



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

The BEACON Newsletter for December 13, 2020

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The Grace and the Impatience to Wait

An ADVENT POEM by Walter Brueggemann

In our secret yearnings we wait for your coming, and in our grinding despair we doubt that you will. And in this privileged place we are surrounded by witnesses who yearn more than do we and by those who despair more deeply than do we. Look upon your church and its pastors in this season of hope which runs so quickly to fatigue and this season of yearning which becomes so easily quarrelsome. Give us the grace and the impatience to wait for your coming to the bottom of our toes, to the edge of our fingertips. We do not want our several worlds to end. Come in your power and come in your weakness in any case and make all things new. Amen.



VIRTUAL SERVICES during December

You will be receiving a copy of your Christmas Letter from Reverend MJ in the next week or so. *Here's an excerpt from the letter....*

"We have a number of wonderful services to take you through the remainder of the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Keep watch in the Beacon, on St. Peter's website <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca> and on our Facebook page, (The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan) for links and bulletins to the following services:

Need some
**"Christ"
mas?**
Virtual
Services@
[stpeterduncan.ca](https://www.stpeterduncan.ca)

Advent III – A reminder of the Joy of Advent (December 13)

Advent IIII – A reminder of the Love of Advent (December 20)

The Longest Night Service – This is a special service of Comfort and Light in the Midst of Darkness. Many loving hands came together to bring this service to you during these uncertain days. (December 21)

Christmas Eve Service for those young at heart – This will be a take on our early Christmas Eve service with a focus for young families and spread the Joy that comes with the Christ child.

Christmas Eve Contemplative Service – This year we will be offering a candle lit service of Taizé style of music and quiet reflection, for those who need to quiet their hearts, simplify the season and take a moment to reflect on the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Day – We will be providing a service of the Word for Christmas Day! A day of joy and celebration that we can share together, from the comfort of our own homes.

All of these services can be accessed at any time once the links have been sent out. I invite you to watch and re-watch them, to spend time with them, to sing along and sit back and enjoy the season with us in this way".

↑↑ Many thanks to Liz and Roger Williams for their initiative and creativity. Even though we're not "doing church" in the traditional way, we still want to get the message out that we ARE WORSHIPPING albeit on-line. Liz and Roger have generously funded these signs to advertise our message.

FLOWER CALENDAR for Special Occasions and Flowers in Memory of...

The Flower Calendar is ready to fill in for 2021; however, due to COVID restrictions, the calendar will **not** be posted on the hall notice board. If you wish to add your name to a special date, please contact Elaine Parker by email (elainebparker@gmail.com) or phone (250-748-2889). Special thanks to Doreen Chaperon for preparing the calendar and Elaine for looking after the scheduling while our activities are curtailed.

ADVENT GREETINGS (from The Reverend Dr. June Maffin)

Some of you are following the "**Church Year Reflections**" on Facebook where a short reflection is offered throughout the Church Year from the ... four Sundays in Advent ... to Christmas ... to each of the Twelve Days of Christmas ... to Epiphany ... and other important days throughout the Christian Church Year.

You are all welcome to join the Church Year Reflections FB group:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/soulistrychurchyear> (3 security questions need to be answered before entry to the group) or read the same Reflections throughout the year on the **Soulistry-Artistry of the Soul blog**: <http://www.soulistry.com/blog> where they will also be posted (and there is no need to answer the security questions there).

If you are looking for a particular topic (grief, advent, community - whatever) or a particular holy day (Advent 4, Second Day of Christmas, Lent 2 etc), just type it into the search function on the blog (upper right hand corner on most computers/phones).

May this coming Church Year bring good health and safety to us all. Advent blessings to you, **June**.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of December 13

Members of our Congregation: Rocke, Don, Audra, Cindy, Ruth, John, Bill, Jane, Peter, Vera, Sandee, Jennifer, Dorothy, Audrey, Vital, Theresa, Bob, Frank, Doris, Pearl, Connie and Brandon.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop-elect, Diocese of BC
- Barry and Ansley, Diocesan Leadership Team
- Mark, National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop
- David, Bishop, Diocese of Caledonia
- Congregation of Holy Trinity, Sooke
- Timothy, Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands
- 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: Yolande, Barry and Mignonne, Alan, Monica, Matthew, Dominic, Liam and Nicholas

Birthday Blessings this week: Mary Johnson (Dec 13), Peter Fowler (Dec 13), Bud Fulton (Dec 14), Gloria Knudsen (Dec 16), Grace Oldnall (Dec 16), Frank Pietrzak (Dec 17), Peggy Ryzak (Dec 18).

Cathedral brings Christmas LESSONS AND CAROLS Service to living rooms across the Diocese

In the absence of large, indoor gatherings this year, the cathedral will broadcast its beloved Christmas Lessons and Carols service in a special television event on CHEK TV on December 20 (with rebroadcasts on December 24 and 25). The candlelit service with readings by some familiar community voices, features a mixture of carols old and new sung by a small cohort from the cathedral's excellent choirs.

If you can't make the CHEK TV broadcast, you can also watch the service on the cathedral website at 7 p.m. on Sunday December 20 (www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/live) or **on demand** following the website broadcast. Other chances to watch the service on CHEK TV:

- December 24, 2020 at 10 p.m.
- December 25, 2020 at 11 p.m.