

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

ISSUE # 260 April 29, 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

A Service of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day and the rededication of the four World War II memorial windows.

Music Notes

This week guest musicians are RCCO organist **Steven Benson**, Pipe Major **Roger McGuire** of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), and **David Barrs** on trumpet. Choral scholar **Darby Howard** is our Interim Music Director and will conduct our choir.

Prelude: "When the Pipers Play" by Isla St. Claire

Choral Anthem: "Hallelujah! Now be Joyful" by Natalie Sleeth

Musical Reflection: A medley of "The Flowers of the Forest" by Isla St. Claire) & "The Mingulay Boat Song" by Sir Hugh Robertson.

Postlude: "Highland Cathedral" by Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb.

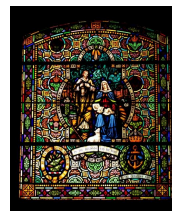


80th Anniversary of VE Day

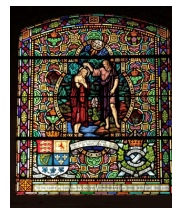
This Sunday is a service of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. You are invited to join us for a special coffee hour after the service to celebrate!

The rededication of the World War II memorial windows will also take place this Sunday. The original dedication on Sunday, December 1, 1946 was as follows:

Designed and manufactured by William Meikle & Son of Toronto, the four windows present a composite memorial to members of the four branches of the Forces who served in the War of 1939-1945.



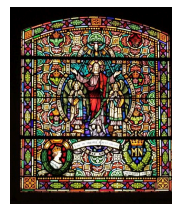
In window No. 1, (i.e., the nearest the Pulpit), there is embodied a representation of the Nativity of Christ over the text, "In the beginning was the Word"; also the emblem of the Presbyterian Church - the Burning Bush, and the badge of the Royal Canadian Navy.



Window No. 2 contains a representation of the Baptism of Christ over the text, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased"; together with the Coat of Arms of the Dominion of Canada, and a badge of the Canadian Scottish Regiment, representing the Canadian Army.



Window No. 3 depicts Christ calling the Disciples, above the text, "And they straightway left their nets and followed Him"; together with the Coat of Arms of the Province of British Columbia and the official badge of the Royal Canadian Air Force.



Window No. 4, in which the Scripture scene is The Ascension of Christ, with the text, "I go to prepare a place for you", contains the Coat of Arms of the City of Victoria together with the official badge of the Merchant Navy.

The inscription under the four windows reads: "To the glory of God in lasting remembrance of those who gave their lives and in honour of all who served in the second great War 1939-1945."

Red Dress Day

RED DRESS DAY is observed on May 5 as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S). This day acts as a powerful reminder of the thousands of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit individuals in Canada who have experienced race and gender-based violence. We wear red to honour mothers, daughters, sisters, cousins, aunts, and diversly gendered relatives who have been lost or impacted in this crisis. We stand with families and communities who have been affected by the ongoing violence.

The origin of Red Dress Day began in 2010 as part of Métis artist [Jamie Black's REDress Project](#), an art installation displayed across the University of Winnipeg campus. The original project involved hanging 100 red dresses to symbolize this crisis and call attention to the missing and murdered members of Indigenous communities across the country.

WALK in solidarity with *Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services Society*, local organizations, *Songhees Nation*, and *X^wsepsəm/Esquimalt Nation*, on their annual *Our Women Are Sacred Walk*. Please see the [event page](#) for full details.

WEAR red or hang a red dress to show your support for the families and communities of MMIWG2S and Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit and transgender people.

LEARN by reading [Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#) by Jessica McDiarmid, a searing and revelatory account of the Indigenous women and girls who have gone missing or been found murdered along an isolated stretch of Highway 16 in northwestern British Columbia. (This book is especially important to me, as I grew up along this highway, and am part of a northern community still haunted by these crimes.)

DONATE to initiatives that support Indigenous women, girls, Two-Spirit and transgender4 people in our community: [Sacred Indigenous group at Peers Victoria](#), [Victoria Women's Transition House Society](#), [Bridges for Women](#), or [Victoria Native Friendship Centre](#).

For more information please visit [UVic's website](#).

- Shannon Cummings

OUR WOMEN ARE SACRED
MAY 5TH 2025, 10AM START

GATHER - HEAL - HONOUR THE STRENGTH OF OUR PEOPLE

To uplift our children, families and communities. We will gather to walk softly, to reflect and honour our sacred life givers, our 2SLGBTQIA+ relatives, to reaffirm the important role of our men as protectors, and to remember our loved ones in a walk of reflection.

DETAILS
Time: 10 am - 1:00pm
Location: Hallowell. Rd near the water at the end of the street.

There is NO parking at the Admiral's plaza!
Please utilize public transit, cabs, Uber, carpooling or utilize the shuttle service provided to and from Maple Bank that is provided by our Indigenous organizations hosting.
Hoodies, T-shirts, Umbrellas and stickers are available at the walk. We are only accepting CASH.

We encourage folks to wear their Regalia or the color **Red** to honour our MMIWG2S+ relatives and if you carry/know songs to please bring your drum.
We would like to acknowledge that this event is taking place on the unceded territory of the lək̓ʷáŋjan People, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. This has been the home of their people since time immemorial, and we are so grateful for their generosity and guidance.

Announcements

♥**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to Ginny for bringing fresh rhubarb to share with others at St. Andrew's on Sunday. A real treat and much appreciated!


🏠**BILLET:** Our request for billets for the VST Students when they will do pulpit supply has been generously filled by Mark, a recent transferee member. Mark will not be here over the summer as he will be at his summer home and will return to us in September. Again, our heartfelt thanks for his generous offer.


🥕**LANEWAY GARDEN:** The garden is now planted! If anyone would like extra seeds for their own gardens, please let the office know. Stop by on Thursdays at 10:30 in The Gathering Room to see the garden and chat!

🌐**PCC WEBINAR:** **“Making Space: Neurodiversity in the Church”** on April 30, 2025 1:00-2:00 p.m. Go [HERE](#) to register!


🐝**SPRING CONCERT:** Presented by The Pandora Chorus. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary **on 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!


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


 **TRINITY'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** The 111th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in the Gorge-Tillicum neighbourhood is this month! Gorge Presbyterian Church first opened on May 3, 1914. It later amalgamated with Erskin and St. Paul's to form Trinity Presbyterian Church in 1966 - that means Trinity will be 60 years old next year! Our Sunday service on May 4th from 10:30-11:00 am includes a special hymn sing to mark the occasion. Afterwards, we will gather in the upper hall for a community lunch and conversation. **Friends, family and neighbours are invited to celebrate with us!**


 **FAIRY PROCESSION & PICNIC:** Sunday, May 4, from 10:30am - 1pm at Gorge Park Community Gardens. Don your best fairy wings for a fun fairy procession and scavenger hunt at the Gorge Park Community Gardens. See if you can find the fairy doors hidden in our neighbourhood's resplendent community garden. Bring a picnic lunch and stay for gigantic bubbles, music and community connection. This event is open to all ages and we encourage all of our neighbours to join in and enjoy a picnic in the park. Let's make magic in the Gorge Tillicum neighbourhood together! For more info, email info@gorgetillicum.ca


 **Monday, May 5 is Red Dress Day.** This National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls is a day to remember the thousands of missing and murdered Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit persons in Canada, and to raise awareness about the root causes of this violence. Wear something red to express your solidarity.


 **TEA FOR TUTU:** A Midsummer Night's Dream Presented by Ballet Victoria. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Kirk Hall on 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

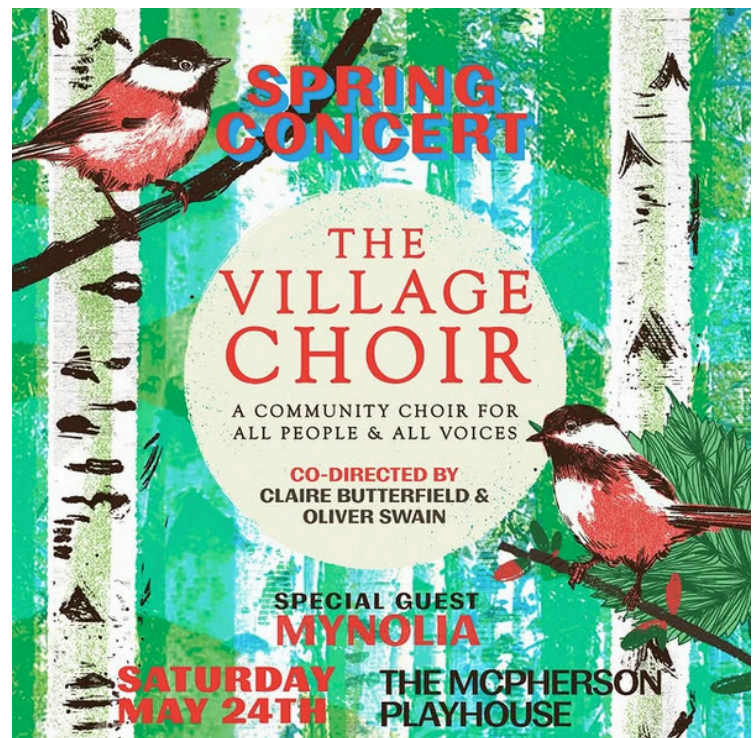
 **HEALTHY AGING:** "Before, with, and beyond Cancer". The Eldercare Foundation is proud to present this panel discussion in partnership with the UBC School of Nursing and BC Cancer. On Wednesday, May 7 from 2 - 4 pm at Cedar Hill Golf Course Clubhouse. This is an in-person event only so please register [HERE](#) for this free event!


 **WINGS:** Presented by Ensemble Laude at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary on 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](#).

 **PACIFIC RIM POTTERY SHOW:** at Knox on Saturday, May 10th from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free! You'll find colourful garden art, rustic wood-fired pieces, elegant Ikebana vases, unique items for the kitchen, and of course the humble and not so humble coffee mug. Shoppers, browsers, old friends and new are all welcome. We love to talk about clay and you might even find inspiration for your next pottery class! 100% of door prize proceeds are donated to charity.


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


 **Saturday, May 17 is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.** We pray that communities, elected officials and religious leaders will contribute to the safety and well-being of LGBTQI2+ people in Canada and around the world.





 **THE LINK:** June's deadline is Sunday, May 25. Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca


 **SEATTLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT:** Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach Program at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary on 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!


 **Sunday, May 25 is Healing & Reconciliation Sunday.** We pray for healing for Indigenous families and communities, both inside and outside the church, who are struggling with intergenerational trauma from residential schools and other forms of colonial violence. We ask God to guide the church in ways that uphold Indigenous rights and reject anti-Indigenous racism.

 **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.

 **ONE GUITAR ONE VOICE:** Presented by the Victoria Jazz Society as part of [JazzFest](#) at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary on Sunday, June 21, 7:30 pm. Blending traditional, contemporary, jazz, classical, and pop music with world music, French-Algerian guitarist/vocalist/composer Pierre Bensusan's originality and style makes him one of today's greatest guitarists. For more information and tickets please go [HERE](#).

 **VICTORIA PRIDE PARADE:** is on Sunday, July 6, 2025! The parade will go right past the front doors of St. Andrew's. Victoria Pride Festival is taking place on the same day. Go [HERE](#) to find out more about Pride celebrations in Victoria!



Earth Week Repurposing Campaign

Got extra hygiene products? Don't throw them away! Together we can turn what's hiding under your sink into hope and dignity for someone in need. Starting on Earth Day, April 22, to May 22 join our [Repurposing Campaign](#) and donate new or gently used hygiene products. Your small act can make a big impact—protecting the planet and helping end hygiene poverty in our community.

Donate your extra hygiene products:

New or Unused: **deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, incontinence products, (most needed items!)** razors, feminine products, and lip balm.

New or Gently Used: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and body lotion.

Drop off your donations at:

- Soap for Hope Canada Warehouse (426B William St.)
- Saje Wellness at Mayfair Mall
- Canadian Tire at Hillside Mall
- Tillicum Centre (lower level at the bottom of the escalator)

Every donation helps build a healthier community and a cleaner planet! This campaign is sponsored by Capital Regional District BC. Thank you.

For more information: www.soapforhopecanada.ca