

# The Key

Newsletter of St. Peter's (Lakehill) Anglican Church

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## **Office hours and contact information**

Our team office administrator, Lynda Dominy, is the primary contact person for all three churches. Soon there will be a co-ordinated telephone system so that Lynda can answer calls to any church wherever she is. Her office hours are as follows:

Tuesdays	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	St Michael's	250-479-0540
Wednesdays	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	St David's	250-658-5022
Thursdays	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	St Peter's	250-384-7757
Fridays	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	St Michael's	

## **CLERGY SCHEDULE FOR ST. PETER'S UNTIL APRIL**

<b>March 6</b>	Scott McLeod	<b>April 3</b>	Chris Parsons
<b>March 13</b>	Lucy Reid	<b>April 10</b>	Chris Parsons
<b>March 20</b>	Chris Parsons	<b>April 17</b>	Scott McLeod
<b>March 27</b>	Chris Parsons	<b>April 24</b>	Scott McLeod

## **CLERGY PHONE NUMBERS:**

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## **Update on Three Saints Happenings ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT IN THE 3 SAINTS**

### **Ash Wednesday, March 9**

The Eucharist with the imposition of ashes will be celebrated at all three churches on Wednesday March 9 at 10 a.m. and at 7 p.m. There will be no Bible study that morning.

### ***Wednesdays in Lent:***

We will be joining together as the Three Saints team to celebrate the Eucharist and have Bible studies on the 6 Wednesdays in Lent, rotating around each church twice:

March 16, April 6 St. David's

March 23, April 13 St. Michael's

March 30, April 20 St. Peter's

Canon Lesley Bentley from the Diocese of Lichfield, UK: A Mentor for our Team Ministry.

From February 22 to 28 Canon Lesley Bentley, Director of Ministry for the diocese of Lichfield, England, visited our diocese at the invitation of Bishop Cowan to learn about our team ministry initiative and give some feedback and reflections from her perspective. Lichfield diocese currently has about 25 team ministries in it, and has used this form of ministry for over 30 years.

On a very snowy evening Lesley met with parishioners from the Three Saints churches and gave a slideshow about two very different teams she has worked in, one with two churches and two full-time clergy as well as a curate, and the other with ten churches and just two clergy and one curate.

Key factors for making teams work well include the following:

- Prayer: relying on God and working *with* God
- A focus on mission and ministry
- Good communication and good relationships, between churches, clergy and laity
- Structures that are appropriate to the reality (e.g. not too committee-heavy)
- A belief in collaborative ministry, and a willingness to act together
- Telling the story: developing a sense of forward movement

At a later meeting with the Three Saints leadership team Lesley outlined good directions we can take in the area of mission. We know that in our circumstances we have to keep a strong focus on mission beyond ourselves and our church walls, even as we also maintain healthy congregations and ministries to those who are already members. Lesley reminded us that all mission is first of all God's work, not ours. We join with God as we see God working in the world around us. So she asked us to consider how we can engage with the local community, and how we can proclaim the gospel there.

Messy Church is one great example of how we are already doing that: by building connections with the pre-school at St David's, and by using publicity such as Kids in Victoria (an internet resource), we have successfully reached unchurched families and recently had 15 children learning about God the Creator through play and worship.

As our team ministry develops, we will need clear but flexible aims and objectives which we all agree on and put into action. This is also important as we approach evaluation time by the diocese. Lesley encouraged us to think beyond numbers (Sunday attendance and dollars), to growth in depth and fruitfulness – qualitative growth, as well as quantitative. And she challenged us to plan not just for the next six months, but for the next three to five years. This was later echoed by Dr. Jeanette Muzio, from the Diocesan Transformation Team, which is a good sign!

We've only just begun, but Lesley was impressed at how much we've achieved already, and left us with resources, ideas and optimism for the future. We are grateful to the diocese for funding her trip here.

Lucy Reid



Canon Christopher Parsons, Canon Lesley Bentley, Reverend Lucy Reid



Members of Three Saints in small group discussion after Canon Bentley's talk.

**Spiritual End of Life Preparations (SELP) Workshop**  
(formerly known as the Planning Your Own Funeral Workshop)

The objectives of the SELP workshop series are:

- Developing the spiritual core of our funeral
- Planning and preparing for the end of our lives
- Facing our mortality and growing our faith

The SELP workshop series will be held in April 2011 in three parts:

2. Part 1: Saturday, April 9, 2011 at St. Peter’s Church from 9:00 ‘til noon, where we will cover planning the spiritual core of our own funeral including: hymns, readings, and creating our own persona; and leaving our legacy
3. Part 2: Meditative and contemplative thinking and planning at home and documenting our own plan
4. Part 3: Saturday, April 30, 2011 at St. Peter’s Church from 9:00 ‘til noon: Sharing and reviewing our funeral plans, singing our chosen hymns and considering what we should do to prepare for the end of our lives

This program is being co-ordinated by John Woodruffe, a parishioner at St Michael’s. Lucy Reid and David Howells will be presenting parts of the workshop.

*Registration is \$20 and spaces are limited so please register early by phoning or emailing Barb Woodruffe at 250.381.2824 / [woodruffe@shaw.ca](mailto:woodruffe@shaw.ca)*

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LET ME INTRODUCE YOU!  
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**To Your New Parish Council for 2011-12**

Fred Cole, Merle Campbell-Moore, Julie Poskitt will continue on for a second year.

Sue Ruperto, Patty James Hughes, Kim Taylor have been newly elected to begin a two year term.

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Secondly to myself, Merle Campbell-Moore, your Key editor.

I was born on Vancouver Island and have lived here nearly all my life except for a few months here and a few months there. My family moved to Victoria when I was 12 years old; not an easy age to be uprooted from friends and familiarity but I was a member of the Girl Guides and quickly found a Guide Company to join. They met at St. Philip’s Church, Oak Bay which was an easy 7 or 8 block walk from our home. The Guider and her family were members of St. Philip’s congregation and encouraged me to join. My parents joined as well but as they both worked shift work and were seldom able to attend Sunday Services. As I moved into the Youth Group at the Church my mother would come and supervise the Youth Group dances; much to my embarrassment. Along with the church youth I stayed in the Guiding Movement until I was eighteen and then a few years later became Guider to my old Company. When I was 15 years old a notice came to the church inviting youth to apply for a summer project where the youth would be doing outreach in the Yukon; sponsored by the B.C. Anglican Youth Movement . For some reason several people turned to me and said Merle you should apply. I applied and soon learned that I had been accepted. Actually 16 youth from across B.C. and Washington State had applied but there were only 14 openings. The decision was made to take the extra two and our adult leaders were a young couple from Toronto. Ann and Dave Love were the perfect pair; their personalities meshed to be a strong leadership team. We first met in Vancouver for an orientation then flew into Whitehorse. We arrived about 1:00 a.m. due to plane problems which didn’t help those of us who were flying for the first time. We met with Bishop Frame after a short sleep in the parish hall; had about an hour to see Whitehorse then piled into cars to drive to Teslin and meet the priest who we would be working for. He was Father Dave but we referred to him as the Bearded Wonder. Here we would be working with the local Native Community leading Vacation Bible School as well as doing whatever physical labour was required which was everything from refinishing the hardwood floor of the church;

painting the outside of the building and putting in a new septic tank for the Rectory; cleaning lumber so it could be reused and building a fence for the church out of burlled logs. What an eye-opener this community was for us middle to upper class white kids. We met with people who were recent returnees from prison; real hardcore men; to the elders to teens our age who were looking for something better to the children who we taught Vacation Bible School classes. We made quite an impression on each other. We moved around the Territory over the next 7 weeks doing stints in 5 different communities; living in tents; church halls and even the church when there were no other facilities or when the rains came pouring down. We cooked our own meals; sometimes with food donated by locals and we learned to cook moose and venison and caribou and we learned to make cranberry sauce with freshly picked wild cranberries and we learned to eat anything put in front of us even if it tasted like barbecue sauce (burnt tomato soup). We learned to deal with living in a large group and the lack of facilities and the lack of privacy and the craziness of youth no longer under parental guidance. Yes Ann and Dave had their hands full. We learned to love the Yukon but had to return to our families which was just as hard as learning to live as a group as our summer experiences had changed us a great deal and we had grown up.

After Project Yukon I became involved with the D.Y.L.T.C. – Diocesan Youth Leadership Training Council. We would have weekends at various parishes around Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands where we would study the Bible and learn about leadership. I settled into life in Victoria; moving out of my parents house and around Victoria but always stayed as a parishioner of St. Philips'. I saw many changes there and was involved in many of the changes. I was the first female to wear a pantsuit to church; the first to wear blue jeans to church and was one of the first to become a server in the church. There was a Diocesan Servers' Guild at that time led by a young man from the Cathedral. He was very outspoken in his feelings that women and girls did not belong in the Guild. They had a Server's weekend at Camp Columbia and I signed up. I had to go to this fellows home to put in my registration and fees and was met by his father who was a well known judge in this city. He thanked me for bringing in my registration and just gushed about how wonderful it was that I was willing to become a server and it was about time the girls were able to become servers. Not sure where Monty got his ideas from; they certainly were not his father's ideas. These may not seem like radical ideas but for their time they were. There were many shocked faces and comments upon seeing me in these most unladylike outfits; we certainly would not be allowed to go even into town unless we wore a dress and a woman's place was still to be more subservient. I became involved with the music ministry and learned to play the guitar and led praise worship before church as well as a Sunday evening praise time which we called "All in the Family". We started by meeting in parishioners homes but soon more and more people were coming to sing Praises to God and to pray together that we had to move to the church basement. Since then we have dealt with more serious issues in the church and I am glad to say far more important issues than what a person wears and roles in the church are more about abilities and the leading of the Holy Spirit than living by the "law".

After attending Business College I worked, supporting myself and having a wonderful time. I travelled; had good friends and was part of a wonderful church community. I also got involved with an organization begun by a close friend – Operation Trackshoes; a festival event centered around track and field competition for people who were mentally challenged. I loved my independence. I worked for the Federal Government; then for the City of Victoria as a civilian in the Police Department; then the Victoria Cable Company which was bought and sold many times to become Shaw Cable. At the cable company I worked in a new department which was one of the first to offer in home security systems through the cable lines for everything from home security to fire systems to medical systems but after about the third or fourth buyout our department was shut down. Talking about doors shutting and windows opening. By losing my job I met Michael, my husband. In 1986 we were married at St. Philip's, Oak Bay. The week after we were married I had to go to Prince George for work. I worked with Theatre B.C. which is the parent group for all the non-professional theatre groups. This was their yearly festival week and all the groups attending presented their plays and were then adjudicated. The big treat that year was the visit of Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales. Through a mix up we were standing right in front of the honoured guests and I was able to get some lovely pictures of Diana.

After our son Brandon was born I became involved with an organization called **MOPS** (Mothers' of Preschoolers). After two years I started a new chapter at St. Philip's. MOPS supports the women of young children; the programme was for churched and unchurched women. The gospel message was presented in a non-threatening manner and the women were welcome to take or leave the message but the seeds would be planted. Throughout this time our son was diagnosed with life threatening food allergies and asthma and the two of us spent many weeks in hospital dealing with reactions and asthma attacks; me struggling to get information on allergies; to find food for him. Life became speech therapy; physiotherapy; and testing, testing, testing. Eventually after many years my son was designated as having Autism. One dear friend after hearing this said to me "You must have been devastated." That had never crossed my mind; I just felt that it

finally explained my son and now we could get on with life. Again the therapies began and the learning on my part.

I came to St. Peter's about four years ago because of my difficulty with scented products. Deacon Norah, who is my son's godmother, invited me to come when she heard I could no longer go to church to worship. While it was a difficult decision to make I felt right at home the first service I attended here. I love the Craft Group. I knit, sew, crochet, do needlework; photography and as many of you know I am an avid scrapbooker and I love to organize. Funny thing that as I did become the Social Convenor. I look forward to a life of ministry in this place and you can find me most Sundays in the Back pew across from the Choir.

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**Dates For Your Diary:**

**FEBRUARY 2011**

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 10:00 A.M.	Eucharist followed by Bible Study Except on Ash Wednesday
SATURDAY, MARCH 5 6:00 p.m.	Mesa Espanol - Spanish Language Eucharist potluck to follow in the Church Hall
MONDAY, MARCH 14 7:00 P.M.	Theology Pub Night Monkey Tree Pub
SATURDAY, MARCH 19 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.	Cleaning Day NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
SATURDAY, MARCH 26 10:00 A.M.	Messy Church at St. David's
MONDAY, MARCH 28 7:00 P.M.	Faithbooking in the Boardroom
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 7:00 P.M.	Theology Pub Night Yucatan Pizza in Cordova Bay

**NEWS AROUND THE PARISH**

**DATE CHANGE**

**PARISH CLEANING DAY** : Please note the date has been changed to March 19. I do hope those who have signed up can attend on the 19 and perhaps this date change will assist others in joining the work crew. March 12 there will be a Funeral at St. Peter's. Thank you for your understanding in this date change.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Please put the following dates on your calendar for Social Events until June of this year.

MARCH 8	6:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
APRIL 21	5:30 p.m.	Seder Dinner and Stripping of the Altar
MAY 28	5:30 p.m.	Potluck Dinner and Dance
JUNE 19	after 10:30 Service	Parish Picnic

All the information regarding the Social Events are posted here in the Key and in the weekly bulletin and in the Church entrance. Please keep your copy of the Key by your calendar at home and check events, times and dates here.

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## **Lenten Study Groups**

We are offering three separate study groups, open to all, beginning the week of March 13. Choose the one that fits your schedule or appeals to you the most – or come to more than one!

### *1. The Sketchbook as Spiritual Journal*

With Chris Parsons **Mondays**, 3 to 4 p.m. at St. David's

Lent is a time and season of discipline, reflection and prayer. Come and be challenged to create at least one drawing a day through Lent as a mode for spiritual reflection. No matter what your level of artistic ability the group will offer a safe place to show off some of your sketches and challenge you to go deeper into the mystery of God. You will need to provide your own sketchbook and drawing materials, but don't feel limited to pencil or pen. This is a time for you to create, pray and grow in your Christian faith.

### *2. Christianity for the Rest of Us*

With Lucy Reid: **Wednesdays**, at St Michael's, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Author Diana Butler Bass has written a book that is of great relevance to our church situation today. She debunks the myth that only the Evangelical or Pentecostal style churches are growing, and shows how ordinary smallish neighbourhood churches (like ours) can be renewed and thrive. We will look at the key characteristics she identifies: Hospitality and Discernment; Healing and Contemplation; Testimony and Diversity; Justice and Worship; Reflection and Beauty.

### *3. Chocolate for Lent*

With Scott McLeod: **Thursdays**, at St. Peter's, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

A unique study for Lent: Using themes from the 2000 Academy Award nominated film *Chocolat*, this unique approach to the season creates the space for deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. Delving into the delicious depths of humanity, Chocolate for Lent offers a Lenten program like no other!

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## ST. PETER'S WEBSITE



St. Peter's has a new website! Check it out?

Same address, different format! Please send emails to the office with comments, suggestions, questions etc! Thank you!"

[www.stpeterslakehill.ca](http://www.stpeterslakehill.ca)

## NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE

Last year your Parish Council declared St. Peter's Church building to be scent free. This decision was made so that people who have allergies to scents had a place to worship without worrying about having a reaction. Please be aware of what products contain those scents. Along with perfumes, body sprays, colognes and aftershaves scents can be in hand lotions and in HAND SANITIZERS. Please remember not to use these products while in church. Be kind to your fellow parishioners who have difficulties with scents and if you must use these products search out unscented ones to keep in your purse for Sunday mornings. The best place to look for these products is at health food stores – and they are good products – better yet wash your hands with soap and water – it is healthier for you as well.

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## PASTORAL CARE

Just a reminder to everyone that if you are going to be in the hospital and would like someone from the church to visit, or if you know of someone who is or will be in the hospital, or is at home and not able to be out, please let us know – please contact Deacon Betty at 250 858-4930 or speak to any other member of the clergy team, or leave a message at the church office. Thank you!



## **DON'T FORGET: FLOWER BASKET ORDERS MUST BE IN BY**

**MARCH 13.** We will be selling 10 inch baskets with (1) Mixed Partial Shade; (2) Fuchsia and (3) Petunia (Calabrichoa) being available. Each basket will be \$25.00 – same price as last year and a very good deal. We will also be asking people to help with the home baking in May. Please find copies of the order form at the back of the newsletter. Speak to your family; friends and neighbours. The price of these baskets is very good; much lower that you can buy them anywhere else.

## NEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD

### THE FOUNDATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF HAITI

On March 26 The Canadian Foundation for the Children of Haiti will be packing their barrels here at St. Peter's Church for their next trip to Port au Prince. If you wish to help with supplies for the trip I have included the following list. All items taken in the barrels are for the use of Hope Home which is a home for children who have multiple disabilities. There will be a box by the entrance doors to the church where any items you donate can be left.

Here are some items from the list:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Pain medications - Tylenol and Ibuprophen - both children and adults (all meds need to be sealed and we cannot take prescription meds belonging to another person)
- Polysporin
- Good New flip flops (a variety of adult sizes) for the house moms who are on their feet all day (there are also a few male staff who would likely appreciate them too)
- Nail clippers
- towels (new or in really good condition)
- facecloths (new)
- nice soaps for the house mothers.

**ST. PETER'S HANGING BASKET SALE**

**MAY 7, 2011**

**PRE-ORDER FORM**

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FOR ON OR BEFORE **MARCH 13.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_

**10 inch Hanging Baskets - \$25.00 each**

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If you have any articles, poems, book reviews you wish to put in the key, please contact Merle Campbell-Moore at 477-6255 or [mcampbell-moore@shaw.ca](mailto:mcampbell-moore@shaw.ca).  
The next KEY will be published March 31st.

Theology Pub

Mondays 7 p.m. ~ Monkey Tree Pub

, April 11, May 9, June 13,

Wednesdays 7 p.m. Yucatan Pizza in Cordova Bay

, April 27, May 25, June 29