



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

The BEACON Newsletter for November 15, 2020

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PRAYER for Uncertain Times



Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

→COVID Street art in Accra, Ghana

Message from the TRANSFORMING FUTURES TEAM

The Transforming Futures Team has created a “Readers Digest” Version listing the proposed options to supplement the video that was released last week. It also contains a voting form for those who are not able to attend the services on November 22 for in-person voting.

- Link for the Video is here: https://youtu.be/2P0_FoCPAss
- Link for condensed version of the newsletter is [HERE](#)
- During the church services on November 22, we plan to give YOU the opportunity to vote for your preferred project idea.

The Transforming Futures Team has done a lot of work looking for possible partners and ways to execute the different options; however, **we need to know which option the parish supports**, in order to proceed further. Then we can go into the community and develop community-based plans with our future partners, knowing the congregation is on side.

We invite you to watch the video and review the newsletter in preparation for the voting on November 22. You can also go to our website www.stpeterduncan.ca to view the video or read the newsletter.

In Our Community

The flowers are given by Tricia Datene to the Glory of God in loving memory of her wonderful husband, Will.

Birthday Blessings this week:

Nov 17 – Bill Anderson
Nov 18 – Don Lee
Nov 18 – Raquel Luxmoore
Nov 20 - Linda Obert

BUILDING Update

Water damage in the lower hall has once again occurred. Areas affected: lounge, storage area for Messy Church and small area under the stairs along with carpeting in the north hallway. Remediation is underway. The preschool closed for 2 days until it was determined that its space was not impacted. Drywall issues don't seem to be a problem which is good news. There is, however, a plumbing issue - drainage into the area on the east side of the hall that is currently being looked into. We are blessed to have Mark Oldnall as he is taking on this challenging project - to see it through and make sure this doesn't happen again!

OUTREACH News - love your neighbour...

We have been asked to help the homeless people living in the temporary shelters that have been set up in the Valley. They need **winter coats and winter weight sleeping bags** to keep warm. If you can donate items, please bring them to the church parking lot on Sundays for Sheila to collect in her car after each service. **Cash donations to Outreach are also welcome**, as we continue to support the local Food Bank, Nourish Cowichan and the PWRDF. Please contact Sheila Sanders at 250-748-3651 for more info.

PWRDF Diocesan and Parish Representatives

PWRDF is an important ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada. In many dioceses across our country, including our own and certainly here at St. Peter Quamichan, it is high on our list of passions for ministry. Parishioner Geoff Strong has been an active and passionate Diocesan Representative working diligently on behalf of the least and the lost of our world. **Thank you Geoff for your dedicated ministry in the church and in the world.**

At this time, it's a lot of extra work for Geoff to undertake his work for PWRDF on so many levels, and he'd like a bit of help right here at St. Peter Quamichan. **Please let Geoff know if you have any interest in being the Parish Rep for St. Peter. You can be sure he'll help you out as much as possible.**

If you have **ANY PWRDF related questions**, please feel free to email Geoff at pwrdf@bc.anglican.ca.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of November 15

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

Anglican Cycle:

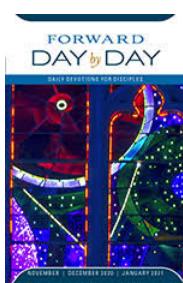
- Anna, Bishop-elect, Diocese of BC
- Barry and Ansley, Diocesan Leadership Team
- Mark, National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop
- Lynne, Bishop, Diocese of Kootenay
- Karen, Priest, Christ Church, Gabriola
- Dhiloraj and Keerthisiri, Bishops, Church of Ceylon
- MJ, Chris, Jim and Norah, our Clergy, Kirsten, our Seminarian

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

Parish Families: Chris, Richard, Susan

FORWARD DAY by DAY

Have you ever wondered about these books? Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary. Each month's meditation is written by a different author, providing fresh and diverse messages to readers on a regular basis. (Our parish office sells them for \$2 each and a new one is produced every 3 months). Here's the entry for Friday November 13...



James 1:18 - In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

In ancient times, the first fruits of the fields were given as a tithe – the finest and choicest produce was delivered as a tribute to God and for the sustenance of those who served in the temple. If you garden, you know that the first harvest is usually the prettiest. By the end of the season, the fruits of your labour are a little lumpier, smaller, a bit more blemished. They still taste delicious and nourish bodies with their nutrients. Some are even sweeter for their longevity.

When we hear that we are the “first fruits” in the scriptures, we are being told that we are the finest, most delectable fruits of creation. As such, we are dedicated to God. We may often feel a bit more like the banged-up carrot in the bottom of the patch. I suspect, if we asked, we might find out that the oldest, gnarliest turnip in the bunch gives God as much pleasure as the unblemished one.

*Moving forward...*this weekend, find a special way to offer up the first fruits of your day – your time and your attention – to God.