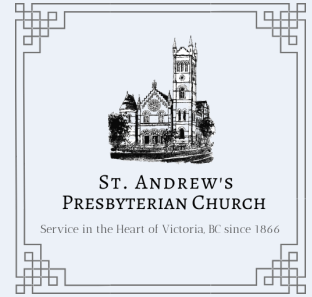


# THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S



## PARABLE OF THE PASTOR

The Commonwealth has lost a giant of the faith with the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Her life and service were a testimony of her Christian faith and service. As we honour her life and legacy, it is helpful to listen to what has been said about Queen Elizabeth and what she herself said about herself:

**What has been said about Queen Elizabeth and the strength of her faith and character: (as shared by Very Rev Prof David Fergusson, Dean of the Chapel Royal)**

*Coming to the throne, following the premature death of her father King George VI, the Princess Elizabeth was catapulted into an office which, from that moment on, she felt was a divine vocation embodying both duty to and responsibility for her people.*

*Much will be written of the highs and lows of Her Majesty's reign but those of us in the Church of Scotland who knew something of her life and responsibilities will remember most particularly that it was as a woman of deep conviction and Christian faith that she tackled the challenges of the changing times through which she lived.*

*Year on year, she acknowledged, with gratitude to God, the Church's steadfast witness to the Christian faith and its services to the people of Scotland and in many lands overseas. Coming from the heart of one whose own faith was genuine, her communications were never formulaic but were offered sincerely; indeed, it was that same faith which sustained her throughout her time on the throne and which contributed so much to the steadfast qualities of her years as our Queen.*

**What Queen Elizabeth herself said about her faith in Her own words:**

*"Throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them I find hope."*  
(Letter to the Lambeth Conference from Queen Elizabeth II, 2022)

*"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none."* (Christmas message, 2014)

*"To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me, the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life."*  
(Christmas message, 2000)

*"I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.*

*(Christmas message, 2002)*

The witness and example of Queen Elizabeth II both teaches and inspires us. Throughout her 96 years of life and 70 years of service to the Crown, she lived her life for a higher calling, to be a witness and an example of Jesus' love. Every year, even every day of her life, she wrote her autobiography by the way that she lived that day and so are we. We are writing now our own biography. What is our life saying about our faith in Jesus Christ? Think on these things.

Rich Blessings to you  
Pastor Mitch

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

**Ferron:** This concert is September 24 , 7:30 - 10:00pm at St. Andrews. "Ferron writes of love with the relentless introspection of Leonard Cohen, and, as with classic Bob Dylan, her songs' tough, questioning attitude sometimes gives way to an unexpected." – Rolling Stone Magazine Go to [www.evenbrite.ca](http://www.evenbrite.ca) for tickets and more information.

**Journey for Hope:** Join friends from our sister Presbyterian Churches on 1 October to raise funds that will go directly to PWS&D food security project. Our local team is Together in Motion. We hope you will join us. Colina, Jean and Arthur plan to cycle with Laura. To join the ride contact Laura Kavanagh ([lauratodd60@gmail.com](mailto:lauratodd60@gmail.com)) To join the walk contact Ruth McCowan ([pzoom@shaw.ca](mailto:pzoom@shaw.ca)) To contribute, go to [WeRespond.ca/support-together-in-motion](http://WeRespond.ca/support-together-in-motion), or speak to Ruth or Laura.

**Washrooms:** Please be aware that the main floor washrooms in the Kirk Hall will be closed starting August 22nd for renovations. The second floor washrooms will remain in service. This work is expected to take approx three weeks.

**Lane-way Social:** Remember to drop in and join your St. Andrew's friends in the Lane-way on Thursday at 2:00 pm for refreshments and visiting!

**The Link:** the deadline for September contributors is September 25. Let us know what you have been doing over the summer! Contact: [thelink@shaw.ca](mailto:thelink@shaw.ca)

**Tea For Tutus Volunteers:** Tea for Tutus will take place at 2pm on Oct 4th and 5th. Volunteers need to be there an hour before, event is approx. 45 mins in length. If your are able to help, please contact Ballet Victoria so they can organize their volunteers