



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

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St. Peter's Beacon Newsletter September 20, 2020

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A PRAYER for Uncertain Times

O God, your Word tells us that, whatever our hands find to do, we must do it with all our might. Help us today to concentrate with our whole attention on whatever we are doing, and keep our thoughts from wandering and our minds from straying. When we are studying, help us to study with our whole mind. When we are playing, help us to play with our whole heart. Help us to do one thing at a time, and to do it well. This we ask for Jesus' sake.

William Barclay

We are OPEN for Worship!

From Rev. MJ - Do you remember when you first began to drive? You were all tensed up, elbows locked, gripping the wheel, trying to look at out the windshield, the review mirrors, the speedometer, the gas gauge, trying to look at the road and where you were on it! Many of us were so tense, we almost gave up, it certainly wasn't an enjoyable activity. I've noticed the same thing when everyone comes into the hall for worship, every one deciding where to sit, making sure that everyone is far enough away, not too much talking, and then leaving quickly. OF COURSE we are telling you to do these things, just as you were instructed to do all of those things when you began driving. However, I also invite you to **relax a little, chat amongst yourselves and enjoy the togetherness while still maintaining physical distance.**



NOTES from the Church Office

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**).

Phishing Scams Please be aware that we have received several reports of renewed "phishing" scam emails being received by staff and parishioners around the Diocese. As a reminder, "phishing" is when someone poses as someone else (usually a person in authority, such as a parish incumbent) and attempts to trick the recipient into sending money or purchasing gift cards on their behalf. Please pay close attention to the actual email address in the From field to ensure the email is actually coming from the real person. Note that all clergy of the diocese use email addresses that start with their first initial, followed by their last name, and then @bc.anglican.ca Remember also that no member of the clergy or diocesan staff would ever ask for money to be sent electronically or to purchase gift cards on their behalf. DO NOT send money by e-transfer or purchase gift cards if requested by email. If you're in doubt about the validity of an email, please call the person who sent it to you and confirm.

In Our Community

The flowers in the Church are given by Elaine Parker and family to the Glory of God in loving memory of Anna Parker on the Anniversary of her birthday, a loving mother, grandmother & great-grandmother.

Birthday Blessings this week:
Sept 22 – Ann Bray

Food Basket Remember that the need to stock The Cowichan Food Basket remains greater than ever. The St. Peter food basket may be found at the entry way. Please continue to bring your donation of non-perishable foods each Sunday and we will make sure they get to those in need.

One of our parishioners Adrian Pickavance is doing a personal weight loss program and he hopes to raise "**A Buck a Pound**". His goal is to lose 60 lbs prior to his 48th birthday (January 28th) and he's currently lost 22 lbs. If you'd like to sponsor him in this endeavour, you can give your donation via offering envelope (please print 'Buck a Pound' on it). All monies will be donated to the church. Good luck Adrian!

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 McMenemy'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 McMenemy." 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). ***If you'd rather not mail them, St. Peter's will also collect money until October 1 after which it will be sent to the synod office.***

Prayers of the People for the Week of September 20-26th

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
David, Bishop, Diocese of Caledonia
Craig and Dyan, Clergy, St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay
Justin, Bishop, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
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, and Al and Michelle our Mayors.

Parish Families: Carmen, Bill and Judi, Linda and Brian

FINAL WORDS OF WISDOM from Kirsten

Occasionally in life, we come across people who are a little bit like wasps... they buzz around, annoying us and frustrating us and then can sting not because we deserve it, or we have done anything wrong but because they don't know how to react any differently...but like a wasp, the sting still hurts. The trick is to not let our experience with the wasp, cloud our judgement or begin to mistrust the gentle bumblebees of the world.

