



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

St. Peter's Beacon Newsletter October 4, 2020

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A PRAYER for Uncertain Times

Prayer of Thomas Merton My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

NOTES from the Church Office

Our **WEBSITE** is continually updated and you'll find lots of interesting news and information not only about our own church but diocesan wide. Check out the newest HOME page photos from parishioner Bill Anderson. You'll also find the October edition of the Diocesan Post in the NEWS section. Go to www.stpeterduncan.ca

From Ann Bray We have now resumed the ministry of **delivering altar flowers** to sick parishioners or those who are unable to get to church. The protocol is to phone ahead and then deliver the flowers to the home. There is no need to enter the house; **however, a mask must be worn as you go to the door.** Please contact me at 250 748-9810 if you are able to assist with this important ministry. Thank you.

The Altar Guild will **decorate the Hall for Thanksgiving** on Saturday, October 10th at 10 a.m. We are asking for donations of fruit and vegetables, which in turn will go to the Cowichan Food Basket. Donations may be dropped off at the office on Friday morning, October 9th or at the Hall the morning of the 10th by 10 a.m. We truly appreciate your support. For further information call Marg Berikoff at 250-746-5625.

KUDOS

Thank you to the following folks who've volunteered to be greeters and/or washroom attendants: Chris Easley, Paulette De Silva, Eileen Curtis, Yolande Gore, Jane James, Owen Benwell, Gwyn King, Catherine Dook, Brian Simmons, Sheila Sanders and Pearl Stoker. It's not a difficult job but it **IS vitally important** in order to continue to hold services during COVID. **We still need more helpers.** If interested, please contact Monica in the Parish Office.

NEWS from the Diocese

In an **HISTORIC VIRTUAL SYNOD** held on September 26, the Diocese of British Columbia elected its 14th bishop. The provincial House of Bishops has given its consent to the election of the **Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee**. For more information on the bishop-elect, go to <https://bc.anglican.ca/news/>

In Our Community

The flowers are given by Ruth Dearman to the Glory of God in loving memory of her dear late husband of 58 years, Bill Hollinger and grandson of 27 years, Joshua Wise, with thanksgiving for the joy they brought in her life time.

Birthday Blessings this week:

October 5 – David Lowe
October 6 – Rick Germann
October 9 – Gwyn King

The PWRDF's World of Gifts Catalogue creates opportunities for people around the world and in Canada. If you have family members who have no great needs and request no gift, then they may be delighted if you gave a PWRDF gift in their name. Choose from **29 gifts** supporting:

- clean water - the most important resource of all in development aid work is WATER. Your gift of \$60 will provide a water tank for a family to keep clean water close at hand.
- personal protective equipment (Cdn gov't will match funds 6:1 for PPEs to prevent spread of Covid-19)
- food security (a single goat provides enough milk for any family) - 1 Goat is \$80, 2 are \$125, 3 are \$170.
- Indigenous communities – your gift of \$50 supports Indigenous youth in business.

To view the **World of Gifts catalogue**, click this [link](#) or you can go to our website for more information.

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).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of October 4th

Members of our Congregation: John, Sandee, Dorothy, Audrey, Vital, Teresa, Bob, Frank, Doris, Peter, Jane, Pearl and Connie

Anglican Cycle:

Anna, Bishop-elect, Diocese of BC	Brian and Heather, Clergy, St. John the Baptist, Duncan
Barry and Ansley, Diocesan Leadership Team	Maimbo, Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga
Mark, National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop	MJ, Chris, Jim and Norah, our Clergy, Kirsten, our
Melissa, Archbishop, Diocese of New Westminster	Seminarian

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

Parish Families: Paul and Val, Graham, John and Ann

NEWS from the Valley

Cowichan Brain Injury Society is seeking caring volunteers to help with programs, serving coffee, and yard work at their location on Cassino Road in Duncan. We invite you to join our great team working with all forms of acquired brain injuries doing leisure therapy. 2-4 hour windows during the day. One-on-one and fundraising volunteer work also available. If interested, please call 250-597-4662 and ask for Donna Kearns.



REFLECTION on Community (from Kirsten)

How can we encourage one another while always at a distance?

Called to be community even during uncertain times.

We must spur each other on towards love.

The day will come when we can be together once again.

When we can meet again face to face, heart to heart, spirit to spirit

Engaged in the community of Christ.

But until then, let us consider creative ways to spur one another on in the ways of good deeds, through prayer and creative connection, encourage one another in Holy love. Until the day when we are all together once more.