

# THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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## 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

## Music Notes

### Prelude

"Ubi Caritas" by Denis Bedard

### Choral Anthem

"Kyrie" by Vicki Tucker Courtney

### Musical Reflection

"Pie Jesu/Merciful Jesus" by Gabriel Faure

### Postlude

"Fantasia in a minor" by Johann Sebastian Bach



## Lenten Reader

If you would like to contribute to the Lenten Reader but feel it is too late please email [Sabine](#) and something can be arranged. The Lenten Reader will be available late next week.

May I suggest that you look at the [Lenten Devotional from St. Andrew's Hall](#). This is their 70<sup>th</sup> year as a Presbyterian College on the campus of UBC. The contributors are professors, students and other members of the St. Andrew's Hall Community.

- Sabine Teetzel

## Music & Worship

Sadly, Sunday the 20th of April will be the final Sunday that Christine Purvis will be the Director of Music Ministry at St. Andrew's.

We have an interim plan for music through until at least the end of August. This will give time to find the right music director for St. Andrew's.

Two local organists, Steven Benson and Norma Kobald, will play the organ for Sunday worship. Darby Howard, one of our choral scholars, is excited to take responsibility for the choir. She will lead Thursday choir practices and choose the music and hymns in collaboration with the visiting ministers.

Choir will continue through until the end of May. As last year, one or two choral scholars will lead congregational singing through the summer months.

- Colina Titus

## Embracing Lent

How are you observing Lent? How can we pray, fast, and give in meaningful ways this season? Here are some ideas to consider – remember, you don't need to do everything to make a difference doing something...

- Don't buy anything that you don't really need
- Attend the 1pm Monday Study Group at Knox
- Give away 40 things in 40 days - not just your junk!
- Give up gossip or Facebook or excess sugar or whatever is a vice for you
- Exercise daily to take care of the body God gave you
- Say 3 kind things to 3 people daily - be intentional
- Read and reflect on scripture or a devotional text throughout Lent

- The Rev. Laura Kavanagh

# Fundraising Concert

Help sponsor a Syrian-Palestinian refugee family by attending a fundraising concert on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 7 pm at Christ Church Cathedral (Entrance from Quadra St.) Admission by Donation - doubled with matching funds!

A Multi-Faith Collaboration of Congregation Emanu-El, Christ Church Cathedral and the Muslim Community. Enjoy an evening of peace and solidarity, Arabic, Celtic & Jewish Music. Featuring Sari Alesh (violin) and Dave Conway (guitar) Kvell's Angels Klezmer Band. Middle Eastern Delicacies served during intermission.

## Sari Alesh (violin) and Dave Conway (guitar)

Sari Alesh, a classically trained violinist from Damascus, toured internationally with the Syrian National Symphony Orchestra before settling in Canada in 2016. He has since performed at the Canadian Embassy in Geneva and the United Nations Global Conference on Human Rights.

Dave Conway, a seasoned musician and songwriter, has spent decades teaching and performing across B.C. The duo has been playing together since 2016, blending diverse cultural influences into their unique sound.

## Kvell's Angels Klezmer Band

Formed in 2022, Kvell's Angels celebrates the rich tradition of Eastern European Jewish klezmer music. Their repertoire includes rare pieces from the Kiselgof-Makonovetsky Digital Manuscript Project—forgotten klezmer tunes rediscovered in a Kyiv library basement. The band features Julia Herzog (flute), Laura Rosenberg (concertina), Rick Kool (bass), Nejama Ferstman (guitar), and Lucy Nerenberg (mandolin).

## Refugee Sponsorship Project

R. is a Syrian-Palestinian widow currently living with her two teenage daughters as refugees in a "third country" where they are very vulnerable and at risk.

The family has recently been accepted by ICA (the Inter-Cultural Association here in Victoria) for sponsorship through our committee. We have the support and resources of both Congregation Emanu-El and Christ Church Cathedral to help us to offer tax-deductible donations etc. Due to the recent changes in the federal immigration situation, we were fortunate to be given this opportunity.

We only have till the end of March to raise the initial \$30,000 in funds required to submit a completed

sponsorship application to the IRCC in this short window.

Our Sponsorship Team includes Muslims, Christians, and Jews and we welcome participants from any background to join us in this "big tent" effort. Please follow the instructions below to donate to R. and her family's sponsorship. All donations will go towards refugee settlement costs.

## [Donations through Congregation Emanu-El](#)


This link will take you to the synagogue's donations page and to the account for R's family. Cheques can also be written to "Congregation Emanu-El" with "Refugee Sponsorship CE25" in the notes section.

## Donations through Christ Church Cathedral:

1. Cheques made out to Christ Church Cathedral with 'Refugee Support' in the memo line.
2. Credit card transactions can be made at the office (930 Burdett Ave, Victoria). Please ensure that Refugee Support is mentioned to the person completing the transaction so the funds are appropriately booked.
3. E transfer at [giving@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca](mailto:giving@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca). In the memo box type in Refugee Support.

Please contact us via: [CEE.Refugee@gmail.com](mailto:CEE.Refugee@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Your generosity brings hope to the family, and we deeply appreciate your support.

- *The Sponsorship Team*

**Metchosin Challenge 2025** 

**Spirituality in the (Post) Modern World**

Tuesday evenings from March 11<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM  
In person and on Zoom.  
St. Mary's Anglican Church, 4125 Metchosin Rd.  
[admin@stmarysmetchosin.ca](mailto:admin@stmarysmetchosin.ca) | 250-474-4119

**March 11<sup>th</sup>: The Venerable Dr. Lon Towstego – Religion as Community.**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>: Margaret O'Donnell – Taizé Way of Being Together.**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>: The Rev Dr. Ross Lockhart – The Secular Pacific Northwest.**


**April 1<sup>st</sup>: The Rev Dr. Travis O'Brian – Mystery in the Church.**


**April 8<sup>th</sup>: Patricia Lane – How Canadian Churches Respond to President Trump.**


**April 15<sup>th</sup>: Dean Jonathan Thomas – What is Spirituality?**


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


# Announcements


 **IN MEMORY:** It is with great sadness that the family of Patricia (Pat) Brown announces her passing on Monday, March 3, 2025. The family is planning a service later this summer.


 **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.


 **LENT STUDY:** At Knox Presbyterian Church on Monday March 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.


 **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** Canada will join together [online](#) for a one-hour NATIONAL World Day of Prayer (WDP) 2025 Service written by Christian women in the Cook Islands. Theme “I Made You Wonderful” based on Psalm 139, verses 1-18. Time: Saturday, March 15, 2025 1:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (US and Canada) This service will be led by the Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) board members. Let’s pray, listen to readings and listen to music especially prepared by the WDP writing committee from Cook Islands!


 **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.


 **HOPE BLOOMS ON PANDORA:** Saturday, March 22. 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](mailto:rachelh@ourplacesociety.com) to learn more today.


 **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](mailto:theLink@shaw.ca)


 **SPECIAL CELEBRATION:** on Sunday, April 6 following worship services in the Kirk Hall. Everyone is invited! Say ‘thank you’ and ‘farewell’ to our long time Director of Music, Christine Purvis who is retiring this month. Celebrate our choral singers who are graduating from UVic this month.


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

 **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:** A shared service with members from Knox, Trinity, and St. Andrew’s on Sunday, April 17 at **Knox Presbyterian Church** at 7:00 pm.

 **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** A shared service with members from Knox, Trinity, and St. Andrew’s on Sunday, April 18 at **St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church** at 10:30 am.

 **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE:** on Sunday, April 20 at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church at 10:30 am.

 **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](mailto: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](mailto:jermareng@outlook.com).

# Concerts 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](mailto: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!



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# Spring Concerts



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**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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and young musicians!

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