



# 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 this week, please use this link to watch the service LIVE: <https://www.stpeterduncan.ca/sermons/current-service>

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- “STRINGS” CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Sunday December 22 at 2 p.m. in the Hall.
- ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE – Sunday December 22 at 5 p.m. in the Church
- CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – Tuesday December 24 at 4 p.m. and at 11 p.m.
- CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE – Wednesday December 25 at 10 a.m.
- CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS – Sunday December 29 at 10 a.m.
- EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS – Sunday January 5 at 10 a.m. Regular service at 8 a.m.
- NO MIDWEEK SERVICE ON DECEMBER 26 OR JANUARY 2

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The fourth candle of Advent represents **LOVE**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us.

**AS ADVENT DRAWS TO A CLOSE WITH THE BUSY CHRISTMAS SEASON CLOSE ON ITS HEELS, take comfort in these words by Mary Oliver.**

## Making the House Ready for the Lord

written by Mary Oliver

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you. Under the sink, for example, is an uproar of mice — it is the season of their many children.

What shall I do?

And under the eaves and through the walls the squirrels have gnawed their ragged entrances - but it is the season when they need shelter, so what shall I do?

And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow; what shall I do?

Beautiful is the new snow falling in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly up the path, to the door. And still I believe you will come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-geese, know that really I am speaking to you whenever I say, as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.



## HELP WANTED TO PREPARE REFRESHMENTS FOR MIDWEEK SERVICE ON THURSDAY MORNINGS

Please see Liz Williams if you're able to help with this ministry.

## TREASURER'S YEAR END REMINDERS



Our Treasurer Eileen Curtis will be in the office on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 to NOON to receive end of the year donations. To receive a tax receipt for 2024 contributions, all amounts **need to be dated or postmarked December 31, 2024, or earlier**. Any monies received after that date will be credited as 2025 contributions.

Please make sure that all cheques written for contributions or sale purchases must be made out to **The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan**.

## AUTHOR MEET AND GREET

The Reverend Dr. Harold Munn returns to St. John the Divine, Victoria on Saturday, January 4 from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. to discuss his new book "Faith in Doubt - How My Dog Made Me an Atheist and Atheism Made Me a Priest - An Experiment in Faith". Come and hear Harold talk about this new endeavour and be prepared to ask questions. Bring your friends (those who are church goers, and those who are not). Bring a brown bag lunch, tea and coffee provided.

**To register**, please contact [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) or call 250-383-7169 ext 226. For more information concerning Harold Munn or to order his book please visit [www.haroldmunnbooks.com](http://www.haroldmunnbooks.com)

## NOTE FROM THE WARDENS - it's that time of year again ....



Please consider stepping forward to become a parish councillor for 2025.

It's an opportunity to be active in parish decision making, and to learn what it takes to manage the affairs of the Parish. No experience necessary. Contact Mark Oldnall (250 710-8900) or Liz Williams (250 246-8964) if you would like to stand for election to council.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of December 22:

**Members of our Congregation:** Mark, Jane, Robin, Jim, Ann, Alison, Cory, Jason, Vital, Connie, Gordon, Doreen, Hazel, Brandon.

### Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- Chaplains and Chaplaincies
- The Church of the Province of Uganda

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

**Birthday Blessings this week:** Adele MacLeod (December 21), Carmen Allen (December 27)

**Parish Families:** Tim and Jane Stewart, Pearl Stoker, Pat Thomson

## OFFICE CLOSURE



**The church office will be closed from December 21 until Tuesday January 7.** If there is a pastoral care emergency during this time, please call **Reverend Jim Holland at 250-732-2650**.

## THE GRINCH GETS THE LAST WORD FOR 2024



As Dr. Seuss's famous Grinch character said: "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more."