

# 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: The Gathering Room**  
Thursdays at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

**Cello Concert: Sanctuary**  
Sunday, March 23, 2:00 pm

## Special Services

### Maundy Thursday

A shared service with members from Knox, Trinity, and St. Andrew's on Thursday, April 17 at Knox Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm.

### Good Friday

A shared service with members from Knox, Trinity, and St. Andrew's on Friday, April 18 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 10:30 am.

### Easter Sunday

A regular service on Sunday, April 20 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 10:30 am.



## Music & Worship

Easter Service on Sunday April 20th will be **Christine Purvis'** final day with us as Director of Music Ministry at St. Andrew's. We wish Christine a happy retirement!

Two local organists, **Steven Benson** (DC, B.sc) and **Norma Kobald** (B.Mus), will be our interim Sunday organists until the end of August.

Three of our choral scholars - **Darby Howard, Eva Smith, and Noah Mellemstrand** - will be graduating from UVic Music this year.

Darby is excited to become our interim choir director. She will lead Thursday choir practices and select music in collaboration with our guest ministers. We wish Eva and Noah all the best wherever their musical talents bring them next!

Choir will continue through until the end of May, then during the summer months, a choral scholar will lead congregational singing.

On Sunday April 6th, we are having a **Special Coffee Hour** after worship service in the Kirk Hall to recognize and celebrate the hard work and great joy that Christine, Darby, Eva, and Noah have brought to St. Andrew's over the years. We hope that you will join us!

The congregation of St. Andrew's is inviting applications for an accomplished and enthusiastic Music Director, and/or Organist / Choir Director. The music program at St. Andrew's is an integral part of the weekly services and is a rewarding and critical function of this congregation. [Please see our job posting on the RCCO website for more information.](#)



## V.E. 80th Anniversary

In 2025, Canada is marking the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands and the end of the Second World War with local, national and international activities.

Canada's role in the Liberation of the Netherlands, from the fall of 1944 to the spring of 1945, stands as one of its most recognized contributions during the Second World War, with nearly 175,000 Canadians involved in the effort. On 5 May 1945, Canadians and Allied soldiers accepted the surrender of the remaining German forces in the Netherlands. Two days later, German forces surrendered across Europe, and the next day, 8 May 1945, was declared V-E Day.

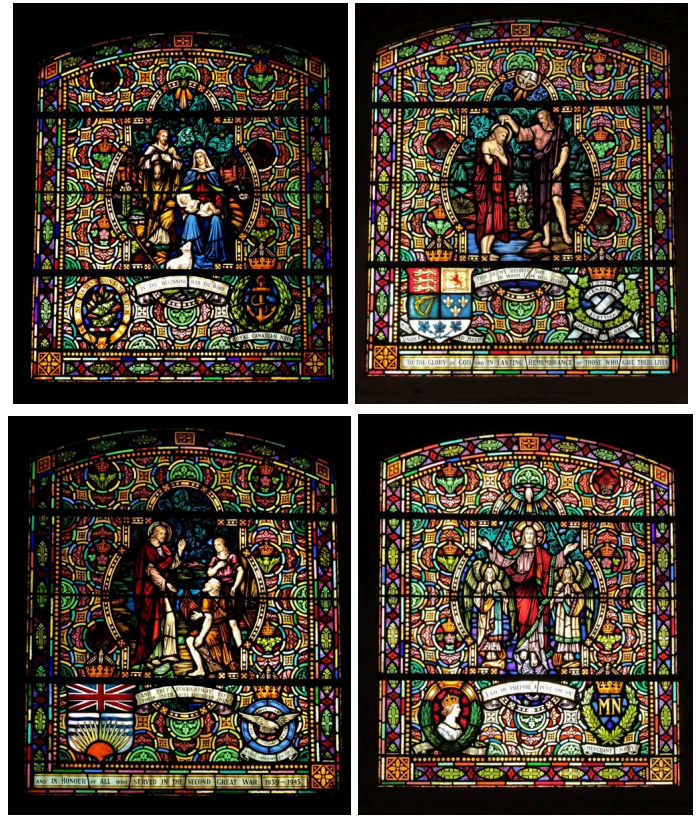
On 15 August 1945, Japanese forces surrendered, marking the official end of the Second World War.

From 1-7 May 2025, an official Government of Canada delegation will travel to the Netherlands to participate in ceremonies commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. Events will also be held in Canada to commemorate this important anniversary.

## V.E. 80th Anniversary Lunch at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's is planning a special V.E. 80th Anniversary Lunch on Sunday, May 4th, after worship service in the Kirk Hall.

More details will be made available soon!



## St. Andrew's WWII Memorial Windows

The four windows on the north wall below the balcony were installed in 1946 as a memorial to those who died in the Second World War.

**The Navy window** is a Christmas scene and bears the fouled anchor of the Navy and the burning bush representing the Presbyterian Church.

**The Army window** depicting the baptism of Jesus. It displays the crests of Canada and the Canadian Scottish Regiment, this is seen in the left-hand column. At the time, the Rev J. Lewis Mclean was also the chaplain of the Canadian Scottish Regiment. "To the Glory of God and in lasting remembrance of those who gave their lives" "The Canadian Scottish" "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased"

**The Air Force window** depicts Christ calling his disciples and the ascension. It depicts the Air Force crest is paired with the crest of British Columbia

**The Merchant Navy window** depicts Christ calling his disciples and the ascension. It depicts the Merchant Navy crest with the image of Queen Victoria representing the City.

The windows were made in Toronto by Meikle Studios.

# Announcements

**METCHOSIN LENTEN CHALLENGE 2025:** A yearly challenge from St Mary's church to all the community to live better by being more aware of the issues facing our world, so we can be empowered to act to make our world a better place. It takes place, in person and on Zoom, on Tuesday evenings from March 11 to April 15 at 7 PM at St. Mary's Anglican Church on 4125 Metchosin Rd. Go [HERE](#) to see the challenge schedule!

**✝ 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.

**🌸 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.

**📄 THE LINK:** April deadline is Sunday, March 30. Please send your submission to [theLink@shaw.ca](mailto:theLink@shaw.ca)

**📅 SESSION MEETING:** The next meeting is Monday, April 14 at 7:00 pm in The Gathering Room **in person**.

**🎵 SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR:** On Sunday April 6th, we are having a Special Coffee Hour after worship service in the Kirk Hall to recognize and celebrate the hard work and great joy that Christine, Darby, Eva, and Noah have brought to St. Andrew's over the years. We hope that you will join us!

**🍞 CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH:** April 27th in the Kirk Hall. More details to follow...

**🐞 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).


**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 [treshknox@telus.net](mailto:treshknox@telus.net)

**The Way of the Cross**  
A dramatic reading



April 4, 2025 at 7pm

St Barnabas Church Hall  
[admin@stbarnabaschurch.ca](mailto:admin@stbarnabaschurch.ca)  
Donations gratefully received  
[www.stbarnabaschurch.ca](http://www.stbarnabaschurch.ca)



# Concerts at St. Andrew's

## Alpha Yaya Diallo & Friends

*Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions*

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary

Friday, March 21 at 7:30 pm

JUNO Award winning Alpha Yaya Diallo is one of the hottest acts on the current world music scene.

For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

## Cello Concert

*Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach Program*

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 and musicians!

## An Evening with Judy Collins

*Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions*

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary

Saturday, March 28 & 29 at 7:30 pm

**MARCH 29 SOLD OUT!** 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

*Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach Program*

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 program and musicians!

## RCCO Organ Outreach

*Presented by The Royal Canadian College of Organists*

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary

Saturday, April 26

Part of the International Organ Day celebrations!

More information will be available soon...

## Spring Concert

*Presented by The Pandora Chorus*

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

*Presented by Ballet Victoria*

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

*Presented by Ensemble Laude*

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

*Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach Program*

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 program and musicians!



**SATURDAY  
MARCH, 29TH  
11-3**

**HOP INTO SPRING  
EVENT & FUNDRAISER**



**Victoria Scouts  
House  
505 Marigold Rd  
Victoria, BC**

- Bunny toys & swag
- Paws Buttons
- Education
- Nails trims by donation
- Meet adoptable bunnies