



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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WEEKLY SERVICES: Thursday at 10 a.m., Sunday at 8 a.m. (BCP) AND 10 a.m. (BAS)

Our 10 a.m. service on Sunday is livestreamed. For Sunday April 28, click on OR copy and paste

this LINK into your web browser <https://vimeo.com/937428036>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **CHERRY POINT ARTISTS Spring Show and Sale – THIS WEEKEND** - Friday & Saturday April from 10 to 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Hall. Featuring fine art paintings and pottery. Free Admission.
- **DUNCAN CHORAL SINGERS present Sing Into Spring THIS SUNDAY** at 2 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church (Duncan). Tickets are available at the door and are \$15 each.
- **DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING/SHARING FAITH** starts on Thursday May 2nd at 2 p.m. in the lower lounge. **Sign up sheet in the Hall.**
- **HARP AND BELL CHOIR CONCERT** on Sunday May 5th at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Hall.
- **SPRING HANGING BASKETS** are ready for pick up on Sunday May 12th at St. Peter's Hall
- **BOARD GAME CAFÉ** on May 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall
- **ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY CONVERSATION AND SOUP LUNCH** on Sunday May 19th at 11:30 a.m. in the Hall. **Sign up sheet in the Hall for 5 pots of soup, 5 dozen buns and a clean up crew.**
- **ST. PETER'S OUTDOOR SERVICE & BBQ** on Sunday June 30th at 10 a.m.
- **TAIZE SERVICE IN THE CEMETERY** on Wednesday July 17th at 7 p.m.
- **ST. PETER'S GARAGE SALE** on Saturday July 27th – see below

NEW QR CODE



Our eagle-eyed parishioners may notice that St. Peter's has a **NEW QR code** (top right corner of the Beacon). Rather than sending you to the website, this QR code gives you a few options so you can go *directly* to the website page that you're looking for.

Open the Camera app on your phone. Hold your phone so that the QR code appears in view. Tap the notification to open the link. From there, you can choose the weekly sermon, the livestream link, the Beacon etc. Why not try it out now!!

CHRISTIAN BOOK AND MUSIC



...recently sent out their Spring Catalogue and they have a sale until June 15. The sale includes many gift ideas for Mother's and Father's Day, school graduation, engagements and weddings as well as books for all ages and occasions. Their store in Victoria **delivers to the Valley (free of charge) every Wednesday** so if you place an order over the phone, they'll bring it to St. Peter's. To see their gift selections, go to their website: www.christianbookandmusic.com

SPEAKING OF BOOKS...

John J. Thatamanil, one of the speakers at the We Together Conference, and diocesan theologian has recommended **2 books:** Circling the Elephant: A Comparative Theology of Religious Diversity **AND** Religion at the Edge: Nature, Spirituality and Secularity in the Pacific Northwest. Perhaps add to your summer reading list!



GARAGE SALE

It's never too early to start preparing for St. Peter's annual garage sale! If you're downsizing or clearing out closets, why not put aside a couple of boxes for items that you no longer need but are in good sellable condition? **Here are some ideas:** tools, housewares, sporting equipment, Xmas decorations, furniture items, fiction and non-fiction books, towels and linen, toys etc. We ask that you store these items until the week of July 22 when they can be brought to the church. *More details to come...*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of April 28:

Members of our Congregation: Alison, Cory, Jim, Merle, Judi, Jason, Vital, Beverley, Ethel, Connie, Gordon, Doreen, Robin, Hazel, Brandon.

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Dunstan, Gordon Head
- Jim and Norah our Clergy
- The Church of Bangladesh

Government Leaders: Justin, our Prime Minister, David our Premier, Cindy, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and Rob and Michelle our mayors.

Birthday Blessings this week: Catherine McNeill (April 30), Jennifer Perry (May 1), Logan McMenemy (May 1), John Dearman (May 4)

Parish Families: Gregg and Jennier Perry, Rev. David and Mily Peterson, Allison and Chris Pierce.

Flowers this week: The flowers on the Reredos are given to the Glory of God by Norah Fisher in loving memory of Frank.

Our Call to Humility in A Time of Sacred Beginning

Spring is before us and thus a sacred beginning. Beginnings and new life are ever before us as children of creation. To think that we all start out with-in the circle of a sacred beginning, a call of the Creator, (Isaiah 6:8)! How we respond in that moment determines our personal journey. But too often in the journey of life and faith, we place ourselves too highly on the scale of importance, thinking that it is for us to change the world and to correct and call out injustices. Humility teaches us that we should never elevate ourselves and that we should instead do our small part which, combined with the efforts of others in our community, helps make up a greater whole. No one we look up to and admire got there by themselves; instead, they walked with and behind a greater host and community of leaders before them. None became famous without the approval of others. Our humble beginnings and call all need to be remembered in humility. None of us human beings are perfect; we all have failed and offended. And yet Christ came to be one with us—he lived, died and rose again for us that we might have a new and sacred beginning with our Creator God.

Author: Archbishop Chris Harper is the national Indigenous archbishop of the Anglican Church of Canada.

