

# 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

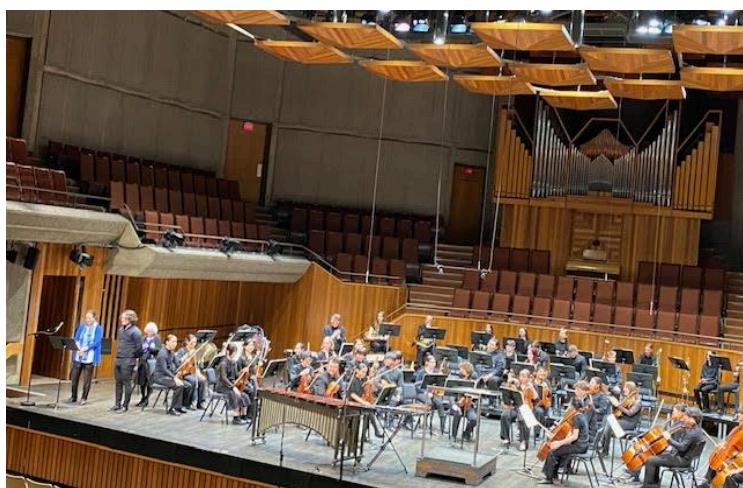
**Maundy Thursday: Knox**  
Friday, April 17th at 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Good Friday: Sanctuary**  
Friday, April 18th at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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



*The wedding of Emil Patenaude & Maria Catherine Ylanan took place at St. Andrew's on March 15th. Congratulations to the happy couple!*



*St. Andrew's is blessed to have a relationship with the UVIC School of Music! Pictured are some familiar faces at The Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra performance at UVIC this past Sunday. Andrew received his scholarship. Noah was Concertmaster. Amaya, from the Junebug Jazz Quintet, played a solo. Yariv Aloni, Pam's husband, is the conductor. Janie, the pianist, accompanies students at St. Andrew's. Others involved: Darby, Sophie, Helen, & Gabi.*





## The Activity Group's Laneway Garden

Spring is here and the Activity Group has begun a new project.

In the next few weeks we will be making use of various pots, containers and raised gardening beds to plant vegetable seeds. Our vegetable garden will be in the laneway and will join with the flowers that Grant grows there each year.

We welcome others to join us to prepare the "beds", plant the seeds and care for the "crop" as it grows.


At the end of summer we'll collect our "crop" and donate it to local food-aid groups. If any folks at St. Andrew's are planting their own family gardens you may find that by the end of summer you have extra produce. You will be welcome to bring your donations to share also. Over the summer, be sure to stop in the laneway to see how the vegetables are growing and in a few months let's see what has grown.


Additionally, we will continue to repurpose the materials that have been donated to us. Much thanks to those of you who have shared, and continue to share, your fabrics with us. You will have read in our recent Annual Reports that we have created hundreds of articles which were donated to Compassionate Resource Warehouse and then shipped to Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Papua-New Guinea and other countries. The needs are great and these projects will continue.


The Activity Group has been blessed by our participation in these repurposing projects and we hope that others, here and abroad, have also been blessed.


As a final note, please check out the information regarding our special event on April 24th. This is an opportunity to learn the art of Zentangle. We are grateful to Dorothy for sharing this with us. All are welcome!

## Announcements


 **PCC WEBINARS: "Every day is Earth Day"** Tuesday, April 23, 2025 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m..  
**"Making Space: Neurodiversity in the Church"** on April 30, 2025 1:00-2:00 p.m. Go [HERE](#) to register!


 **E-TRANSFER REMINDER:** Just a reminder to **please include a description** of what the transfer is for when you send any money via e-transfer to [treasurer@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:treasurer@standrewsvictoria.ca). If it is a payment or some kind, please indicate what it is for, such as **'Concert Rental Payment'**. If it is a donation to the general church fund, please write **'Church Donation'**. If you want it to go to a specific church fund, please specify the fund, such as **'PWS&D Donation'**. Jack and Shannon thank you for taking a bit of extra time to do this, as it makes our job much easier in the finance office!

 **ADVANCED POLLING STATION:** From 9 am to 9 pm on April 18, 19, 20, and 21 is advanced polling in St. Andrew's Kirk Hall for the federal election.


 **ZENTANGLE WORKSHOP:** On Thursday April 24th from 10:30am - 12:30pm in The Gathering Room for a special Activity Group event! You are invited to learn the art of Zentangle - an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Paper and pencils provided for free! Please register with the church office.


 **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)

 **CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH & MEETING :** You are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, April 27, after service. The meeting will commence after lunch. Rev Dale Woods from the Presbytery of Westminster, will be conducting a session in search of vitalities of the congregation, with the members of the Congregation, in preparation for the completion of the Church Profile document. This document, when completed and approved by the Presbytery, will enable the congregation to call a minister. It is Session's hope and prayer, that as many as could attend, will do so and that we as a Congregation can move forward in search of a Minister in tune with our vision and mission.

 **THE LINK:** May's deadline is Sunday, April 27. Please send your submission to [theLink@shaw.ca](mailto:theLink@shaw.ca)


 **HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY:** All are welcome to attend the annual remembrance of *Yom HaShoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day), which will take place on Sunday, April 27th, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, at the Victoria Jewish Cemetery on Cedar Hill Road (south from Hillside Ave.). This year's theme is "Survivor Stories from Victoria's Jewish Cemetery". E-mail: [victoriashoahproject@gmail.com](mailto:victoriashoahproject@gmail.com) for more information.


 **ELECTION DAY POLLING STATION:** From 7 am to 7pm on Monday, April 28th, is election day polling in St. Andrew's Kirk Hall **AND** in The Gathering Room.


 **SPECIAL SUNDAY COFFEE:** Join us on Sunday, May 4th, after the service to celebrate the 80th anniversary of V.E. Day.

 **SESSION MEETING:** Next meeting is Monday, May 12 at 7:00pm!

 **TRINITY'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** You are invited to celebrate Trinity Presbyterian Church's 111th anniversary of being a part of the Gorge-Tillicum neighbourhood! Gather in the upper hall Sunday May 4th from 11:00am-12:30pm for a community offering of hot dogs, juice, cake and conversation. **Please come and invite friends, family and neighbours!**

 **CHOIR SUMMER BREAK:** St. Andrew's Choir practice and Sunday performances will continue as usual until the end of June. From July to August, our choral scholars will lead congregational singing. Choir will resume in September.

 **KNOX CAFE:** Mark June 5 on your calendars for the next cafe!

 **CAMP VIP:** This year's VIP camp dates are as follows: Little Qualicum Falls June 9 - 13, Goldstream July 3-7, Rathtrevor August 11 - 18. For more information go [HERE](#) or contact the Camp Registrar at [jermareng@outlook.com](mailto:jermareng@outlook.com).



## Justice and Hope for All: A 2025 Federal Election Resource

Canada's next federal election is scheduled for April 28. Democratic institutions rely on informed citizens' engagement. This resource contains questions about issues that The Presbyterian Church in Canada has spoken on. Grounded in our understanding that the church's role in society is to pursue love and justice for all of God's creation, this resource is intended to support personal reflection, conversation within congregations and advocacy with candidates.

What do we mean by love and justice for all of creation? Through Jesus Christ's ministry, we understand that love is the way of seeing others as God sees them and is compassion for creation. Love means seeking the best for others. Through Living Faith, we understand justice as standing with our neighbours in their struggle for dignity and respect and demanding the exercise of power for the common good. We affirm that justice opposes prejudice in every form, rejects racism and relates to employment, education, health, rights and responsibilities. We know that God is at work when people recognize the inhumanity of war and work for peace with justice.

You are invited to use these questions as you reflect on how best to respond to God's call for love and justice in this time and place. While this resource focuses on issues that are national in scope, local issues also have a place in our advocacy with candidates and elected officials. If there is a topic not included in this resource that you would like to learn more about, you may be able to find out more about it on the [Social Action Hub](#).

Download a printable version of the topics and questions [here](#).

Please go [Elections Canada](#) for more information

on how to vote, where to vote, and to check if you are registered to vote.



## Earth Week Events

*“We are not owners, but stewards of God’s good earth. Concerned with the well-being of all of life, we welcome the truths and insights of all human skill and science about the world and the universe. Our stewardship calls us to explore ways of love and justice in respecting God’s creation and in seeking its responsible use for the common good.”*

*-[PCC’s Statement of Christian Belief](#)*

### Saanich Earth Day Festival

April 19th, 2025 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

770 Vernon Ave, behind Municipal Hall

Live music, local food trucks, art activities for kids, and vendors with products and information about sustainable living. For more info go to [Saanich Earth Day Festival](#).

### Earth Day Park Cleanup

April 26th, 2025 from 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Banfield Park, 521 Craigflower Road

A park cleanup, a climate talk with local speakers, and a silent disco. For more info go to [Eventbrite](#).

### Earth Day Celebration at Oak Haven Park:

April 26th, 2025 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Habitat Acquisition Trust, 661 Burnside Road East

A spring wildflower tour followed by invasive plant species removal from the park.

More info: [Habitat Acquisition Trust](#)

This Earth Week remember to:

- Choose sustainable accommodations, activities, shopping and dining
- Bring a reusable water bottle, coffee cup, and shopping bag
- While visiting our parks, beaches, gardens, lakes, and forests, pack out your waste and dispose of it appropriately
- Bike, walk, or paddle when possible

Send your Earth Week pictures to Shannon at [office@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:office@standrewsvictoria.ca)!

## Concerts

### RCCO International Organ Day Event

*Presented by The Royal Canadian College of Organists*

*St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church’s Sanctuary*

*Saturday, April 26 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm*

Drop by and try the pipe organ to help Victoria become the Pipe Organ Capital of Canada! Your friendly organist or RCCO host will share their knowledge and raise awareness of the pipe organ, its music and the Royal Canadian College of Organists training programs and scholarships. This is a FREE event, so bring your kids or grandkids to create some awesome sounds! For more information, please visit [www.rcco-victoria.org](http://www.rcco-victoria.org).

### Spring Concert

*Presented by The Pandora Chorus*

*St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church’s Sanctuary*

*Saturday, May 3 at 7:00 pm*

The Pandora Chorus is a fun and welcoming non-auditioned community choir. We will be singing songs from our Winter-Spring repertoire, including songs by Chappell Roan, Fleetwood Mac, The Beatles, Bill Withers, The Magnetic Fields, and more! Advance tickets are available [online for \\$20](#). Tickets will also be available at the door for \$25 (cash only). Children under 12 are free!

### 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. Forty young choristers in grades six to twelve will be performing. Donations are

appreciated and support both our music outreach program and musicians!