



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

The BEACON Newsletter for March 21, 2021

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LIST OF UPCOMING ONLINE SERVICES from Palm Sunday to Easter



March 28th - Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

April 1 - Maundy Thursday and Handwashing

April 2 - A Service for Good Friday

April 2 - Environmental Stations of the Cross (churches from across the Diocese including St. Peter's will be participating)

April 3 - Holy Saturday Morning

April 4 - Easter Sunday

All services are pre-recorded and will be posted to our website as they're made available. Here is the link to the page: <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/sermons/keeping-holy-week>

BOTTLE AND CAN RECYCLING

We are very grateful to **Ron and Nancy Parker** for diligently collecting and returning the empties to the bottle depot. And thanks to everyone who continues to bring their empties to the church and to those who take them directly to the **Island Return It** and add them to the St. Peter Quamichan account. Every little bit helps!

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

Flowers in the church will resume on Easter Sunday. Currently, **the dates April 11th and 18th are open for flowers in the church** either in memory of or in celebration of a special occasion. **All dates in the month of May are open as well.** To sign up, please call Marg Berikoff at 250-746-5625 or email j.m.berikoff@shaw.ca Once in-person services resume, the Flower Calendar will be posted in the hall.

MESSY CHURCH IN A BAG for March 2021

The creative and innovative Messy Church Team are at it again! This month's Messy Church in a Bag is all about messy builders. Listen to the **Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders**, sing some songs and take part in other activities. The video link is here: <https://vimeo.com/522571386> as well as on our website under the heading **Ministries** and then scroll down to **Messy Church in a Bag**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Self Guided Walk



The Stations of the Cross (also called the Way of the Cross) is a traditional liturgical devotion commemorating the last day of Jesus' life. The devotion originated with pilgrims in Jerusalem retracing the traditional steps Jesus is believed to have followed on Good Friday. Since not all Christians could make pilgrimages to Jerusalem, however, the custom arose of replicating the devotion in congregational and individual settings, often with images or carvings on the walls of a church to commemorate each of the traditional 14 stations (or stops) on the Way of the Cross.

At St. Peter's, we have a **year-round installation of the Stations of the Cross** in our cemetery. Due to COVID, we won't be doing our *traditional* Stations of the Cross; however, we have set up a self-guided walkabout. At each of the 14 stations, you will find a laminated page with a short reading, prayer and time for meditation. With many spring flowers starting to bloom, it's a lovely time to take a walk through the cemetery.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of March 21:

Members of our Congregation: Bob, Andrea, Peggy, Louise, Rocke, Sandee, Jennifer, Vera, Vital, Teresa, Frank, Pearl, Brandon and Connie.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Mark, National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop
- David, Bishop, Diocese of Caledonia
- Ellen, Priest, Parish of Pender & Saturna Islands
- The Church of England
- 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: Marianne, Ron and Nancy

Birthday Blessings this week: Mike Coleman (March 23), Rob Smith (March 23), Chris Easley (March 23), Mark Hird-Rutter (March 25), Frank Fisher (March 26), Nancy Parker (March 26)



SPARE MICROWAVE?

We are in need of a “gently used” microwave for the lower hall kitchen. The present one is definitely on its last legs. If you have one that you don’t need anymore, please let Rev MJ or Monica know.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, an IRISH LIMERICK to tangle your tongue....



A tutor who tooted the flute
Tried to teach two young tooters to toot;
Said the two to the tutor:
“Is it harder to toot, or
To tutor two tooters to toot?”

And an IRISH BLESSING to wrap you in its warmth...

May God give you, for every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share,
For every sign, a sweet song, And an answer for each prayer.

