

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

ISSUE # 255 March 25, 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: The Gathering Room

Thursdays at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Worship Service: Sanctuary

Sundays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

An Evening with Judy Collins

March 28 & 29 at 7:30 pm

Chamber Concert

Sunday, March 30, 2:00 pm

Music Notes

Prelude

'Lenten Preludes 1 & 2' by Neil Harmon

Choral Anthem

'Open My Eyes' by Douglas Nolan

Musical Reflection

'Prayer for Peace' by Paul Fey

Postlude

'Toccata in D Minor' by Johann Jacob Froberger



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.

St. Andrew's choir practice is cancelled this evening to allow choir members a chance to attend!

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.

A Celebration of Music

On Sunday April 6th, we are having a special coffee hour after the service to celebrate our Music Director and our Choral Scholars. We hope that you will join us!

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.

Two of our choral scholars - **Darby Howard** and **Noah Mellemstrand** - will be graduating from UVic's Music Department this year. **Eva Smith** graduated last year. **Dylan Syrnyk** is an undergraduate student. We are happy to say they will all continue to be our choral scholars!

Darby is also excited to become our interim choir director. She will lead Thursday choir practices and select music in collaboration with our guest ministers.

Choir will continue as usual until the end of May. From June to August, during the choir's regular summer break, our choral scholars will lead congregational singing, then resume in the fall.



International Organ Day

[The Royal Canadian College of Organists](#) aims to become the Pipe Organ Capital of Canada for 2025 by providing the public the rare opportunity to play many local organs in Greater Victoria.

On April 26th from 1 - 3pm in our Sanctuary, St. Andrew's will host one of these events! Professional pipe organists will be your guides to an afternoon of joyful learning and discovery. Norma Kobald, our interim organist, will be the host organist for the day at St. Andrew's.

We at St. Andrew's hope you take a bit of time this April 26th to show your appreciation for our historic pipe organ, for the people in our community with the skill to play it, and the people who maintain it for future generations to enjoy!

There will be other RCCO events at the following locations across Victoria on this day:

- St. Peter & St. Paul's Anglican Church
- St. Andrew's Cathedral
- St. Luke's Anglican Church
- Christ Church Cathedral
- First Church of Christ the Scientist
- St. Michael & All Angels Anglican Church
- Lutheran Church of the Cross
- St. Ann's Academy Chapel
- Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist

Announcements

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

🌐 **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!



🐰 **HOP INTO SPRING:** [Amy's Bunny Barn Society](#) is coming to Victoria on March 29th from 11 - 3pm at the Victoria Scouts House at 505 Marigold Road. This is an adoption event and fundraiser for rescue rabbits. Kids are welcome, but must be supervised by an adult, and must be behaved, so that the bunnies are safe and stress free. Come by and check out rabbit toys, swag, and the [Paws Button](#) table. Learn about rabbits, get your rabbit's nails trimmed by donation, and meet adoptable rescue rabbits from the bunny barn! Pictured above are the adorable Willow and Freckles.

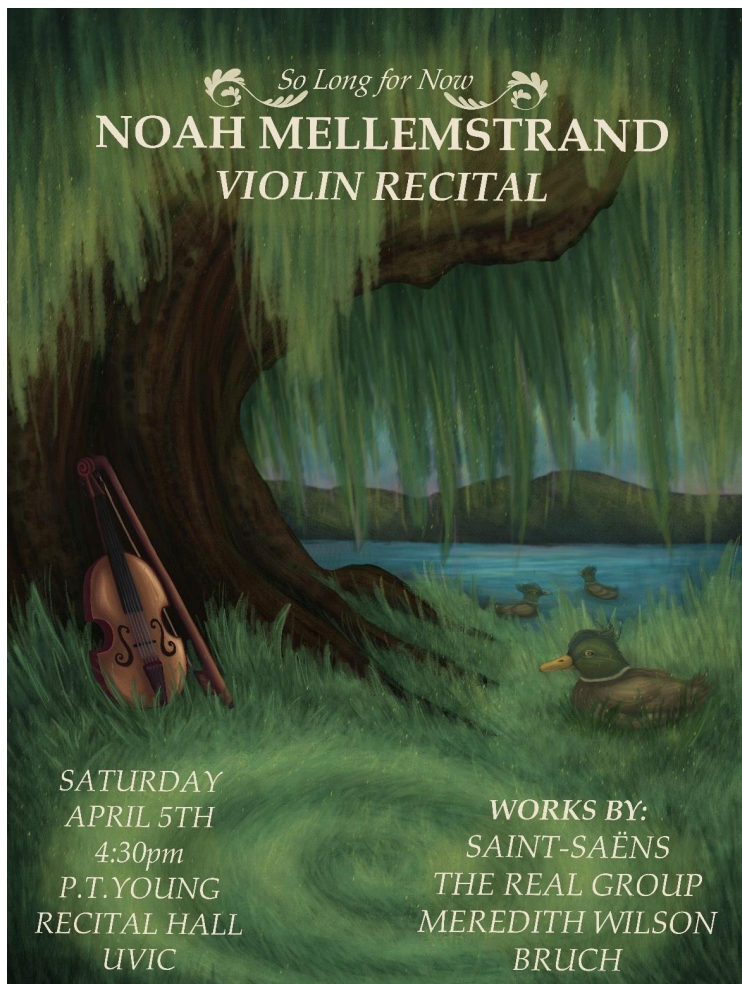
📄 **THE LINK:** April deadline is Sunday, March 30. Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca

🎭 **THE WAY OF THE CROSS:** You are invited to join us for a dramatic reading of '[The Way of the Cross](#)' at St. Barnabas Church Hall on April 4 at 7pm. Donations are gratefully received.

So Long for Now


NOAH MELLESTRAND

VIOLIN RECITAL





SATURDAY
APRIL 5TH
4:30pm
P.T. YOUNG
RECITAL HALL
UVIC

WORKS BY:
SAINT-SAËNS
THE REAL GROUP
MEREDITH WILSON
BRUCH


 **SO LONG FOR NOW:** Our Choral Scholar, Noah Mellemstrand, is having a [violin recital](#) Saturday, April 5th at 4:30 pm at UVic. Showcasing diverse styles and a wide range of works from violin to voice, this recital acts as a culmination of many years of study here at the University of Victoria School of Music. This concert will also be available as a [live stream](#).



 **A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC:** 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, Noah, and Dylan have brought to St. Andrew's. We hope that you will join us!

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


 **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



 **V.E. 80th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH:** May 4th in the Kirk Hall. More details to follow...



 **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.

Concerts

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 music outreach program and musicians!

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 or call 250-380-6063



THE ROYAL CANADIAN COLLEGE OF ORGANISTS
LE COLLÈGE ROYAL CANADIEN DES ORGANISTES

SECTION DE VICTORIA CENTRE

HELP US CELEBRATE
INTERNATIONAL PIPE ORGAN DAY 2025
SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, 1-3PM

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FREE TO PARTICIPATE

For details on venues to help plan your afternoon visit:
www.rcco-victoria.org

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Spring Concert

Presented by The Pandora Chorus

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



Ensemble Laude
Kathryn Whitney, Interim Artistic Director

Wings

Saturday May 10, 7:00 pm
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
924 Douglas St, Victoria

Tickets: \$25/\$30 door
\$15 student/under 13 free
Eventbrite

Saturday May 17, 7:00 pm
St Mary's of the Incarnation, Metchosin
4125 Metchosin Rd

ENSEMBLE LAUDE
www.ensemblelaude.org

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 music outreach program and musicians!

Jazz Guitar Concert

Presented by Victoria Jazz Association

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary
Sunday, June 21, 7:30 pm

A concert that is part of [Jazz Fest](#). More information will be available soon...