



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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Camp VIP 2025

Think that [Camp VIP](#) is just for the kids? Think again...

Our 'Weekend Escapes' are a special camping ministry for people of all ages. Whether you bring kids or dogs, are married or single, are working or retired, you are invited to come on out and enjoy nature with us. There will usually be enlightening speakers to engage the adults and activities to engage the kids. We spend time singing together around the campfire and learning how to make the perfect s'mores.

Started in 1975 and originally called Presbytery Camp, Camp VIP is a ministry whose focus has always been sharing the Gospel with children, youth, and adults in a camp environment. Our camps are made possible because of the work of dedicated volunteers, staff, and the continued support of Vancouver Island congregations.

Whether studying, praying, or playing... we have a great time!

Next year's camp dates are out:

LITTLE QUALICUM FALLS PROVINCIAL PARK: June 9 - 13

GOLDSTREAM PROVINCIAL PARK: July 3 - 7

RATHTREVOR PROVINCIAL PARK: August 11 - 18

Stay tuned for more information in the new year!

Week at a Glance

Tea for Tutu - Kirk Hall

November 19, 20, 21 at 2:00 pm

Open Church: Sanctuary

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm

Meditation Hour: Sanctuary

Wednesdays at 4:40 pm

Prayer Meeting: Zoom

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Activity Group: Gathering Room

Thursdays at 10:30

Worship Service: Sanctuary

Sundays at 10:30 am

Violin Recital - Sanctuary

Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 pm

Worship Service

Lectionary Readings: Psalm 100,
Matthew 25:31-40, Mark 2:1-12

Prelude: 'Jesu, joy of man's
desiring' by J S Bach

Choral Anthem: 'Celtic Praise' by
Faye Lopez

Musical Reflection: 'Christ our
Redeemer' by Healey Willan

Postlude: 'Jesus shall reign' by
Anna Laura Page

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2024

SHARE THE JOY



*This Christmas,
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people in Victoria!*

Our financial donations will help The Mustard Seed Church distribute 1200 Christmas hampers.

CASH DONATIONS

Put your cash or cheque in a regular donation envelope during Sunday Services.

E-TRANSFER DONATIONS

Please send your donation to treasurer@standrewsvictoria.ca

Please indicate all donations are for 'Share the Joy'.



WARM TOES

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Prayer Meeting

Over the last months you will have seen weekly opportunities for prayer on Wednesdays and Thursdays. What brings us together? It is our commitment to finding a spirit-filled future for both Knox and St. Andrew's.

As members of Knox and St Andrew's, we come with different perspectives, all working towards the same goal. We realize that as we talk together about what we feel the spirit is leading us to pray about, that our conversation in of itself is prayer. Holy Conversation if you will. We are able to lay out for each other what we are wrestling with; it is conversation with the intent of prayer, Holy Conversation indeed.

Through our shared conversations, we are learning to trust God, and gaining energy from each other. We find that wrestling with our thoughts 'out loud' is helpful.

Will you join us in prayer as we wait for God's surprise? Prayer is important work? We welcome your contribution to the conversations.

As we engage in Holy Conversation, we will find ways to pray together from our hearts and souls

Matthew 18:20. 'For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

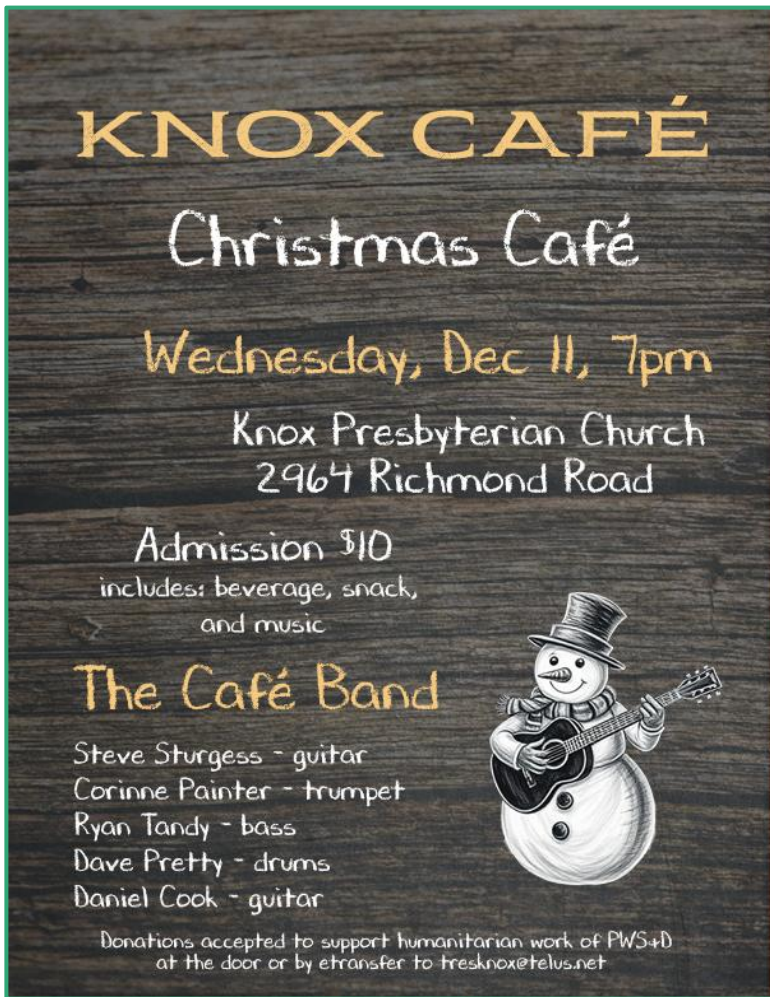
Colina Titus is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Colina Titus's Zoom Meeting
Time: Nov 20, 2024 07:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76443733056?pwd=1m5uaWex65YSV6nKuaLDv2ecPPaa7P.1>

Meeting ID: 764 4373 3056
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KNOX CAFÉ

Christmas Café


Wednesday, Dec 11, 7pm

Knox Presbyterian Church
2964 Richmond Road

Admission \$10
includes: beverage, snack,
and music

The Café Band

Steve Sturgess - guitar
Corinne Painter - trumpet
Ryan Tandy - bass
Dave Pretty - drums
Daniel Cook - guitar



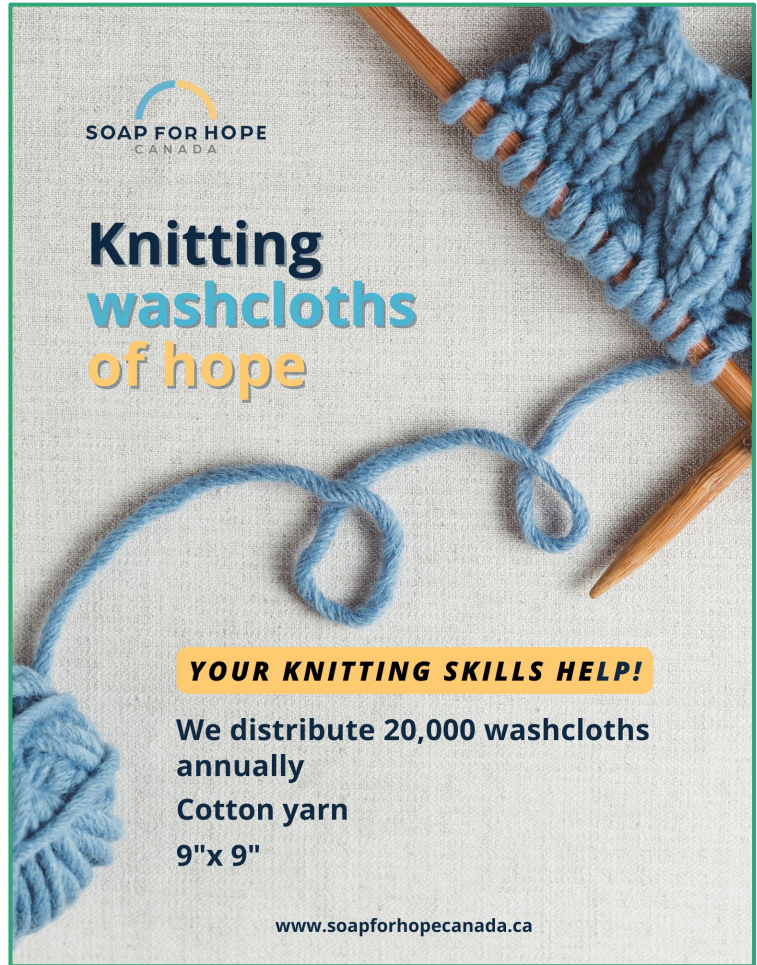
Donations accepted to support humanitarian work of PWS+D
at the door or by e-transfer to freshknox@telus.net

Knox Cafe

You're Invited to a Magical Christmas Café! Celebrate the season with us at a heartwarming Christmas Café, where music, joy, and the spirit of Christmas come together for an unforgettable evening.

Join us as we fill the air with timeless holiday melodies, from cherished Christmas hymns to festive classics that will have you singing along. Experience the beauty of "Silent Night", the joy of "Winter Wonderland", and the wonder of "O Holy Night", all performed by talented musicians and vocalists in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Whether you're coming to reflect, rejoice, or simply enjoy the holiday spirit, this café will offer something for everyone. Don't miss the chance to be part of this unforgettable night of music, community, and Christmas cheer. Bring your loved ones and create new memories as we come together to ring in the season!



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We distribute 20,000 washcloths
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Cotton yarn
9"x 9"

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Washcloths of Hope

[Soap for Hope](#), has put out a call for handmade washcloths:

"Attention knitting enthusiasts! We are on a mission to knit 1,500 washcloths of hope for Senior Packages before Christmas - and we need your help! Each one should be 9x9 inches and made of cotton yarn. Let's stitch community together!"

Every year, we're proud to distribute 20,000 washcloths to vulnerable people, each one lovingly made by our community. These small, handmade items bring comfort and dignity, showing the power of a simple gesture."

If you walk over to [Buttons and Needlework Boutique](#), you will find a great selection of cotton yarn and knitting supplies. You can drop off you washcloths in the Soap for Hope donations bin in front of the church office!

Thank you,
Shannon Cummings

Community Events Calendar

Tea for Tutu - Kirk Hall

Tue/Wed/Thu, November 19, 20, 21 at 2:00 pm
'The Gift of the Nutcracker'. To reserve your free seats email tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca or call 250-380-6063

Understanding Dementia and MAiD - Online

November 21 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm
For more information and tickets please go [HERE](#).

Taizé Prayer Invite - St. Philip Church

Thursday, November 28 at 7:00 pm
Please join us at St. Philip Oak Bay for a candlelit service of song, silence, prayer and contemplation, in the style of the Taizé Community. The event series is on our [website](#).

Creches of the World - Comox Valley

November 29 at 1:00pm - 3:00pm (for seniors and those with mobility considerations) and 3:00pm - 6:30pm & November 30 at 10:00am - 3:30pm
A display of Nativity sets from all around the world. Free admission! Christmas music, children's area, lighted room. For more information go [HERE](#).

Iestyn Davies and Fretwork- Sanctuary

Friday, November 29 at 7:30 pm
For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

The Legacy of Lightfoot - Sanctuary

Saturday, November 30 at 7:30 pm
For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

Gerdan Theater Ukrainian Choir - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 1 at 7:00 pm
For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

Scottish Gaelic Choir Concert - Trinity Church

Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 pm
Join The Victoria Scottish Gaelic Choir for our annual Christmas concert! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in advance [HERE](#).

Knox Cafe - Knox Church

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm
You're Invited to a Magical Christmas Café! Admission is \$10 and includes light refreshments. Donations accepted to support Presbyterian World Service & Development.

St. Andrew's Events Calendar

The Link - December Deadline

Sunday, November 24
Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca.

Violin Recital - Sanctuary

Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 pm
Featuring Violin students from the classes of Ann Elliott-Goldschmidt UVIC School of Music, Lafayette Quartet member. Donations are appreciated and support both the music outreach program and young emerging musicians!

Viola and Chamber Recital - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 1 at 2:00 pm
Featuring the wonderful Viola students and Chamber groups from the class of Joanna Hood, Associate Professor at UVIC's School of Music, and Lafayette Quartet member. Donations are appreciated and support both the music outreach program and young emerging musicians!

Session Meeting - Hybrid

Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm

The Gift of Christmas Music - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 12 at 12:00 pm
Featuring the talents of organist Christine Purvis and guests. You can also take part in the Christmas carol sing along! Warm drinks and Christmas goodies will be served. Donations are appreciated and support both St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's music outreach program and young emerging musicians!

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 pm
Details to be announced...

The Link - January Deadline

Sunday, December 29
Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca.

Riccio String Trio - Sanctuary

Sunday, January 5 at 12:15 pm
Everyone is welcome! Entrance by donation. Donations are appreciated to support music outreach and emerging young musicians.