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With Gratitude, the Diocese of British Columbia acknowledges that for thousands of years the Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth, and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, worship, and play. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

From the Editor

As I write this introduction to our first issue of Spirit – Spring 2024, the sunshine is streaming in and lighting up our kitchen and family room; it is a balmy 18 degrees C. under our backyard deck! Spring is Now!

We set a theme of “Then and Now” to see what creativity it might spark. Many thanks to all who submitted articles for this issue. We have received such a variety.

Then and now. That’s Lent and Easter! A chance to reflect as well as to look forward! Check out “Stephanie’s Stories.”

Many reports reflect how we are doing and what we have been doing as a congregation: Wardens reflect on the year as well as what is ahead; our Finances – another area on which we can all reflect; our building – did you notice the cross is now back up on the roof over the front door? Zoom brings us together in many ways; and ACW has been as busy as ever!

There are sections on what’s been happening, ongoing events, and outreach. Be sure to check out the article on the advance care course, and the article on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from a Christian perspective written by a retired Anglican Dean and theological educator in England.

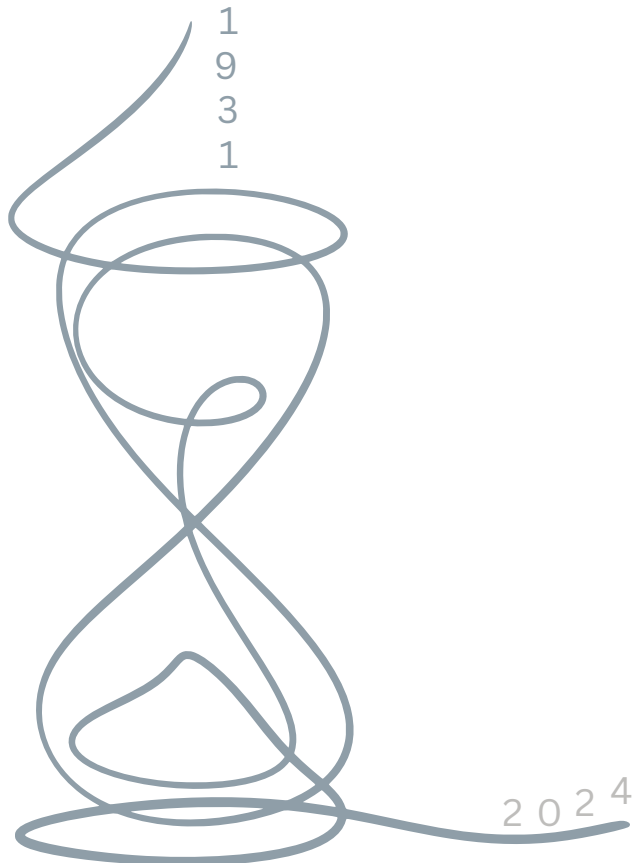
In our Interest and Reflection section, check out this issue’s Visual Focus; a confirmation story; poetry on parents; and Quentin’s Quest as the Campbell River Observer reflects on his cancer journey.

Along with your submissions, enjoy a little St. Peter history throughout the issue.

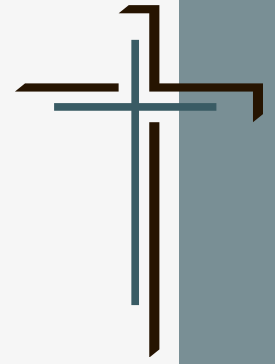
Jane

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GOD'S GRACE AND SECOND CHANCES



The Reverend Stephanie wood

I wonder how many folks do not look forward to Lent. Words like 'sacrifice,' 'discipline,' and 'self-denial' are often used in ways that suggest Lent is something to be endured, rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth. As we are now about halfway through our Lenten journey, I invite us to continue to dig deep, and wonder to ourselves if we've ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance?

Each year our liturgy offers us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God and Creation. Since we may have found that we have wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to return to God with our whole heart. When I first joined the Anglican communion 13 years ago, I had never heard of the term 'Lent.' Indeed, my first few journeys through Lent were rather painful, as I was still in the self disparaging habit of unhealthily blaming myself for everything that went wrong in my life and beyond. I often wonder to myself how often others do this to themselves too? However, it is one thing to take responsibility and accountability of one's actions when we have harmed others and been responsible for fractures in relationships. It is a whole other ballgame when we are in the habit of unfaithfully blaming ourselves for all circumstances and life's ills.

To be able to examine our lives through the eyes of love, the way God sees us, is to love ourselves and our beautiful, imperfect humanity like God does. To accept the love, compassion and forgiveness of friends and loved ones, especially when we hold responsibility for less than stellar decisions, is to accept the very presence of the living Christ in our lives.

As a new Incumbent, and as someone who has made some 'newbie' errors in the parish I serve, I have spent time during Lent reflecting on the wonderful gift of God's grace and second chances. A kind word and some gentle affirmation can go a long way when I've been a bit down on myself, especially if I didn't get something quite right. Indeed, grace and second chances offer us a delightful liberation from the burdens of self disparagement and anxiety, thus freeing us up to step deeper into the wonderful mysteries of Lent and God's eternal love for us.



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"Lord, you give me an open heart to find you everywhere, to glimpse the heaven enfolded in a bud, and experience eternity in the smallest act of love". Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)



WARDEN'S WORDS

Tony Smith, Pauline Woods, Lois Tirebuck, Pam Hedderson

It's a new year and the first Spirit magazine for 2024! Many thanks to all the parishioners that contribute their articles to make this magazine one of the best! Special thanks to Jane and Trina for their dedication, creativity, and enthusiasm in putting it all together! No easy feat!

Our year ended with many successful events! Advent study, tree lighting fundraiser for the hall floor, Ladies Advent breakfast, ACW luncheon, Blue Christmas/Healing service, the three Christmas services and of course the Christmas day dinner. None of these fellowship gatherings would be possible without our members volunteering of their time and passion for our Church. The noisy offering was presented to the Food Bank in January with over \$1,200.00. Our gratitude to Georgia Smith for collecting our noisy coins and her outreach to the community!

The AGM was held in February, and we welcomed a new warden and parish council members. Many thanks to Pam Hedderson for accepting the position as Deputy Warden and we give thanks to Frank Maga for his service to our church. We also welcome Judy Antonelli and Kristina Melvin to Parish Council and give much appreciation to Greg Goldstone, Frank Maga, and Connie Burns for their time and contributions to council.

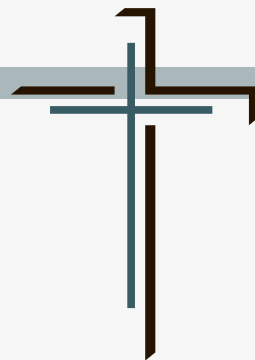
Trina Soltys joined us in January as our new office Administrator. She is organizing to Diocesan standards and expectations, and we are so appreciative of her knowledge of up-to-date office practices. She is "out with the old and in with the new"! When this issue is published, our Easter services will have taken place and Stephanie will have had a well-deserved week of vacation to rest! There will have also been a healing service in March which we are so blessed to have.

We can welcome Spring with our annual plant sale, and I am sure more fundraisers towards the hall floor. We continue with our outreach of Grass Roots/Kind Hearts, fellowship with Monday coffee hour, Mindfulness and the ACW Friday morning gatherings.

Many thanks to all who work tirelessly to ensure our church operates so smoothly.

THE SPIRIT OF FINANCE

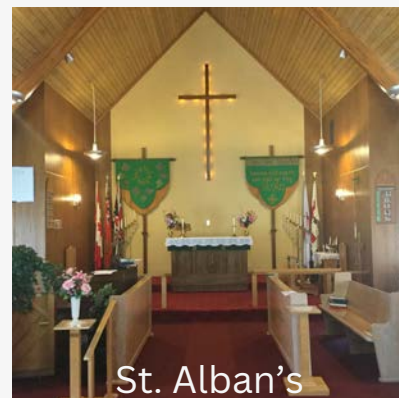
Holly Finn



Then:

I was born, raised, baptized, and confirmed at St. Alban's Anglican Church in Brooks, AB. I sang in the junior choir and was married there as well. After our marriage, there was a big gap in church going until after our daughters were born and then we had them baptized at the Anglican Church in Sherwood Park, AB.

We moved to Campbell River in 2011 and I started coming to church, probably in 2012. I had a chat with Blair Haggart and, because I had been Treasurer at St. Francis, I offered my services. He was very glad to have Jill Cook and me as co-Treasurers. We switched to using electronic accounting and a few years ago, Jill resigned from the position and so here I am, a lifetime and loyal Anglican.



Now:

I love working for you in this position and hope to continue for many more years to come.

As mentioned at the AGM, we are doing okay financially. We do have money in the bank and have set aside \$80,000 in cashable GIC's. I am worried however, about our weekly donations and hope that you will consider reviewing your offerings. For example, our envelope offerings for the week of Feb. 21-28 were just \$265.00. We do collect \$6,500/month with the PAR program (auto withdrawals) and that is a blessing.

I want to thank the ladies of the ACW for their hard work and dedication as well as those of you who work in the background, baking, fixing, Zooming, and providing us with such great music and singing. I want to thank Stephanie for her smile, leadership, and spiritual guidance. We are fortunate to have such an amazing congregation and I always look forward to Sundays...how about you?

Amended Financial Report	
Public Meeting /30	
Oct. 28th.	
Bank Balance	1585.94
Dom. W.A.	100.00
Diocesan Grant	200.00
Diocesan Loan	500.00
Promises	
Approximate	400.00
Bazaar	215.00

	3000.94
	3200.94

Tenders on labour and materials and insurance	3115.95
Stoves, Lights etc.	100.00
Pews	250.00
Land	100.00
Deed Blue Prints etc.	15.00

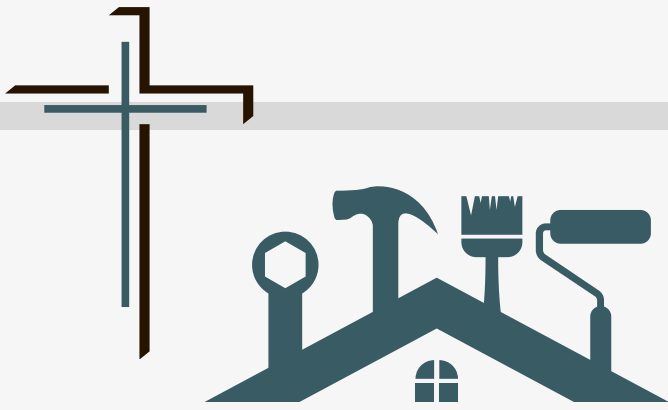
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Excerpts from the minutes of meeting held May 12, 1930 re the building of a church in the community.

"Tentative plan presented: 48 feet x 23 feet, to seat 100 persons."

"Appeals for donations had been met with ready and generous response. More persons to be approached."

"Details to be attended to: stumping powder and labour, offers of horses for a fortnight if necessary by Thulin, by Tuddenham to board up the window of the school (next door) when blasting operations begin."

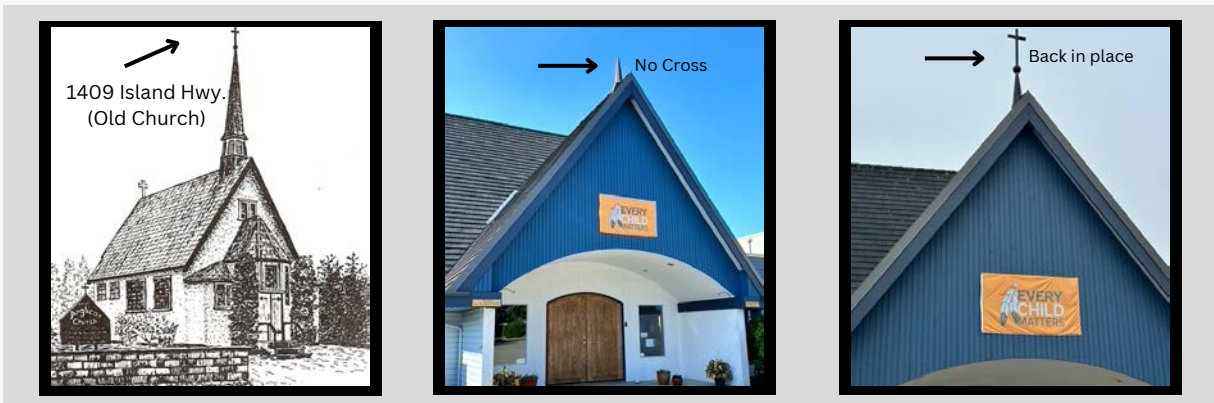


BUILDING MAINTENANCE

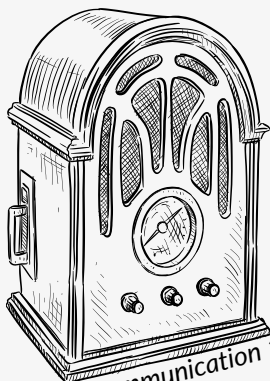
George Wagner

Building issues have been quiet in this early part of 2024.

1. The basement sump pump failed during the period of heavy rains in late January, and was replaced.
2. Last winter during a period of high winds the top part of the cross above the church entrance blew off and landed in the eaves-trough outside of the library. This was brought to my attention many times and the challenge was to do a cost-effective and safe repair which required a bucket lift. Appeals to the congregation for anyone who might have access to a lift or know someone who would, did not yield any leads. That was until “get ‘er done Fran” got on the case at the end of February. She spied a bucket lift at the Strathcona Gardens and sought out the Manager. The Manager made the arrangements for his crew to drive the lift over to St. Peter and in no time the top of the cross was back in its rightful place. .



Many thanks to Fran and to the crew at Strathcona Gardens for their contributions to reinstalling the top part of the cross.



Mass communication 1930



Mass communication 2024

ZOOM FOR EVERYONE

Tony Smith

By now, most of us are familiar with seeing Zoom as we attend Sunday service. People who are unable to attend in person for a whole variety of reasons join us and we see and welcome them up on the big screen television. This is a great use of modern technology in the church.

However, Zoom can be used for much than that. At present, there is a Zoom component to the Monday Coffee group. People who cannot be in person at the coffee session join in the conversation via Zoom. The Mindfulness group also successfully uses Zoom upon occasion.



ZOOM FOR EVERYONE, continued..

In fact, any group in the church who needs to meet and has members who are unable to attend in person can use Zoom. If you can only meet at night and some members don't want to be out at night, then Zoom may be the answer to your problem. The wardens and our incumbent, Stephanie, often meet in the evening via Zoom. We don't have to drive at night and can have a fresh cup of coffee at hand for the meeting.

The church holds a license that allows meetings of up to one hundred participants which should be more than adequate to meet our existing needs. Anyone in the church can have access to Zoom to have a church related meeting. All you need is a computer, tablet, or a smart phone such as an iPhone. The instructions to set up a meeting are straight forward and an invitation to the meeting can then be emailed out to all your participants. Your participants just need to click on the embedded link in your email and can then enter your meeting.

If anyone is interested in finding out how to set things up for a Zoom component to your meeting, please contact me, Tony Smith, or our office administrator, Trina, and we will show you how it is done. Within half an hour we should have you ready to go and host your own Zoom meeting.

“**H.G. Wells wrote in "The Way the World is Going" in 1925:**
"I have anticipated radio's complete disappearance...confident that the unfortunate people, who must now subdue themselves to listening in, will soon find a better pastime for their leisure."

Tony may feel a little isolated in the 'lofty' Zoom Station, but he has a tremendous view of the sanctuary. The following article about the the history and meaning of the elements of the sanctuary was written by the late Janna Bowers following her interview with Janice Halstead. Originally published in the Spirit magazine of 2012, it is fascinating and really worth repeating.

Medieval church buildings were constructed in the shape of a huge cross, but so is the design of the interior of St. Peter. Look carefully - the lower portion of the cross is the red carpet down the center aisle, representing the passion of Christ, blood and wine, the presence of the Holy spirit. Then look up, to the blue East window. Blue is symbolic of truth, the Gospel story, baptism. Now look behind the altar - a curving white wall symbolic of purity and divinity. When we walk up to the altar we are embraced by the welcoming arms of Christ, curving around us.

You may also note that the red carpeted steps in front of the altar are curved, representing an overflowing chalice. Have you really looked at the carving on the front top corners of the altar? At first it looks like two Celtic knots, but if you come closer you will see an A and an O, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. This altar made the move from the previous site of St. Peter and was carved by Frank Henderson. It was given in memory of the Reverend Canon T.D. Proctor, Rector of St. Peters from 1953 - 1963, from this wife Ethel.

Above the altar hangs a cross given by the church's late architect and his wife, Len and Frances Hudock. If you stand slightly to the side of this cross and look up you will see a red line painted down the side (painted by Len himself) denoting the blood of Christ.



ACW UPDATE

Frances Payne

Where did the first three months of 2024 go. Here we are and it is Spring!

To write up the church history will take us up to next Spirit in the fall. Trina has some CUTE pictures of ACW from back in the 50's. She has taken a comparison picture for a 'then and now'.

Still hunting for the old church bell. Following up on leads but a lot of head scratching is all I have so far. With hat on my head and magnifying glass in hand I will push on.

Could we mention that the fund raising for the floor is coming along one square at a time? ACW has their name on three events coming up, to donate proceeds to hall floor plus over \$700 raised from PIE sale in January.

We have been distributing gently used clean clothing around town week. Andrea, with a large donation of children's clothing for Children of new Mums attending CARIHI. BEV left with clothing for Hospice and Hospital thrift shop. Myself, I had clothing for Men's Second Chance and Mental Health. Our Church donations are always so appreciated.

Gone but not forgotten, Phyllis Hicks passed away in February. A long time ACW member who contributed so many beautiful, knitted items for our community, as well for sharing her knowledge of years long forgotten.

Our resident deer have been helping me in the gardens. As fast as I expose a flowering shoot to the sun they come along and munch. Max would love our Big Boy! That's a wrap!

I so appreciated Fran's reply to my request for a Spirit article on ACW Happenings. Max is our grandson. The Editor



ACW in early 1950's

1928: From the History of the Woman's Auxiliary, written by Mrs. Willoughby called 'Our Story'. This little book highlighted the 50 earlier years of the W. A. in Canada. A list of work done in the 'early days' included sewing and knitting clothing for children in residential schools; relief parcels for drought-stricken areas on the prairies; candy and toys for children in remote missions; visiting in hospitals and nursing homes; visiting the elderly and meeting needs of a family in a crisis, such as a fire and volunteer assistance in a mental health association.

Excerpt from an early informational pamphlet from the ladies in our church shows that the goal of our wonderful group was to support those in need. (P.S. - they have not stopped!)

St. Peter ACW was started in 1952 by a group of women who wanted to have Christian fellowship and to support the church and community. At that time, their pamphlet noted that the ACW supports: Northern Missions by providing baby clothes and knitted garments and Street Kids Ministry in Victoria.



*In the Spirit let us travel
 Open to each other's pain
 Let our lives and fears unravel
 Celebrate the space we gain.
 There's a place for deepest dreaming
 There's a time for heart to care
 In the Spirit's lively scheming
 There is always room to spare.*

SNC Hymn Come & Find the Quiet Centre

MINISTRIES

Prayer Ministry

Let the Prayer Chain know if you have a prayer concern. You may contact the church at 250-286-1613 or email prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com. There is also a box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message. Prayers will be offered for one month. If you wish longer, please contact the Prayer Chain.

Healing Services

At the healing services you will have opportunities for quiet reflection; individual prayer for yourself or those you care about and prayers for the world including our community. Upcoming services scheduled for June 30, September 29 and December 8..

OUTREACH

Ha-Ma-Ay-Las Community Kitchen

(formerly Grass Roots/ Kind Hearts)

Next dates for service: April 16, May 21, June 18
 Volunteers are always welcome to help us prepare and serve food for the dinner program, at the Hamaaylas Kitchen, for people in need. The usual dinner is meatballs in gravy with mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables with chocolate oatmeal brownies and other baked goods for dessert. We participate in this community program every third Tuesday of the month.

If you would like to help, contact Diana at 250-286-1613 or email admin@stpeterscampbellriver.com with "Hamaaylas" in the subject line. Please help fill the roster early! Many thanks to Diana for organizing, preparing, and serving the meal once a month for approximately 65 people!



Make a Little Noise! Due to the success of our 'noisy church' jar, our church was able to make a large donation to the Food Bank recently.



ONGOING

Monday Morning Coffee Hour 10 am

You are invited to meet in person for Monday Morning Coffee Hour at St. Peter Anglican Church. All you need is yourself and a travel mug of coffee. We meet in St. Matthew's room. Also, for those who are unable to attend in person, or you want to join us from home, we have a Zoom link.

Every Monday from 10 to 11 am is the time to gather, chat and share 'what's happening'. No reservations required.



ACW-Friday Mornings 10 am-You're Invited!

This group is amazing! Currently, one of their fundraising goals is to reach the target of \$40K to have the church hall floor replaced. Among the fund raising events are the pie sales. Yummm....meat, cherry, apple, blueberry pies all made by the ACW in our own 'serve it right' kitchen. Always a sell out!

This group also plans and manages the Christmas Market; makes quilts for the Second Chance House; distributes clothing to various charities in need; organizes Trivia nights and numerous other events.

The ACW meets every Friday for planning, coffee, comradery and laughter. Why not join them for coffee and conversation!

This newspaper clipping shows members of the ACW participating in the Annual Christmas Friendship Bazaar (mid 1980's). This bazaar featured the crafts of dozens of clubs and organizations. Phyllis Hicks and Doreen Liesch were displaying works by members of St. Peter Anglican Church.



OBSERVE  Contemplate

FEEL  Feel

BREATHE  Focus

ACCEPT  Accept

ABSORB  Slow Down

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

The mindfulness group meets at 3:30 pm every Wednesday in the church library. They meditate for about 40 minutes using meditations from different traditions. New members are always welcome. Do come and see if it is helpful to you.

WHAT'S *been* HAPPENING

Christmas 2023 at the church was full of delightful events for both our parishioners and the community!



Famous Christmas Cakes



Ladies Advent Breakfast



Purse Anyone?



Happy Customer



Then.. Christmas Pageant 1976

WHAT *was* HAPPENING *Then*



One of the last Christmas Services at the old Church. The stained glass windows had been removed & stored

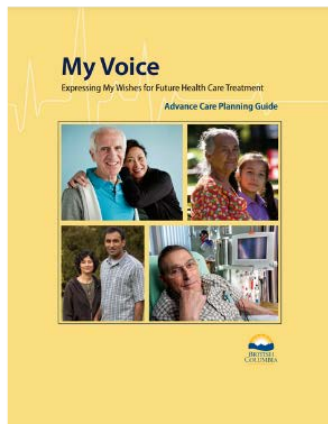


Christmas Pageant 2014

EVEN MORE HAS *been* HAPPENING



Advance Care Planning Course – January 10 and 24, 2024



On January 10 and January 24, twelve of us gathered to hear the presentation on Advance Care Planning co-led by Jane Clarke and Pam Hedderson.

Advance Care planning is about having conversations with your close family, friends, and health care providers so that they know the health care treatment you wish to have, or refuse, if you become incapable of expressing your own decisions.

Writing down your beliefs, values and wishes for future health care is an advance care plan. It is to help alleviate some of the stress your family and friends could face if they are asked to make important health care decisions for you.

Dates for the next upcoming presentation will be announced. This is open to all and is free.

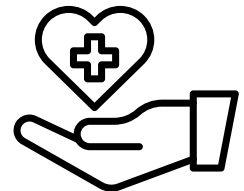
The good news is, this discussion led to an interest in funeral planning so on Feb 14th quite a large group of us met to listen to Trina speak on green funerals and Jason from Sutton's Funeral Home/Dignity Memorial speak on funerals, celebration of life and answered questions put forward.

A presentation from Kelsey from Coastal Notary Group on wills and enduring power of attorney was postponed due to snow. This will be rescheduled after Easter.

These are often not easy topics to discuss but.....

(Submitted on behalf of Jane and Pam)

Now.... Is Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) for Christians?



Our mindfulness group has been exploring end of life issues lately; thanks to Jane Clarke and Pam Hedderson for facilitating and sharing their knowledge on this challenging topic.

One aspect of looking at our end-of-life issues that we have not yet contemplated is Medical Assistance in Dying.

The following article I found on the Internet and is written by Michael Sadgrove, a retired Anglican Dean and theological educator in England. Hopefully, this article will provide some light into the subject of assisted dying and lots of food for further thought about this sometimes hard to think about topic.

If you are interested in finding out more, you can look up Michael's blog on the Internet which will lead you to more information.

Jane Jennings.

[MAiD - Written Evidence Submitted by The Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove](#)

I want to offer some comments on assisted dying from the standpoint of religious faith. Specifically, I write as a Church of England priest now retired after serving for 40 years in stipendiary public ministry.

The ethical and theological objections to assisted dying are well known. It's important to state at the outset that I have every sympathy with those who argue that "reverence for life" must underlie all our decisions about end-of-life care. In all things there must be the imperative to "do no harm". I understand the risks inherent in the changing law, the abuses that could follow bad legislation, the fear that the right to die could slide into a duty to die on the part of terminally ill people who could come, or be pressured, to feel they had overstayed their welcome and did not want to be a burden to their relatives or to the social care system.

WHAT'S *been* HAPPENING, continued...

But I challenge the assumption often promoted by religious institutions that assisted dying is excluded a priori as a responsible and ethical choice. It seems to me that the mainstream churches, in their public utterances about it, are colluding with unexamined assumptions about what “reverence for life” is intended to uphold and cherish. This excludes my own Church of England. While a few church leaders have spoken in support of assisted dying (as, for example, in the General Synod debate of 2022), the vast majority appear either to have determined that it flies in the face of Christian moral theology or have chosen simply to remain silent about it. This is in marked contrast to surveys that consistently show that the UK public opinion is becoming increasingly sympathetic to assisted dying, support for which is now a majority view. While theology and ethics obviously cannot be decided based on opinion polls, the churches will find themselves more and more out of tune with the public they serve. This must give pause for reflection.

My own belief is that it is precisely “reverence of life” that should lead faith communities to conclude that assisted dying is not entirely consistent with a Christian ethic of respect, care, compassion, and the honouring of human dignity, but are indeed encouraged – some might say even required – by it. I want to argue that “reverence for life” is not a doctrine that governs only what is or is not permitted in relation to terminating, or tampering with, human life, but is, as the phrase suggests, a religious and human value that should inform our attitude to life in general, and in particular, to the quality of our living and dying as human beings.

A moment's thought will show that for most people who die in the UK nowadays, the end of life is already being managed in quite elaborate ways. Almost every aspect of care in our final days and hours is subject to vital – and almost always welcome – interventions by healthcare practitioners in hospitals, hospices or at home until the end comes. Palliative care may not be all that it could be if it were properly resourced. Nevertheless, those who argue that good palliative care is the alternative to assisted dying are merely arguing for one kind of highly managed end of life care against another.

For this reason, I believe that it is not credible to distinguish end of life palliative care from management of death itself. Indeed, decisions of relatives and practitioners to switch off the life-support of those for whom there is no chance of recovery after trauma have already merged these two aspects of end of life management. Such decisions are informed by scrupulous care for the best possible (or least worst) outcome for the patient, and for the consciences of all involved in them. Yet in the face of terminal illness, for a patient not to have been permitted at least to consider making a free and informed decision about bringing his or her life to a close is both to compromise their dignity, and to subvert their human responsibility and capacity freely to make moral choices. We make decisions about our healthcare throughout our lives, advised by professionals we trust. Why should the ultimate decision, the awesome choice whether to go on living or to die be denied us when we know for certain that our lives will be terminated by unstoppable biological processes in a few months' or weeks' time?

But a pastoral theologian wants to go no further. It seems to me that this is fundamentally a matter of loving your neighbour as yourself or, as the Golden Rule has it, to treat others as we would have them treat us. We do not want to see other people suffer. We do not want to suffer ourselves. Contrary to how the Christian tradition is sometimes presented, there is no virtue in suffering per se, which is why people of faith do not nowadays regard relieving suffering as somehow frustrating the will of God. On the contrary. To alleviate suffering wherever we find it is an act of love and compassion that is motivating by the very same “reverence for life” that is often invoked against assisted dying.

I believe as a matter of Christian ethics that legislation could be enacted that would allow people – if they chose – to be spared the kind of suffering I watched my own mother go through in her final hours and at which all our human instincts for mercy and compassion cry out in protest. Assisted dying is not ultimately about ending life so much as affirming a rich and generous God-given dignity and quality of life for as long as possible, and not allowing it to be eroded in the final stages of terminal illness.



Poetry

by Lynn Faber

“Dad”

A Dad - my pal “Daddy”
through life - making you so happy
A Dad - to most the best of all
someone always to call my “Pal.”

A Dad - with so many jokes
always there to bring you hope
A Dad - not just like all the rest
to me - he is the absolute best

A Dad - when you are hurting, he sees
then takes your hand to guide you through the forests of trees.

A Dad - teaches you right from wrong
yes Dad - you made me strong.

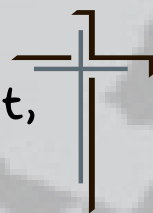
“Mother”

A mother, the giver of life
who is beside you through stress and strife
A mother, who brings a smile
always one to walk with you, through a tough while

A mother always so true
picked you up when feeling blue
A mother fills your heart with joy
doesn't matter, girl or boy

A mother with a heart of gold
teaching you understand when told
A mother like a dove
spreading her arms - sharing love

Poetry is only proof of life. If your life is well lit,
poetry is only the ashes



ART VISUAL FOCUS

Glenna Armitage

Light conquers darkness and is a historical symbol for holiness, wisdom, understanding and hope. A symbol of our faith is light for these reasons. Art depicting Christ's Halo is the sign of the presence of the divine soul within Christ's humanity, divine energy from God. There were very few artistic representations of Christ in Art in the beginning. This was because of the Old Testament scripture regarding idols. In Syria, is found one of the oldest known portraits of Jesus around 235 A.D. Jesus Christ images appeared often throughout the centuries in art. We find Jesus Christ is depicted with light and promise.

In William Holden Hunt's *Light of the World*, a lamp lights up the darkness that prevents humans from seeing Jesus. Jesus holding light represents a reminder to man that he is always present.

*Last Supper - Leonardo
DaVinci. 1495 -1498*

Jesus, the central figure in the painting. Jesus has the light of the windows behind him and surrounding light framing Christ and his disciples.



Matthew 5:14-16 New King James Version

14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on the hill and cannot be hidden.

15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

Our two altar candles symbolize the light of Christ. The two lights on the altar. Christ's humanity and divinity. Throughout time, then and now, there have been artistic representations of the light of Christ in worship. Then and now historically, the light of Christ fills the Christian faith community. Our roots with light. The star over the birth of Christ through to the lights on our altars and the light of internet worship. Are how we share Christian faith. 'Then and Now'.

Here at St. Peter, we share our light with our Campbell River community every year with our Plant Sale. We have shared our joy in the living world around us for 62 years; May 2024 will be our 63rd Plant Sale.



The Light of the World
- William Holden Hunt. 1853



HOPE



Quentin's Quest HEALTH 'THEN & NOW'

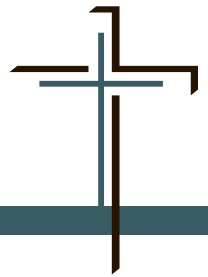
I have been encouraged to write about a very good report I received from my Ear, Nose and Throat specialist here in Campbell River following a monitoring checkup of my throat and tongue for any sign of a return of my previous cancer. Stephanie said I should write about that for this time's version of Quentin's Quest for Spirit magazine. So here you are, my friends: The "Then" was when I was detected with throat cancer on the left side of my neck and had to undergo 35 radiation treatments down at the Cancer Center in Victoria from late 2022 into early February 2023. But I was told that I didn't have to undergo any surgery if I didn't want – which of course I didn't! – and that they felt sure that treatment would solve the problem, without any more damaging chemotherapy!

But I was also warned that it would take some considerable time for me to recover from those six weeks of treatment, travelling down to Victoria on Mondays for one treatment later that day and back to CR on the Friday. And yes, that has proven to be the case with me still, having tastebuds, appetite, energy, ability to swallow, and voice all still affected.

And now, I was more than delighted when my Ear, Nose and Throat specialist looked in my mouth during a three-month regular checkup earlier this month, and then pushed a probe up my nose and down my mouth – and then said there was no sign of cancer at all in either my throat or at the base of my tongue. Was that ever a relief! And I didn't really think I had any very inspiring story to tell at that moment; I truly didn't see myself as a possible example of hope for others perhaps to follow.

I thank God for that.

INTEREST & REFLECTION



Spring Renewal

Jen Coolen

I received an email recently. It was titled “Historic Photo”. The photo was sent from my cousin’s computer and was of a picture taken at our Confirmation Day in 1971. The picture shows signs of wear for it has travelled many miles over the years. I was inspired to look through my photo albums and found the service bulletin for that day. I tried to match the printed names to the faces and, for the most part, failed. Not only does the picture show signs of wear but so does my memory.



The Church is St. Luke’s in Hubbards, Nova Scotia. This was the mother church for a 4-church parish. The candidates came from all the churches, which is why there were so many. Can you find Jen?

What I also found was a card I received commemorating the occasion. I would like to share the verse:

Confirmation - - Day of Faith

**Of sacred vows renewed.
A dedication to the Lord
In loving gratitude;
Confirmation - - day of hope,
Devotion and of prayer,
Day of happiness and joy
That all your loved ones share;
Confirmation - - day of grace
And blessings for life’s way
With peace and love from God above
For every coming day.**

The verse speaks of renewing old vows. The verse speaks of new beginnings. It speaks of hope, gratitude, happiness, and grace. It speaks of ongoing love, and it speaks of faith. Doesn’t that sound like Spring? A time of renewal? A time of fresh growth? A time for faith in God’s plan for His garden and His people?



Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday



Holy Tuesday & mini retreat with Bishop Anna



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Maundy Thursday



Good Friday

Holy Week 2024



Good Friday



Lighting the Paschal Candle



Sunrise Service



Sunrise Service



Easter Sunday

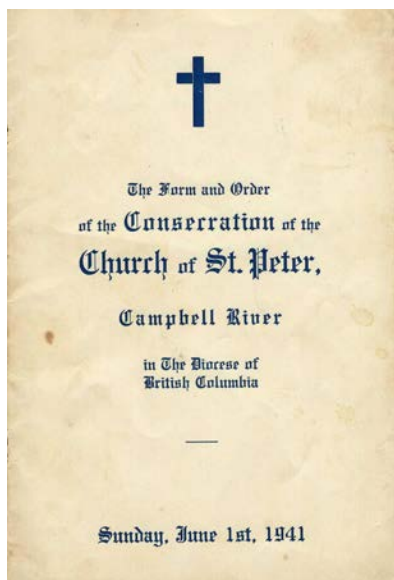


*Easter Sunday
Baptism*

OUR HISTORY...

I have been looking through a great deal of material on the history of St. Peter Anglican Church and thought that a history section should be a regular addition to our Spirit magazine. Information, for the most part, has been found in ACW materials - photos, clippings and meeting minutes - that have been carefully collected for many years.

Of special note is the official name of the church.. For years we have been affectionately calling our church 'St. Peter's'. However, according to the Form and Order from the consecration in 1941, we are officially the 'Church of St. Peter, Campbell River'.



The following is from our own files, which we should have more accurately called, 'A Brief History of The Church of St. Peter, Campbell River'

St. Peter's[sic] - A Brief History (date of the brief history is unknown.)

The original St. Peter's congregation began as a mission of St. John's, Quathiaski Cove. The Church on Quadra had been established by the Columbia Coast Mission. "The River" was a small settlement at that time, connected only by rough logging roads with the Comox Valley. Union Steamships found safe harbour in the Cove, while the Campbell river Estuary was too shallow and the waterfront too exposed.

The first St. Peter's was opened in 1931. In the entrance was displayed a scroll (which hangs today in the hallway to the offices) with the following words:

"This church was erected during the winter of 1930-1931 through the co-operation of members of the entire community of Campbell River, and the generous assistance of friends of the community in many places, as well as members, parishes, and missionary organizations of the Church of England in Canada. As an expression of grateful appreciation to members of other communions who gave so generously of their means and their services, the Diocese of Columbia gladly agreed from the outset of the under-taking to extend to other recognized communions, the use of St. Peter's Church for public worship by arrangement with the clergyman in charge and his church wardens."

Truly this was a community effort. In keeping with the spirit of that statement, the new St. Peter's has been made available to other churches in the Campbell River Ministerial Association, from time to time. for worship and for weddings and funerals. Currently the Christian School holds its worship assemblies in St. Peter's every Tuesday afternoon.

As time passed, Campbell River grew, the congregation grew, and it became obvious that eventually the lovely little St. Peter's would become too pressed for space. The surrounding area, once a convenient location of the main road, began to change in character, and the noise of huge trucks began to impinge on the peacefulness that the congregation had come to know and love. As well, the building itself began to show signs of age, and to demand growing energy and expenditures. Priests such as Canon Green, Rollo Roas, Canon Proctor, Dave MacKay, Trevor Williams, Ivan Utter, and in more recent memory Dick Hunt, had given their energies unstintingly to both the the growing congregation and the growing town. During Mr. Hunt's time, the diocese began to recognize the increased ministry needs of the congregation, and through Anglicans in Mission provided temporary funding for an assistant, who was the Reverend Nick Parker. At the same time, plans had begun to form for the building of the new church. The Rectory was sold, and a piece of property on Nichol Road was purchased. Deemed unsuitable, this property was sold. After Mr. Hunt's retirement, the Reverend Peter McCalman was appointed rector. Recently familiarity with the East Indian cultures to form a relationship with the Sikh population and to arrange with them the joint purchase of the property on which the Sikh temple, the Christian School, and St. Peter's now stand.



Our history, continued...

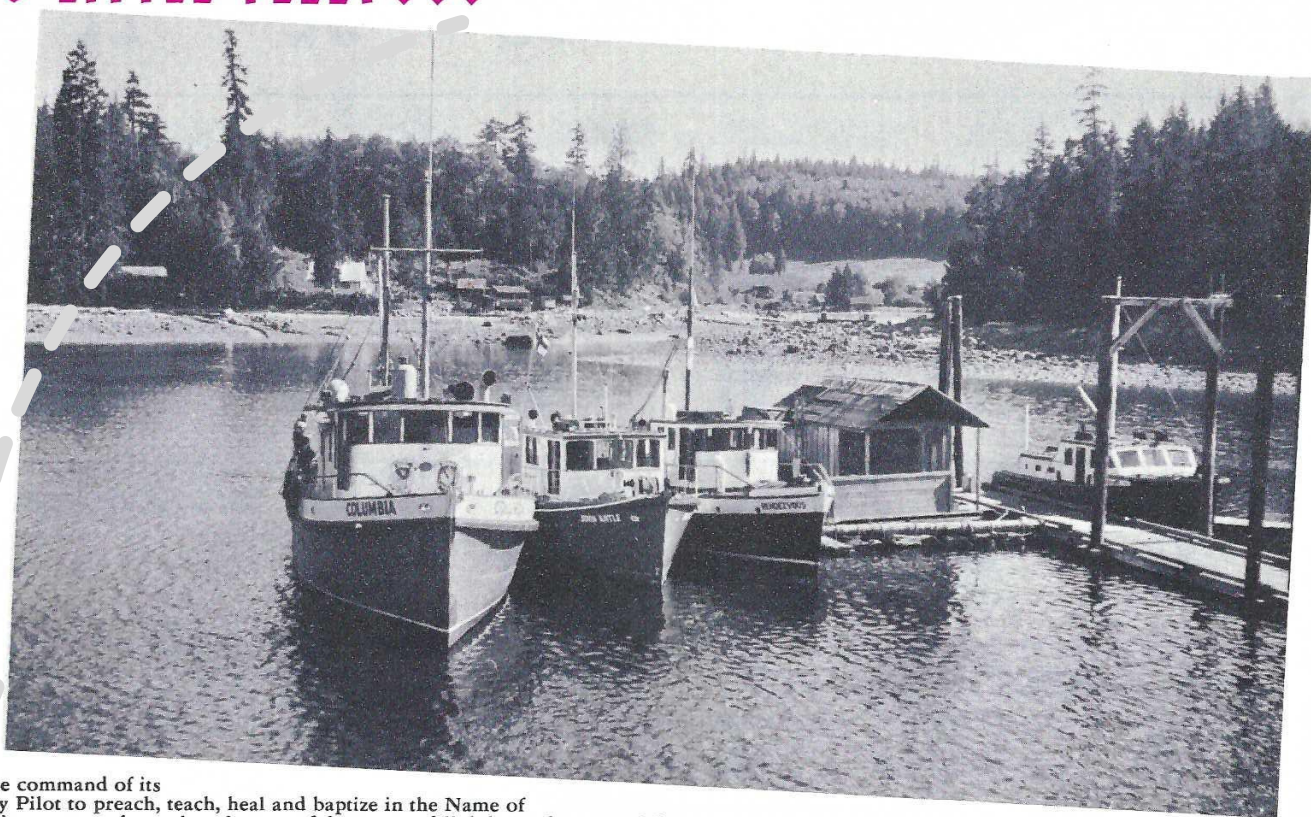
Under his leadership and the hard work of parishioners such as David Blair, Stuart Allen, Bill Halstead, Carla Horner and many others, St. Peter's was built, along with the hall as an empty shell, in time for Christmas Eve Service in 1987. Designed by a local architect, the late Len Hudock, the building captures the sense of upward-reaching space common to Anglican Churches, yet with the clean lines of a contemporary building.

Canon McCalman retired in 1989, and the Reverend Peter Parker was called to the parish and inducted in September of that same year.

The former building had been sold, and was being rented by a company dealing in antiques and oak furniture. Unfortunately it burned to the ground after thieves set fire to the building. Only the steeple was saved. Thanks to the kindness of the Campbell River Fire Department, the cross was retrieved and is now installed over the entranceway of the new St. Peter's.

The altar you see in St. Peter's was from the old church, as are the prayer desk, the Bishop's Chair, the credence table, and the stand for the visitor's book in the Narthex.

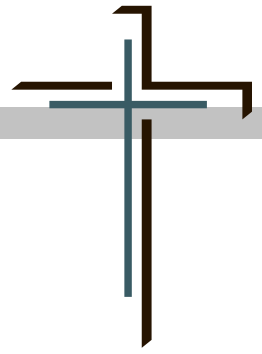
GOD'S LITTLE FLEET...



obeys the command of its Heavenly Pilot to preach, teach, heal and baptize in the Name of the Trinity—among the settlers, loggers, fishermen and lighthouse keepers of the lower British Columbia Coast.

An unusual event—the three ships of the Columbia Coast Mission, the Hospital Ship "Columbia", the M.S. "John Antle" and "Rendezvous", meet at Whaletown, Cortez Island, near the John Antle Memorial Clinic. Beyond the dock is the "Laverock" now in the service of the Diocese of Caledonia for the Masset Inlet Indian Mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



IN LOVING MEMORY

Phyllis Hicks

March 9, 1932 - February 28, 2024



On-going at St. Peter...

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed Fridays

Worship Opportunities

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| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist - Hybrid - Zoom and in-person, in the Sanctuary
Services are from the Book of Alternative Services. |
| Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. | Midweek Eucharist, all are welcome, please join us. |
| Thursday, 12:30 p.m. | Meditative Eucharist, all are welcome, please join us. |

Weekly Events

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| Monday, 10:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour - in-person in St. Paul's Room; outside in nice weather. Also via Zoom. |
| Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. | Mindfulness - in the Library |
| Friday, 10:00 a.m. | ACW - in the Library |

Monthly Events

Prayer Chain - First Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m.

Serving the Community

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday evening - Six 12-Step groups - in the hall or library
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings - Yoga classes - in the hall

Important Dates/Events, Resources

First Sunday of the month - Birthday Cake Sunday. For all those who become one year wiser in the previous month.



PARISH STAFF & LEADERS



Installation of New Council Members - March 3, 2024

Parish Staff and Leaders

- Rector's Warden: Tony Smith
- People's Warden: Pauline Woods
- Deputy Wardens: Lois Tirebuck and Pam Hedderson
- Treasurer: Holly Finn
- Church Administrator: Trina Soltys
- Custodian: Janice Kozak
- Building and Grounds: George Wagner
- Musicians: Georgia Smith, Kate Fitzsimmons
- Prayer Chain: Sue Vickery
- Communications Director: Trina Soltys
- Envelope Secretary: Frank Maga
- Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery
- Lay Assistants and Readers: Pauline Woods
- ACW President: Bev Lawrence, Lois Tirebuck
- Mindfulness: Jane Jennings
- Coffee Monday: Jennifer Coolen
- Librarian: Jane Jennings
- Spirit Editor: Jane Monchak
- Safe Church: Andrea Charlton
- PWRDF Rep: Barb Henshall
- Community Garden Liaison: Rick Monchak

New Lay Ministers Pauline Wood & Kate Fitzsimmons with Bishop Anna



A huge thank you to the yard clean up crew who worked tirelessly to make the grounds look lovely prior to the Bishop's visit.



Jen, Pauline, Fran, Ellen & George & their granddaughter.



Mark Your Calendars

- April 27 - Trivia Night
- May 4 - Plant Sale

