms of spreading the virus, it is true that outdoor activities are generally considered safer than indoor activities. However, this is based on the assumption that when outdoors, people are moving about, and thus unlikely to be sharing the respiratory droplets of passersby. This would not be the case in an outdoor church service. In addition, the wind can be an important factor, carrying droplets into others’ faces, even when people are appropriately distanced.

We understand that congregational singing is not permitted, but how many people constitutes a “small choral ensemble”?

The maximum number for an ensemble is four singers, which is a number further governed by the ability to keep a generous distance between singers themselves and the congregation. Between singers, there must be more than 2 meters distance, and singers must not be singing into each other’s space (i.e. facing one another). Further, because singers breathe deeply and need to project their voices, there must be considerably more than two metres space between the singers and the congregation, or anyone else they are facing. We recommend a minimum of 4 meters.

Will the church be continuing with virtual worship when we start to gather in-person again?

Yes. At St. Peter, Quamichan we are gathering a group of gifted folks who are preparing to “film” and broadcast our service on Sunday Morning. 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.



The flowers this week, are given by Doreen Chaperon in loving memory of her mother, Doris Prior.



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

Now You KNOW. During conversations with parishioners over these last several months it's come to my attention that many of you think that Keith and I are from the U.S. Well, that's not quite correct. Both Keith and I were born in Toronto, Keith at Toronto General Hospital and I at Toronto Western Hospital. We were both raised and went to high school in the little town of Weston, ON. Our eldest daughter Alice, was born in Hamilton ON and now resides just outside of Calgary, AB. Our two younger ones were born in Halifax, NS. They both reside in the U.S. We have lived in many areas of Canada and it wasn't until 1995, when Keith was asked to take a position in the U.S. that we moved to Illinois. Keith's engineering specialty is unique, and folks were eager to have his expertise in pipeline safety. We moved to the small town of Libertyville IL. Our eldest attended university and the younger ones began high school, moving on to university there. I worked in the hospital system and then discerned a call to ministry. I was affirmed by the Episcopal church we attended and went on to complete my education at Loyola University and Seabury Western Seminary. In 2013, we joyfully returned home to Canada. I was assistant Priest at St. Lawrence Anglican Church in Calgary and also completed an interim position. Following this, I spent 18 months as the interim priest at St. John's Anglican, Fort Frances (northern Ontario). And then I was called to be your rector, which has been a true delight. If you have ANY questions or queries, please do not hesitate to talk to me, my life is an open book!

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!

LONG-LIFE SECRETS **Wisdom from elders who defied the odds**

"My secret to a long life has been staying away from men. They're just more trouble than they're worth! I also made sure that I got plenty of exercise, eat a nice warm bowl of porridge every morning, and have never gotten married." – Jessie Callahan, Oldest woman in Scotland at age 107

"Have a good wife, two scotches a night, and be easygoing" - Samuel Ball at age 102

"Kindness. Treat people right and be nice to other people." – Gertrude Weaver, - 116

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,
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