



# ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### St. Peter's Beacon Newsletter

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### A PRAYER for Uncertain Times

Like your disciples on the road to Emmaus, we are so often incapable of seeing that in you, O Christ, are our companion on the way. But when our eyes are opened we realize that you were speaking to us even though perhaps we had forgotten you. Then the sign of our trust in you is that, in our turn, we try to love, to forgive with you. Independent of our doubts or even our faith, O Christ, you are always there; your love burns in our heart of hearts. **(Brother) Roger Schutz**

### We are OPEN for Worship!

Some reminders for those of you who will be with us on Sunday.

- As there are limited spots in the Hall, please book your space by calling or emailing the office beforehand.
- If you're unable to come on a particular Sunday, please inform the office as we can make the space available to someone else.
- Restroom facilities ARE available for use
- 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.
- We ask that socializing after the service be done outside and physical distancing protocols be practiced.
- The 10 a.m. service is being filmed and the video link will be sent *a few days after the service* and put on the website.
- If you would like to bring your own Book of Common Prayer or BAS to a service you are most welcome to do so. Please do not share with anyone outside of your bubble.

### In Our Community

The flowers in the Church are given by Sheila Sanders to the Glory of God in loving memory of her family.

**Birthday Blessings this week:**  
Sept 17 – Andrew Henderson

### NOTES from the Church Office

During the pandemic *physical* access to the Parish Office is being limited. When possible, please contact Monica by phone or email. **If access is necessary...**

- 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.

We've received the **Church Calendars for 2021**. The cost is \$7 each. If you'd like one, please email or call the office to reserve your copy. The Calendars will be put in an envelope and depending on your preference for pick up, it will be available from the tray outside the office or at one of the 3 services during the week. Payment can be cash or cheque (please make cheques out to **St. Peter's Mothers Union**).

### NEWS from the Diocese!

**RETIREMENT EVENT FOR BISHOP LOGAN** Join the diocese of islands and inlets on October 23 at 7 pm for a special video event in celebration of Bishop Logan McMenamie's ministry. With +Logan as our special live guest, we'll take everyone on a journey that will include photos, music, special messages from all over the diocese, and live-streamed presentations. The event will be viewable on the diocesan website, Vimeo, and Facebook Live, simultaneously. All you need to do is find a comfortable viewing location, and click the link at 7 pm on October 23. The link to the event will be distributed a few days prior to October 23.

**BISHOP'S PURSE** As is customary in the Anglican church, we are collecting a "purse" to express our gratitude to Bishop Logan for his years of dedicated ministry. Per CRA regulations, contributions to the purse are a personal gift to +Logan; a tax receipt will not be issued for any amount. Cheques must be written to "Logan McMenamie." All cheques can be mailed to the synod office and must be received before October 16, 2020. Diocese of BC 900 Vancouver St., Victoria BC V8V 3V7.

### A Priest's Perspective: Worship Possibilities at Home

My dear friend the Rev. Joy Rogers offers this reflection: *As our life with COVID continues, some of us may need some alternatives or additions to our Sunday Zoom liturgy. It might help to have some resources to enrich our prayer and worship life at home.*

*In the church of the first century, there are allusions to the agape feast, the love feast, a communal meal shared by Christians, that may have been associated with the Eucharist, but distinct from it.*

*In modern times the Love feast refers to a Christian ritual meal distinct from the Lord's Supper – a gathering that seeks to strengthen the bonds and the spirit of harmony, goodwill, and congeniality, as well as to forgive past disputes and call us to love one another. Some congregations share the agape meal on Maundy Thursday, after the Eucharist and there are provisions for it in our Book of Occasional Services, as well as the note that it can be done in a home.*

*In this pandemic time of social distancing and separation from each other and from the sacramental life of the church, the Agape meal may offer families and their children a ritual that is not a Eucharist, but uses its familiar elements as part of a special meal, perhaps Sunday lunch or dinner. No clergy required, just members of a household. The faithful could have an experience with the significant symbols of Christian faith, surrounded by family and filled with prayer and love and food. **Here is the [link](#) to Household Prayers at a Meal.***

### Prayers of the People for the Week of September 13-19<sup>th</sup>

#### Members of our Congregation:

Sandee, Dorothy, Audrey, Vital, Teresa, Bob, Frank, Doris, Peter, Jane, Pearl and Connie

#### Anglican Cycle:

Barry and Ansley, Diocesan Leadership Team

Mark, National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop

Lincoln, Bishop-elect, Territory of the People Anglican Church

Congregation of St. Peter, Campbell River & St. Saviour by-the-Sea, Cortes Island

The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Anglican Church of South America

Chris, Jim and Norah, our Clergy

#### Discerning the Call for our Next Bishop in the Diocese:

Kevin, Jennifer, Douglas, Anna, Alastair, Lon and Dawna

#### Government Leaders:

Justin, our Prime Minister, John our Premier, William, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, Al and Michelle our Mayors.

**Parish Families:** Lynne, Frank and Nicholas, Midge