

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

ISSUE # 252 March 4, 2025

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

Annual General Meeting: Sanctuary
Sunday, March 9 at 12:00 pm

Hybrid Session Meeting
Monday, March 10 at 7:00 pm

Music Notes

Prelude: "Toccata #1" by Johann Ernst Eberlin

Choral Anthem: "Lead me Lord" by Samuel Wesley

Musical Reflection: "Dialogue on the Voix Humaine" by Francois Couperin

Postlude: "Fuga" by Johann Ernst Eberlin

Dialogue on the Voix Humaine is the musical reflection music this week. As in most French music of the 17th century, the title tells us the organ sounds to use. Voix Humaine is a short resonator reed stop on the organ named because it resembles the sound of the human voice. Couperin wrote this piece as part of his Mass for the Convents (1690) and it would have been played in between parts of the service.



AGM Notice

St. Andrew's 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on Sunday, March 9, 2025, in the Sanctuary following Worship.

Live Streaming is available.

Dear Friends,

This is an important meeting for St. Andrew's; we value your input regarding Church decisions and hope that you will be able to attend the AGM in person.

For those not able to attend in person, you can participate in the meeting via Live-Streaming. You may call the Church Cell Phone at 1-778-587-1227 if you have a question **during** the meeting. This phone number will be monitored.

If you have questions **before** the AGM and are unable to attend in person or via Live-Streaming, please phone the Church Office (250-384-5734) and we will make sure that someone calls you to answer your question.

Following Worship, please take a few minutes to get a coffee in The Gathering Room and return to the Sanctuary for the important Annual General Meeting.

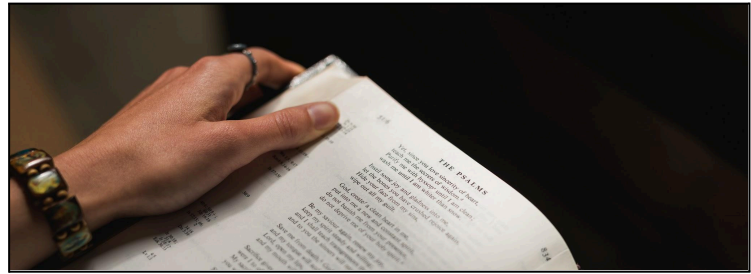
Annual Report: You will have received a copy of the Annual Report starting February 20th in the Thursday e-mail, and it can also be accessed on the St. Andrew's website (Under Archives-Reports). We encourage you to ask questions prior to the meeting by either:

- phoning the Church Office (250-384-5734) and speak with our Church Administrator, Shannon
- or email session.clerk@standrewsvictoria.ca and we will find someone to answer your question and make sure you get a reply.

AGENDA for St. Andrew's 2024 Annual Meeting

1. Constitution
2. Memorial Minute
3. Nomination of secretary (**motion**)
4. Explanation of process (**motion**)
5. Review and approval of the minutes of '2024 Budget meeting -January 21, 2024. (**motion**)

6. Review and approval of the minutes of '2023 Annual Meeting – 25 February 2024 (motion)
7. Review and approval of the minutes of the 'Congregational Meeting – Heritage Funds' – October 27, 2024 (motion)
8. Review and approval of committee reports as presented (motion)
9. Approval Trustees (motion)
10. Closing Prayer



Lenten Reader

Two brave souls have sent in a submission for the Lenten Reader. One person wrote about the impact of people in our lives and how they often are there in response to prayer, and another wrote about how they process scripture. Perhaps, you have considered something you might share to encourage others.

I, too, have thought about what I would write and moments of doubt and fear that what I have to share isn't good enough or wouldn't be encouraging to other people. I believe that God asks us to be "Christ to one another," to share the everydayness of our lives.

Frederick Buechner writes that "my story and your story are all part of each other too if only because we have sung together and prayed together and seen each other's faces...all our stories are in the end one story, one vast story about being human, being together, being here."

So, each of our stories do matter. When we share from our experience, we strengthen the body of Christ. We aren't asking for your perfection, we are asking you to take a risk and share a bit of your unique life as a person of faith.

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 **Thursday March 6, 2025**
- Send by email to steetzel@telus.net or office@standrewsvictoria.ca with "for Lenten Reader in the subject line" or bring your submission to your church.

If you have a question or just want to think out-loud about what you might share, let's chat.

- Sabine Teetzle

Voting:

If you attend the meeting in person, please vote on the motions presented at the meeting.

If you are not able to be present in the Sanctuary for the meeting on Sunday, March 9th, we encourage you to submit your votes to approve each of the motions by:

- phone to the Church Office 250-384-5734
- or by email to session.clerk@standrewsvictoria.ca

A Summary of the Discussions at this meeting will be circulated by mail and e-mail to enable those not able to be present to register their votes.

Voting will take place **March 17-21, 2025.**

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S
MUSIC OUTREACH PROGRAM PRESENTS**

Spring Concerts

BRASS CONCERT
MARCH 16 AT 2:00 PM
Featuring 'Junebug Brass', a UVic brass quintet with trumpets, french horn, and tenor and bass trombone!

CELLO CONCERT
MARCH 23 AT 2:00 PM
Featuring cello students from the class of Pam Highbaugh Aloni, Associate Professor at UVic's School of Music.


CHAMBER CONCERT
MARCH 30 AT 2:00 PM
Featuring music students from the class of Joanna Hood, Associate Professor at UVic's School of Music.


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**DONATIONS
APPRECIATED**
Support our music program
and young musicians!


FREE PARKING
Sundays and holidays
745 Broughton Parkade
next to the Greater
Victoria Public Library.


Announcements


 **CARPPOOLING REQUEST:** Anne and Don Jones have moved to Amica on The Gorge and are wondering if any St. Andrew's members would like to carpool down to church on Sundays. Please contact them, or the church office if you are able to offer them a ride!


 **WARM TOES:** Mission & Outreach is still accepting donations of socks for The Mustard Seed in The Gathering Room. Donations will be delivered at the end of each month. Thank you for your support!


 **ACTIVITY GROUP REQUEST:** We continue to need new or gently used **flannelette fabric** and **bath towels** for our charity projects. Drop off your donation at the church office, or on Thursday mornings from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Gathering Room.


 **CUSTODIAN AWAY:** Our church custodian Grant is away on spring vacation next week - please direct all property inquiries to David Garson or David McLean in his absence.


 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS:** Remember to 'Spring ahead' one hour at midnight on March 8th so you're not late for worship service on Sunday, March 9th!


 **REV. WES:** On March 9th we welcome The Rev. Wes Denyer to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church! Wes will be our guest minister throughout Lent.


 **STEVE BELL CONCERT:** March 9 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Lambrick Park Church 1780 Feltham Road, Victoria, BC. An evening of story and song, featuring music from Steve's latest album, "The Glad Surprise," as well as Steve Bell classics and favourites. Tickets available [here](#).


 **LENT STUDY:** At Knox Presbyterian Church on Monday March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14 from 1:00 - 2:15 pm. You are invited to attend Lent Study at Knox! Please sign up through the church office or with Rev. Laura Kavanagh.

 **PARKING:** The Broughton Square Parkade next door, run by Robbins Parking, will **NOT BE FREE** on Sundays as of March 16th. Sussex Place Parking is still available on Sundays from 10am - 1pm and closes at 7 pm. Sussex has an elevator, and full day parking is \$5 on Sundays! Please remember to display your parking pass on your dash!

 **KNOX COMMUNITY DINNER:** At Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 16. Gather to prepare a meal and eat together. Please [email](#) Rev. Laura to sign up so we can plan to have plenty of food.

 **KNOX CAFE:** At Knox Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 pm. Join us for an unforgettable evening of music celebrating the iconic sounds and bold lyrics of the 1960s and 1970s folk scene. Admission is \$10 and includes light refreshments. Donations collected for PWS&D. Don't miss this tribute to the folk legends whose songs capture the spirit of a generation.


 **THE LINK:** April deadline is Sunday, March 30. Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca

 **CHORAL SINGER CELEBRATION:** Sunday, April 6 following worship services. Everyone is invited to celebrate St. Andrew's choral singers who are graduating from UVic!


 **HYBRID SESSION MEETING:** The next meeting is Monday, April 14 at 7:00 pm in The Gathering Room and via Zoom.

 **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:** on Sunday, April 17 at Knox Presbyterian Church at 10 am.

 **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** on Sunday, April 18 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 10:30 am.

 **FAREWELL TO CHRISTINE:** Sunday, April 20 after worship service in St. Andrew's Kirk Hall. Everyone is invited to a special coffee time to say thank you and goodbye to our long time Music Director Christine Purvis.

 **VIP WOMEN'S RETREAT:** at Camp Imadene on Fri/Sat/Sun, April 25 - 27. Guest speaker Rev. Dr. Mona. Register before March 16 for \$230! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/29ndlyoy>. For more information please contact Camp Registrar at (250) 668 3299 or vipladiesretreat@gmail.com

 **CAMP VIP:** This year's VIP camp dates are as follows: Little Qualicum Falls June 9 - 13, Goldstream July 3-7, Rath Trevor August 11 - 18. For more information contact the Camp Registrar at jermareng@outlook.com.

Earthquake Preparedness

Did you feel the earthquake on Monday morning? I sure did! Do you have an Earthquake Plan in place? I sure don't! Have you restocked your Earthquake Kit recently? I sure haven't! It might be a good time for all of us to make sure we're ready!

[The Canadian Earthquake Early Warning](#) system provides seconds to tens-of-seconds of warning by detecting an earthquake immediately after it occurs, giving you enough warning to **Drop, Cover and Hold On**. In B.C. earthquake and tsunami alerts will appear on **TV, radio and compatible mobile phones** through [B.C.'s emergency alert system](#).

If you are near the coast and see a sudden rise or fall of the ocean or hear a roar **move to higher ground immediately - and stay there!**

For information on emergency programs in your area, please click on one of the following links: [Central Saanich](#), [Colwood](#), [Esquimalt](#), [Highlands](#), [Langford](#), [Metchosin](#), [North Saanich](#), [Oak Bay](#), [Saanich](#), [Sidney](#), [Sooke](#), [View Royal](#), or [Victoria](#).

You should also follow official sources of information like [EmergencyInfoBC](#).

Older adults may need to think about preparedness actions above and beyond the basics:

- If you rely on a prescription, talk to your primary care provider about how to keep an extra supply or valid prescription in [your emergency kit or grab-and-go bag](#)
- A whistle or personal alarm to call for help
- Written instructions for special medical or mobility equipment
- Extra eye glasses, hearing aids and hearing aid batteries
- Spare footwear with any special orthotics

Most importantly, take time to create a trusted [support network](#) of at least three people to assist during an emergency. Give them keys to your home and add their contact information to a shared emergency plan. You should also advise members of your support network of any health conditions or medications, and show them how to operate specialized medical or mobility equipment.

Check out BC's [Earthquake and Tsunami Preparedness Guide](#) for an in depth look, then fill in your own [Household Emergency Plan!](#)

- Shannon Cummings

If You Feel Shaking or Get an Alert:

If Possible



DROP!



COVER!



HOLD ON!

Using Cane



DROP!



COVER!



HOLD ON!

Using Walker



LOCK!



COVER!



HOLD ON!

Using Wheelchair



LOCK!



COVER!



HOLD ON!

EarthquakeCountry.org/step5



Metchosin Challenge 2025



Spirituality in the (Post) Modern World

Tuesday evenings from March 11th to April 15th at 7 PM
In person and on Zoom.
St. Mary's Anglican Church, 4125 Metchosin Rd.
admin@stmarysmetchosin.ca | 250-474-4119

March 11th: The Venerable Dr. Lon Towstego – Religion as Community.

March 18th: Margaret O'Donnell – Taizé Way of Being Together.

March 25th: The Rev Dr. Ross Lockhart – The Secular Pacific Northwest.

April 1st: The Rev Dr. Travis O'Brian – Mystery in the Church.

April 8th: Patricia Lane – How Canadian Churches Respond to President Trump.

April 15th: Dean Jonathan Thomas – What is Spirituality?

Discussions on how religion's role in society has changed, its new forms, issues and challenges.

Events at St. Andrew's

Tea for Tutu: Carmina Burana

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Kirk Hall
Tue/Wed/Thu, March 11, 12, 13 at 2:00 pm

FULLY BOOKED!

Brass Concert

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary
Sunday, March 16, 2:00 pm

Featuring 'Junebug Brass', a UVic brass quintet with trumpets, french horn, and tenor and bass trombone! Donations are appreciated and support both our music outreach program and musicians!

Alpha Yaya Diallo & Friends

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary
Friday, March 21 at 7:30 pm

Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions, 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](#).

Cello Concert

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 our music outreach program and musicians!

An Evening with Judy Collins

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary
Saturday, March 28 & 29 at 7:30 pm

MARCH 29 SOLD OUT! Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions, Judy Collins has inspired audiences with sublime vocals, boldly vulnerable songwriting, personal life triumphs, and a firm commitment to social activism. For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

Chamber Concert

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 our music outreach program and musicians!

Pandora Chorus Spring Concert

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary
Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 pm

The Pandora Chorus is a non-auditioned indie pop rock community choir. We will be singing songs

from our Winter-Spring repertoire.

Tea for Tutu: A Midsummer Night's Dream

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Kirk Hall
Tue/Wed/Thu, May 6, 7, 8 at 2:00 pm

To reserve your free seats email tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca or call 250-380-6063

Wings


St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary
Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm

Ensemble Laude takes flight with Wings, a curated selection of breathtaking pieces from around the world. For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

Seattle Children's Choir Concert

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary
Sunday, May 25, 12:00 pm

The Seattle Children's Chorus, a performance and educational choral music organization, performs the finest choral music with a unique commitment to sacred literature. Donations are appreciated and support both our music outreach program and musicians!



KNOX CAFÉ
Songs of Folk, Freedom and Folly
Voices from the coffeehouse 1970

Thursday, Mar 20, 7pm

Knox Presbyterian Church
2964 Richmond Road

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

The Café Band
Steve Sturgess - guitar
Ryan Tandy - bass
Carolyn Hoekstra - piano

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

The poster features a central illustration of a musician playing an acoustic guitar on a small stage in a cozy café setting. The background is a dark, textured wood grain. Text is written in a mix of bold, yellow, and white fonts. At the bottom, there is a small line of text about donations.