

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS for March 12 - 18

Monday March 12	Office CLOSED Quilters meet 9 to 1 p.m. Tone Chimes at 7 p.m. in the Church	Thurs March 15	Office open 9 to 1 p.m. Yoga at 9:15 a.m. in the Hall Holy Eucharist Service at 10 a.m. in the Church followed by fellowship in the Lounge Choir Practice at 7 p.m. in the Church Cow. Hist. Society meets at 7 p.m. in the Hall
Tuesday March 13	Office open 9 to 1 p.m. Spinners & Weavers at 9:45 a.m. in the Hall Tai Chi at 10 a.m. in the Lower Hall Bible Study meets at 12:30 in Room A	Friday March 16	Office open 9 to 1 p.m. Hunger for Healing at 10 a.m. in the Lounge
Wed March 14	Office open 9 to 1 p.m. Tai Chi at 10 a.m. in the Hall The Good Book Club at 1 p.m. in Room A Concetti Singers meet at 6:45 p.m. in the Hall	Saturday March 17	
		Sunday March 18	Holy Communion Service at 8 a.m. in the Church Holy Eucharist Service at 10 a.m. in the Church

The **EASTER LETTER** is available for pick up today! To help the parish reduce postal fees, please pick up the letters for your neighbours and friends who are not at church today and hand deliver them. Thank you.



TODAY Mothering Sunday has its origins in Middle Ages and is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (mid-Lent). It was the tradition for young people to be allowed to travel back to their homes to attend their Mother Church with their families, often bringing a small gift or flowers to their mothers. An alternative name for this day was "Refreshment Sunday." Some churches set out drinks and cakes in the church porch for the travelling apprentices and serving girls. More likely this name came from the Gospel – St. John 6:5-41 referring to the feeding of the 5000. The Epistle – Galatians 4:6-31 refers to Jerusalem as the "Mother of us all." These Propers were used in the 1662 Prayer Book. Simnel Cake would be served at the family meal after the church

service. The origin of Simnel Cake has been lost in time but one story is that Simon and Nell prepared a cake for the celebrations, after mixing the ingredients they could not decide whether to boil it or bake it, so they did both. The cake is topped with almond paste and twelve balls representing the twelve apostles. In keeping with the tradition of Mothering Sunday, **St. Peter's Mother's Union has made Simnel Cake which will be available at Morning Coffee. We hope you'll join us!**

Please note that our Parish Administrator Monica will be away this week. Please welcome **JACKY BAYLISS** who will be providing office relief March 13-16. Thank you Jacky!



The Altar Guild will hold a **PALM CROSS WORKBEE** on Friday March 23rd at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room in the Lower Hall. Please come and join in the fun of preparing Crosses for our Palm Sunday Service. For further information, call Marg Berikoff 250-746-5625

This week, Bishop Logan announced that the **REV. CLARA PLAMONDON** has been appointed incumbent of the Anglican Church of St. Paul, Nanaimo, effective June 1st. Rev. Clara's last Sunday at St. John the Baptist in Duncan will be on May 27. We ask your prayers for the People of God at St. John's and for Rev. Clara, as they embark on their journey of transition and interim ministry.



Our next **PARISH OUTREACH BREAKFAST** will be on Saturday March 24th at 9 a.m. Our guest speaker is Sybille Sanderson of the Emergency Management division of Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD). The title of her talk is "Earthquake Preparedness and You". We're warned to expect a major earthquake in Cowichan Valley at any time during the next few decades. Don't be caught unprepared! A sign-up sheet is provided in the church hall. Please sign up or RSVP geoff.strong@shaw.ca or call 250-710-8011 before Wed. March 21st so that Geoff can determine what groceries to buy. Visitors and volunteers are welcome as usual!

Please mark your calendars for these **UPCOMING SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S:**



March 25	Passion/Palm Sunday (8 and 10 a.m. services)
March 26	Choral Evensong at 7 p.m.
March 27	Taizé Service at 7 p.m.
March 28	Celtic Evensong at 7 p.m.
March 29	Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m.
March 30	Good Friday/Stations of the Cross at 10 a.m.
March 31	Holy Saturday Quiet Service at 9 a.m.
	Easter Vigil at 7 p.m.
April 1	Easter Sunday (8 and 10 a.m. services)

KUDOS KORNER Kudos to Diana Sly and Trish Peebles for organizing the Siamsa on Friday evening. Another fundraiser providing fun, fellowship and the display of talents. God bless both Diana and Trish in their daily lives and within Ministry.

Serving on Sunday March 11, 2018			Serving on Sunday March 18, 2018		
Rector:	Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk		Rector:	Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk	
Sacristan:	Kathy York		Sacristan:	Kathy York	
	8 a.m.	10 a.m.		8 a.m.	10 a.m.
Deacon:		Rev. Norah Fisher	Deacon:		Rev. Norah Fisher
Liturgical Asst:	Lynne Adam	Gregg Perry	Liturgical Asst:	B. Simmons	Phyllis Strong
Readers:	Mike Coleman	Marilyn Rummel Sheila Sanders	Readers:	G. Fountain	G. Strong C. Wilson
Intercessor:	Kathy York	Gregg Perry	Intercessor:	D. Johnson	T. Peebles
Chalice:	Linda Howie	Eileen Curtis Mark Oldnall	Chalice:	G. King	M. Hird-Rutter J. Hird-Rutter
Greeters:	Audrey Loewen	Barry Greenhalgh Carol Coleman	Greeters:	Audrey Loewen	D. Lowe P. Lowe
Music Director:		Barry De Silva	Music Director:		Barry De Silva
Altar Guild:	M. Berikoff, G. Cox, B. Mountain		Altar Guild:	D. Chaperon, D. Sly, T. Peebles, M. Johnson	
Coffee:	Mary Johnson Cathy Wilson	Gordon & Vickie Oldnall	Coffee:	John Berikoff M. Berikoff	M. Greenhalgh M. Nicoll
Readings:	Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21		Readings:	Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-13, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33	

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The Parish Office is open Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Following a Statutory Holiday, the office is closed on the Tuesday and reopens on the Wednesday at 9 a.m.			