This Week At St. Andrew's

A Greeting from the Pastor

The title under the picture recently sent to me was *Downtown Victoria* – *Early 1900's*. A more personal title might have been even more impactful – *St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Early 1900's*. Another possible descriptor might have been used - St. Andrew's Presbyterian, barely a teenager, was dedicated in 1889 under the leadership of Rev. P. McFarlan MacLeod, minister from 1888-1893.

133 years later, we serve God faithfully in a city drastically changed around us. The names and faces have changed and even though those names have now been long removed from our midst, their labour was not in vain. Their sacrifices continue to be our touchstone for the mission and service to which we are called.



A line taken from the St. Andrews historic places website articulates the early mission of St. Andrew's, "Andrew's Presbyterian Church is valued as a symbol of Victoria's ecclesiastical history and is representative of the ethnicity of its early immigrants."

As we gather Sunday for Remembrance Day, 2022, worship with us as we remember the sacrifices of the thousands who fought and died on battlefields to win and protect our freedom.

Hear again a portion of the powerful poem *Eventide* written by John McCrae who also wrote his best known and loved work, *In Flanders Fields*. Hear now a portion of Eventide.

It speaks of peace that comes after strife
Of the rest He sends to the hearts He tried,
Of the calm that follows the stormiest life –
God's eventide.

Blessings Friends. Pastor Mitch



GOD SAVE OUR GRACIOUS KING

God save our gracious KING, Long live our noble KING: God save the KING: Send HIM victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us: God save the KING



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Irish Mythen Concert: Beacon Ridge Productions presents award winning Irish-born Canadian contemporary folk singer-songwriter, Irish Mythen. Concert is November 4th at 7:30pm. For tickets go to www.eventbrite.ca

CD Madness Sale: A sale of used music cds as a fundraiser for the Early Music Society, held in the Lecture Room on November 12 from 11:00am - 5:00pm.

Building Community Together Event: November 19, Tickets on sale at Sunday coffee hours, or from the office at 778-587-1227 or office@standrewsvictoria.ca. Tickets are \$15 each, reservations required, choose a sitting at 11:30am (filling up quickly!) or 2:00 pm. Treat a friend or family member for lunch and a performance by Ballet Victoria and have a nice visit with community members you haven't seen in awhile!

The Gift of Christmas Music: December 15th, Doulgas street doors open at 11:30am, concert from 12 - 1:15pm. Join us for an afternoon listening to piano, trumpet, violin, flute, organ, and carol singing! Entrance by donation - everyone is welcome! For more information call 778-587-1227.

In the Salon of Mme Brillon Concert: The Early Music Society presents In the Salon of Mme Brillon at St. Andrew's Church on January 7th at 8:00 pm. For tickets go to earlymusicsocietyoftheislands.ca

Robbie Burns Tea: Join the Victoria Scottish Gaelic Choir on January 22nd at the Kirk Hall for the return of St. Andrew's Burns Tea - further details to be announced soon!