



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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Lenten Reader

Lent is a journey. Traditionally, these 40 days before Easter are a time of self-examination, letting go of the old, and preparing ourselves for something new.

Over the last three years Linda Coggin has encouraged us to share our faith through brief reflections that were a source of inspiration and encouragement during the season of Lent. Although she will not be here during Lent 2025, the Christian Education Committee hopes to compile reflections into a Lenten Reader for 2025.

Henri Nouwen writes,

When we are rooted in prayer and solitude and part of a community of faith...the books we read, the nature we enjoy, the people we meet, and the events we experience contain within themselves signs of God's presence and guidance day by day.

In that spirit, we invite you to share a story, a scripture, an experience that has shaped your life of faith. This might be something you do regularly like taking a walk or gardening or a life changing circumstance that has taught you about God's presence or provision in our everyday lives. We aren't asking for perfection, we are asking you to share a bit of your unique faith journey.

We will create a "Lenten Reader" for all to use during Lent. Describe your experience in any way that you choose: a description, an example, a story, a song, poem, or artwork (photo or drawing). There is not a specific format, just a few guidelines:

- Suggested length for the submission is ½ to 1 typed page (handwritten is accepted!)
- PLEASE SUBMIT by Wednesday, March 5, 2025
- Send to steetzel@telus.net or office@standrewsvictoria.ca or drop your submission in the church office. If you have a question or need assistance in ANY way please contact Sabine Teetzel by email steetzel@telus.net or phone 250-896-7495.

Week at a Glance

Open Church: Sanctuary
Wednesdays at 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Meditation Hour: Sanctuary
Wednesdays at 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Activity Group: Gathering Room
Thursdays at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Worship Service: Sanctuary
Sundays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Session Meeting - Hybrid
Monday, February 17 at 7:00 pm

Worship Service

Lectionary Readings: Psalm 1, Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 6:17-26

Prelude: "Trumpet Voluntary" by John Bennett

Choral Anthem: "Lord in Thy Mercy" by Felix Mendelssohn

Musical Reflection: "Adagio" from Sonata # 1 by Felix Mendelssohn

Postlude: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" by Anna Laura Page



Music Director's Retirement

We will be saying goodbye to Christine on April 21. Christine has given notice that she is retiring and moving to the mainland so that she, and her husband Richard can live near their family.

Christine came to us more than 8 years ago, as an organist. We are most grateful that she stayed, becoming our Director of Music Ministry and we appreciate her commitment to music at St Andrew's. She will be missed! And reading this excerpt from Christine's letter, we know that she will miss us:

"It is with mixed feelings and sadness that I write to inform you that I will be retiring from my position as Director of Music Ministry, effective April 21st, 2025. My association with St. Andrew's has been a source of joy and I am most grateful to the many members of the choir, Session and the congregation who have provided their love, support and friendship over the years."

Letter from Colwood Church

Dear Pastor Mitch Coggin,

"I thank my God every time I remember you"
Philippians 1:3.

Our pastor and staff enjoy the wonderful privilege of praying for our congregation on an individual basis, as well as other churches and ministries in and around the city on a weekly basis. We want you to know that St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was prayed for today.

Have a blessed day.

Yours in Christ,

The Pastors and Staff
Colwood Church



2025 Vancouver Island Presbytery Summer Camps

(A program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada)

Location and Dates:

Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park June 9th-13th

Goldstream Provincial Park July 3rd-7th

Rathrevor Provincial Park August 11th-18th

For Enquiry Contact: Camp VIP
registrar jermareng@outlook.com

Camp Website <https://vipresbytery.net>

WARM TOES



**WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING
DONATIONS OF SOCKS!**

**DONATION BIN LOCATED IN
THE GATHERING ROOM.**

*Donations will be delivered to The Mustard
Seed at the end of each month.*

Thank you for your donation!





Coldest Night

Sat, Feb. 22, 2025

Coldest Night of the Year is a national community walkathon in support of people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Each February we take to the streets of downtown Victoria and the Westshore. Leaving the comfort and warmth of our homes we walk in solidarity, raising funds and support for our neighbours in need.

Registration is now open for Coldest Night 2025!

Register for the Pandora walk [here](#)

Register for the Westshore walk [here](#)

Last year, our community raised over \$192,000 between our two walk locations. With your support we can make even more of an impact! Please consider gathering a team together and joining us in person or virtually for our 2km or 5km walks.

Limited Sponsorships Available. Please contact rachelh@ourplacesociety.com to learn more today.

Hope Blooms on Pandora

Sat, March. 22, 2025 – Save the Date!

As the cherry blossoms bloom on Pandora, join Our Place for a hope-filled spring brunch in support of **Pathways off Pandora**.

Sponsorships Available. Please contact rachelh@ourplacesociety.com to learn more today.



El Parnasso

[The Early Music Society of the Islands](#) presents *El Parnasso – Music for voice and vihuela from 16th Century Spain* at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary this Saturday, February 15 at 7:30 pm.

Note: Due to a delay in obtaining and entry visa, the concert originally planned for February 15, *Huehuetenango*, is unfortunately no longer available. We are pleased, however, to be offering in its place another fine programme featuring vihuelist Ariel Abramovich and soprano Perrine Devillers.

[Buy Tickets](#) (Youth and students admitted free at the door)

[Redeem your Flex Pass Voucher\(s\) for This Concert](#)

Argentinian vihuelist Ariel Abramovich and French soprano Perrine Devillers, perform works by the Spanish composer and vihuela player Estevan Daça (1537 – 1591/1596).

In sixteenth-century Spain, the vihuela was one of the principal instruments used for the domestic performance of highly cultivated art music. Estevan Daça was one of a number of talented vihuelists of the time who composed and arranged music for this instrument. His important collection, titled "El Parnasso" is divided into three books, and includes both Daça's compositions and his intabulated arrangements of French and Spanish secular songs. This programme presents works from the first and third book.

Community Events Calendar

El Parnasso

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary
Saturday, February 15 at 7:30 pm

Note: The original concert planned for today, *Huehuetenango*, has been postponed. Argentinian vihuelist Ariel Abramovich and French soprano Perrine Devillers, perform works by the Spanish composer and vihuela player Estevan Daça. For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

Beyond Neoclassical

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary
Saturday, February 22 at 7:00 pm

An amazing musical journey beyond space and time with internationally acclaimed cellist, composer and multilingual vocalist Ian Maksin! For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

Seedy Sunday

Sunday, February 23 from 2 - 4pm

Bell Irving Room at Pearkes Recreation Center

[Gorge Tillicum Urban Farmers](#) invite you to save and sort your seed stash for sharing at this wonderful community event! Please bring \$3 to donate to Saanich Neighborhood Place. Children are welcome. There will be a plant give-away table, a refreshments table, and a children's activity table.

Community Dinner

Knox Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 16

Gather to prepare a meal (Baked Potatoes with toppings + Rainbow Rice Krispie Treats.) and eat together. Please [email](#) Laura to sign up so we can plan to have plenty of food.

Tea for Tutu: Carmina Burana

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Kirk Hall

Tue/Wed/Thu, March 11, 12, 13 at 2:00 pm

To reserve your free seats email

tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca or call 250-380-6063

Alpha Yaya Diallo & Friends

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary

Friday, March 21 at 7:30 pm

JUNO Award winning guitarist and singer Alpha Yaya Diallo, from Guinea in West Africa, is one of the hottest acts on the current world music scene. For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

St. Andrew's Events Calendar

Farewell to Pastor Mitch & Linda Coggin

The Kirk Hall

Sunday, February 23 following worship services

Everyone is invited to a light lunch to say thank you and goodbye to Mitch and Linda Coggin.

The Link - March Deadline

Sunday, February 23

Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca.

Congregational Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 9 at 12:00 pm

Session Meeting - Hybrid

Monday, March 10 at 7:00 pm

Cello Recital

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary

Sunday, March 23, 2:00 pm

Featuring cello students from the studio of Pam Highbaugh Aloni, Associate Professor at UVic School of Music. Donations are appreciated and support both St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's music outreach program and young emerging musicians!

Chamber Recital

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary

Sunday, March 30, 2:00 pm

Featuring chamber groups from classes of Joanna Hood, Associate Professor at UVic School of Music. Donations are appreciated and support both St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's music outreach program and young emerging musicians!

The Link - April Deadline

Sunday, March 30

Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca

Choral Singers Celebration

Sunday, April 6 following worship services

Everyone is invited to celebrate St. Andrew's choral singers who are graduating from UVic!

VIP Women's Retreat

Camp Imadene

Fri/Sat/Sun, April 25 - 27

More details to follow soon! Contact ringmybellsmith@gmail.com with questions.