



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

St. Peter's Beacon Newsletter

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We are Opening for Worship!

Here we are in September and the time has come to open our doors for worship once again. As with everything in life these days, our worship will look a little different than we are used to but we will be together, sharing in Word and Worship with those who come in person and will be recording the service to upload and share with those who remain at home. Together or at a distance we continue to be community together!

However, the following are some reminders for those of you who will be with us on Sunday.

- We request that you use your own restroom facilities prior to leaving home.
- Parking spots have been marked with a red X to indicate spots to be left clear to ensure distancing in the parking lot
- Masks are required – and disposable masks will be available if needed. There will also be reusable locally made cloth masks available for a small donation.
- The Entrance and Exit are clearly marked. Please follow all signage and keep social distance as per marks on the sidewalk while waiting for entry into the hall.
- Any socializing after the service is to be done outside away from the parking lot and main entrance and physical distancing protocols must be practiced.

A Note from the Church Office

We are so pleased to have Monica back in the office with us once again. During the pandemic, however, *physical* access to the Parish Office is being limited. When possible, please contact the Monica by phone or email. **If access is unavoidable...**

- Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter and exit the lower hall.
- Please wear a mask if you can't maintain social distance.
- Please add your name and contact information to the **CONTACT TRACING** Form on the table outside the Parish Office.
- If you have forms to deliver, please leave them in the tray marked **"DROP OFF"**. If you have items to pick up, they will be left in the tray marked **"PICK UP"**
- The top half of the office door is open. Please remain outside the office to communicate with Monica.

Thank you for your cooperation as we navigate these changing times and adjust to the safety protocols within our diocese.



In Our Community

The flowers on the Altar this week are given by the **Mother's Union** to the Glory of God in memory of members Jean Brockhurst, Barbara Smith and Ann Springford.

We are looking for a few dedicated people to take on the **Ministry of Recycling!** This behind the scenes ministry brings in approximately \$500 each year which is a huge help to our budget – especially during a time when rentals are low because of Covid-19. If this is something you feel called to do – please let us know!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to **Marilyn** for her "Friday Harp Recitals" shared with us this summer. A true gift of peace and a moment of calm and connection was offered and all who attended are so grateful for this gift of music.

Birthday Blessings this week:
Sept 8 – Bob Story

A Prayer for Synod – written by Herbert O’Driscoll

Lord Jesus,
May Your Wisdom be our wisdom;
Your Vision our vision; Your Will our will;
That we may seek, find and call one
Who will Shepherd your people,
Nurture reconciliation, Love your creation,
and speak Hope to the Church and the World,
In Your Name,
Amen



An Election like no other!

The Diocesan Nominating Committee has confirmed seven people to stand for our upcoming episcopal election, to be held as a virtual Synod on September 26th. The following people have put their names forward to stand for election:

- **The Rev. Canon Kevin Arndt**, diocese of British Columbia
- **The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Cooper**, dioceses of Durham and Newcastle
- **The Ven. Douglas Fenton**, diocese of New Westminster
- **The Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee**, diocese of Calgary
- **The Ven. Alastair Singh-McCollum**, diocese of British Columbia
- **The Rev. Lon Towstego**, diocese of British Columbia
- **The Ven. Dr. Dawna Wall**, diocese of British Columbia

Public profiles, including video introductions of each candidate can be found in the Episcopal Transition section of the diocesan website. <https://bc.anglican.ca/episcopal-transition/candidate-information>

Please pray for each of the candidates, synod delegates, officers of synod and staff as they prepare for this historic and unprecedented digital synod.

The synod will take place on September 26 and will be livestreamed on the diocesan website, Facebook and Vimeo. Opening worship is at 9am -10am with the business session beginning at 11am.

A Call to Communication!

As we continue to work remotely to ensure the health and safety of all, we find ourselves looking for a few volunteers to step in and help in the role of Digital Communications at St. Peter's. This important and unique ministry would include such roles as:

- Helping film Sunday morning services in the hall
- Learning and assisting with video editing
- Working with the Transforming Futures team to assist in content for the church website
- Assisting with sound and mic set up and take down
- Other technical communications roles that may arise as we continue to explore being community at a distance such as: creation of Facebook groups, using Facebook live, setting up Zoom meetings and building a website

If you are interested in getting involved or would like to know more, please contact Mark Hird-Rutter at mhirdrutter@shaw.ca

Find us on Facebook as: The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan
Or online at <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/>

Remember! Be kind, Be calm and Be safe ~ Dr. Bonnie Henry

