



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

The **BEACON** Newsletter for January 10, 2021

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What is the EPIPHANY SEASON?

A season of four to nine weeks, from the Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season.

CD of SONGS FOR CHRISTMAS

We've received many positive responses from parishioners regarding the Christmas CD. Here is an excerpt from a card received from John and Ruth Dearman: *"What a nice surprise, it was to receive such a lovely Christmas CD from St. Peter's. It's something we will always treasure. Barry we look forward to hearing more from you and Kirsten as soon as St. Peter's re-opens its doors... It was a true COVID-togetherness idea"*.

AND from Doreen Chaperon: *"I kept it in my car to enjoy to and from town. I was impressed with the beautiful card. Please thank the ladies in Nanaimo who made the cards"*.

If you haven't already listened to this CD, you can find it on our website: www.stpeterduncan.ca under the **NEWS** Heading.

ALTAR FLOWER Requests

Altar Flowers are an opportunity to remember a loved one or to mark a special occasion such as an anniversary or birthday. We currently have some empty spaces on our Altar Flower Calendar, specifically Jan 17, 24, 31 and Feb 7, 14. If you have a request, please call Chris Easley at (250) 597-0075 as soon as possible. Thank you.

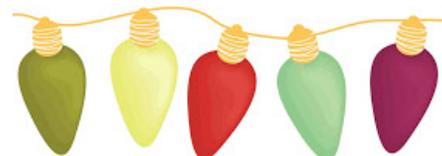


FORWARD DAY BY DAY Books

The books have arrived for February, March and April. These books offer daily meditation and accompanying scripture. The books can be found on the table outside the office. The cost of the book is \$2. Please put the money into the jar found by the books.

IN APPRECIATION

Many thanks to our First Carpenter's Crew headed by Pat Thomson who made sure that we still had Christmas lights brightening the church pathway. Even though in-person services are suspended, it was still lovely to see the cheerful lights as they quietly beckoned us closer. *Soon, we hope....*



ST. PETER QUAMICHAN ANNUAL REPORT for 2020



For many, 2020 is a year that they want to forget and put behind them; however, here are TWO reasons why it still needs to be acknowledged and recorded. The FIRST is that an annual report is **an act of gratitude toward God**, like writing a thank you note to God. Even if we didn't have our best year, good things DID happen, and we can express our gratitude to God. The SECOND reason is that an annual report is an **official record of our history**. Every year, we send a copy of the annual report to the Diocesan Archives

and if anyone wants to read up on any given year in our 150+ years of history, it's all right there, accurately recorded! The Annual Report is a record of the times in which we live and COVID-19 has had a huge impact on everyone locally, nationally and globally. It's important that our report reflect these challenges as well as our willingness to adapt! It is indeed a testimony to the love, resourcefulness and commitment of our leadership teams that the life of St. Peter Quamichan continues to flourish and to move forward.

At this time, we are unsure when, where or how the AMP (Annual Meeting of Parishioners) will take place; however, the **annual report will be distributed on February 5th regardless**. In order to allow adequate time for editing and formatting, we respectfully ask **Team Leaders to please submit your report no later than Monday January 25**. Thank you for your ministry at St. Peter, Quamichan and in the world.

DIOCESAN News



The Diocesan E-Post for January 2021 has been posted to our website: www.stpeterduncan.ca under the **NEWS** Heading. Many good articles, have a read!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of January 10:

Members of our Congregation: Rocke, Sandee, Jennifer, Vera, Vital, Teresa, Frank, Pearl, Brian, 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
- Andrew and Christine, Clergy, St. Anne & Edmund, Parksville & Church of the Good Shepherd, Lasqueti Island
- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- MJ, Chris, Jim and Norah, our Clergy, Kirsten, our Seminarian

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

Parish Families: Jim, Linda, Anita

Birthday Blessings this week: Irene Forsyth (January 11)