



# ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### BEACON Newsletter – February 2, 2025



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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>

#### A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FOR JIM



“Why can’t everyone just get along?” This is a common refrain from Rev. Jim during staff meetings or after a particularly tough day. Or “everything will be just fine”, let’s not poke the bear if we don’t have to! We’ve been so fortunate to have Rev. Jim for the past 2 ½ years. Our “zen like” priest is the calm in the storm. The soothing balm over any harsh words, the wise words summarizing a tangled and messy issue. As Rev. Jim and Selinde head to Bellingham for his radiation treatment, we wish him all the very best and look forward to his short but sweet return for Ruth Dearman’s funeral on April 5 and Holy Week and Easter services!

#### THE VERY REVEREND ANSLEY TUCKER RETURNS TO ST PETER QUAMICHAN

Though we wish it could be under different circumstances, we are SO pleased to welcome back **The Very Reverend Ansley Tucker** who will preside at the 10 a.m. Sunday services starting on February 9.

Along with Rev. Ansley, we are so fortunate to have **Reverend William Pike** and **Pastor Liz Kuglin-Alyea** who will alternate presiding at the 8 a.m. service on Sundays. Additionally, Pastor Liz will lead the midweek eucharist on Thursday mornings.

St. Peter’s Church Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Crescent Society Annual General Meeting will be held in the hall on **Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Following the 10 a.m. service in the church, lunch will be provided.

There will be **NO 8 a.m. service on this day.**

**The ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024** will be emailed to the parish on Friday February 7.

Please let Monica know if you’d like a paper copy of the report.

#### FRAUD & SCAM ALERT TARGETING SENIORS - BE ALERT AND STAY SAFE

On the rise are fraudsters phoning unsuspecting people, especially seniors, claiming they are calling from “your bank’s fraud department”. Here’s how the scam works:



- You’ll receive a phone call from your bank from someone in the Fraud Department.
- The scammer explains that your card has been flagged for suspicious activity, and you need to prove that you have your card.
- They will then ask questions asking for your details including card number and 3-digit code.

Police say, “hang up straight away and call your bank if you think there is an issue”.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of February 2:

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

### Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Diocesan and Synod Office Staff
- St. Peter's Clergy and Lay Assistants
- Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

**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:** Trish Peebles (February 2), Bea Fulton (February 8)

**Parish Families:** Frank Bollinger, Paul and Val Borthistle, Ann Bray

**Flowers this week:** The flowers on the reredos are given to the glory of God by Chris and Allison Pierce in appreciation and thanks for the faithful commitment of all those making Crescent Homes a safe, welcoming facility for 57 years.

GET  
UP OFF  
OF YOUR KNEES.  
COME OUT OF YOUR  
CHURCHES, YOUR MOSQUES,  
YOUR TEMPLES. GOD CAN HEAR  
YOUR PRAYERS FOR PEACE, JUSTICE,  
AND HOPE IN THIS BROKEN WORLD JUST  
FINE WHILE YOU'RE OUT CREATING PEACE,  
WORKING FOR JUSTICE, AND GIVING HOPE TO  
THIS BROKEN WORLD. WHEN ARE WE FINALLY  
GOING TO REALIZE THAT HUMANITY IS THE SOLUTION  
TO INHUMANITY? WHEN WILL WE FINALLY UNDERSTAND  
THAT WE ARE ALL DROPS OF THE SAME OCEAN, HURTING  
TOGETHER, HEALING TOGETHER, HOPING TOGETHER?  
SO DON'T JUST PRAY FOR HANDS TO HEAL THE HURTING.  
PRAY WITH HANDS THAT ARE HEALING THE HURTING.  
DON'T JUST PRAY FOR ARMS TO HELP THE HELPLESS.  
DON'T JUST PRAY FOR FEET TO RESPOND TO NEED.  
PRAY ON FEET THAT ARE RESPONDING TO NEED.  
DON'T JUST PRAY FOR SOMEONE TO DO SOMETHING.  
BE SOMEONE WHO DOES SOMETHING.  
DON'T JUST PRAY FOR ANSWERS.  
BE THE ANSWER.

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