



CHRIST CHURCH
GABRIOLA
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Second Sunday of Easter
April 8th, 2018



Sunday April 8th Celebrant: Rev. Jim Holland

Sunday Service 10:00am



Christ Church Gabriola's new website is now online.

Check it out! www.christchurchgabriola.ca

You will find Rev. Karen's sermons, the weekly

announcements & the Prayers of the People...and lots of other interesting information about our church.



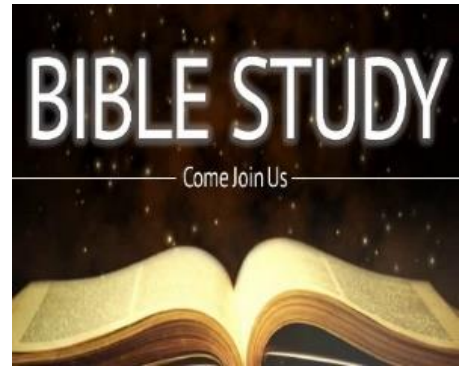
Rev. Karen's Office Hours

Starting the week of April 8th Karen's new office hours will be
Tuesday and Wednesday 1:00 – 3:00
Please phone the church or email her at: RevKarenHollis@gmail.com if
you would like to chat

Friday Bible Study & Soup Supper

Friday afternoon (4:00 pm start) **Bible Studies will resume on April 13 and continue until May 18.** We will begin at Mark 9:2 and work our way through the Gospel of Mark from there. These studies are at the home of Susan and Rob Brockley, 465 Bruce Lynn Drive. Each study is followed by a simple soup supper at 5:30 pm. Come when you can: to one session, a few sessions, or all six. All are welcome.

Susan Brockley
250-247-9467



Fresh Start in May



Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 5th.** The BC Conference of the United Church is adopting **Fresh Start**, a workshop series created by the Episcopalian church in the US to help newly called pastors and congregations get off on the right foot. BC Conference will be paying for 4 initial sessions; we have the option to pay for more, if we so choose. Our

first 2 sessions will be in the morning and afternoon of Saturday, May 5th (9am-4pm); the topics are yet to be determined and will be published in the coming weeks. This is a whole congregation event, so please make it a priority to be there. Thank you!

<http://unitedfreshstart.ca/what-is-united-fresh-start/>



The Outreach Committee reports:

Watch for our write-up in the AGM Annual Report and thank you all for your participation and support for all our programs. If you see pressing needs in our local and global community that you think our church should address, you can contact greed@shaw.ca or talk to Jenny, Gail or Betty at coffee.

Your outreach committee is looking for ways to provide support!

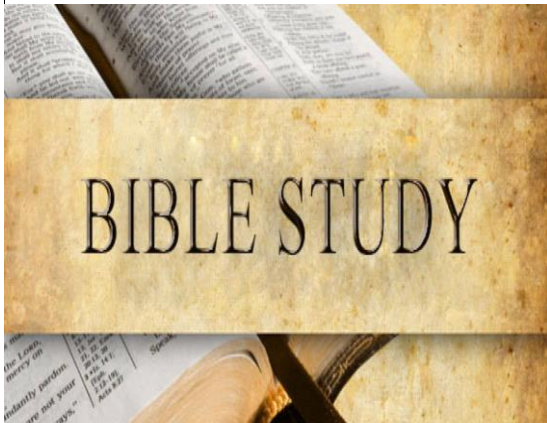
Covenanting Service



Covenanting Service Sun. Apr. 15th 4:30pm

Please join us in for the Covenanting Service among Christ Church Gabriola, Rev. Karen Hollis, and B.C. Conference with the support of the Diocese of BC and the Blessing of the Name of our new Shared Ministry.

Bible Study Tuesdays at 10:00am with Karen



Karen has been meeting with folk on Tuesday mornings for upcoming worship preparations and has found it a rich time for studying the lectionary texts together. She encourages those who are serving on the upcoming Sunday to continue attending because it is helpful, particularly for those who are lectors and leading prayers of the people, but she also sees it as a great opportunity for all to come and study, pray and share together.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Please join us as we
Celebrate the Life of Al Nutter
on April 8th, 2018

Gabriola Cemetery -2:30pm
Christ Church Gabriola Hall-
3:00pm

Share your stories/memories

Please bring some baking to
share.

Coffee and Tea



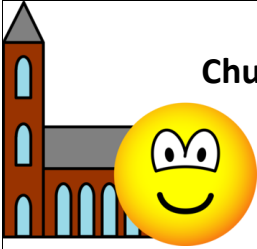
If you, or someone you know, requires emergency pastoral care please **contact Carolyn Pullano (250 325-2747) or Gai Campbell 250 325-8801** for further contact information. The Pastoral Care Team will continue to provide regular pastoral care for members of the congregation.



PRAYER WHEEL

PRAYER WHEEL To request prayers for someone OR to become a member of the prayer wheel and pray for others as requested, please contact Susan Brockley: sbrockley@shaw.ca or phone her at 250-247-9467.

Church Humour



The **Presbyterian church** called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

At the **Baptist church** the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The **Lutheran church** decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist Church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water-slide.

But the **Catholic church** came up with a very creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the **Jewish synagogue**; they took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.

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DOES ANYONE HAVE A
RECIPE FOR THESE
USING CAULIFLOWER?



All Are Welcome to Worship Together

We welcome you, whoever and wherever you are, to join us on a journey. We strive to accept each other as we are and welcome the ministry and participation of all persons regardless of age, gender identity, health, race, sexual orientation, differing abilities, religious or ethnic background or economic circumstance.

We hope that in all that we do, in our worship and community life, that the Creator's unconditional love is experienced.

We do this trusting The Creator is with us on the journey.

We gather on the ancestral lands the Snuneymuxw people.

Rev. Karen Hollis

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