

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

ISSUE # 261 May 6, 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

Music Notes

This week our guest musician is RCCO organist **Steven Benson**. Choral scholar **Darby Howard** continues to be our Interim Music Director.

Prelude: "For All the Saints" by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Choral Anthem: "Thou, O Lord, Art My Shepherd" by Benedetto Marcello

Musical Reflection: "2nd mvmt. from 2nd organ sonata" by Alexander Guilmant

Postlude: "Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar

Search for New Organist: Session's previous decision - to delay the search for a new organist - was recently reviewed. It was decided that, because of the importance of the position to church life, the search should not be postponed. Auditions and interviews of prospective candidates will begin mid May and continue through the summer until a final decision by the Audition Committee is made.



Thank You

I am writing to express my appreciation for the service which took place yesterday to honour the Canadians who served in WWII. The music, from the choir to the beautifully traditional hymns to the organ, the Trumpeter David Barss and the pipes played by Roger McGuire were all a gift to lift the spirit and mark this significant occasion. Please extend my thanks to those who worked to pull this memorable event together.

As I listened and sang, I thought of my Dad who became a radar tech and was sent over to serve in Yorkshire. He came home, so many didn't. Thank you for honouring them.

- Drew Thomson

Announcements



MYSTERY PHOTO: Do you recognize anyone in this photograph? It fell out of an old book in my office, and I have no idea who it belongs to! Please contact the office if you know.

WARM TOES: The donation box has been moved to just outside of the church office. Donations of socks most appreciated by the folks at the Mustard Seed Street Church. Thanks!

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](#).

show and sale *Pacific Rim Potters*

Return: 6160 Calvert Rd. Sooke, BC V9Z 0X7

Pacific Rim Potters

Debbie Elkins
Peggy Elmes
Cindy Gibson
Kris Jeffrey
Derek Kasper
Meira Mathison
Tony Mochizuki
Helen Pedneault
Heather Vale
Linda Vigliotti

SATURDAY, May 10, 2025
10 am - 4 pm

Annual Pottery Sale & Exhibition
Knox Presbyterian Church Hall
2964 Richmond Rd, Victoria, B.C.
Wheelchair Accessible * Free Admission
All Welcome

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!

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

SPRING CONCERT

THE VILLAGE CHOIR

A COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR ALL PEOPLE & ALL VOICES

CO-DIRECTED BY
CLAIRE BUTTERFIELD &
OLIVER SWAIN

SPECIAL GUEST
MYNOLIA

SATURDAY MAY 24TH THE MCPHERSON PLAYHOUSE

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!

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 CAFÉ
Songs of Sunshine and Flowers

Thursday, June 5, 7pm

Knox Presbyterian Church
2964 Richmond Road

Admission \$10
includes: beverage, snack,
and music

The Café Band

Steve Sturgess - guitar
Corrine Painter - trumpet
Dave Pretty - drums
Ryan Tandy - bass

Donations accepted to support humanitarian work of PWS+D
at the door or by e-transfer to freshknox@telus.net

KNOX CAFE: Join us for the final Knox Café - a far-out evening with *Songs of Sunshine and Flowers!* Step into a time of peace, love, and harmony as we celebrate the groovy spirit of the 1960s with live acoustic tunes inspired by sunshine, blossoms, and good vibes. Enjoy warm beverages, sweet treats, and a cozy glow as we channel the spirit of peace, joy, and community. Whether you're a flower child at heart or just looking for a chill night out, come sway to the sounds of the past. Wear your tie-dye, bring your

tambourine, and let your spirit shine. Come for an evening of music, memories, and mellow magic... and maybe a little caffeine. It's more than a night out—it's a trip back in time. Peace, flowers, and music await!

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!

BALLET SUMMER CLASSES: Various ballet classes will run in the upstairs BV studio, The Kirk Hall, and The Gathering Room this summer from July 7 - August 15th. Please be mindful when moving through the church, especially The Gathering Room, and try not to interrupt them!



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CELEBRATION: Partners and co-hosts from across the region invite you to join us at Royal Roads University to honour National Indigenous Peoples Month throughout June and for a [National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration event Friday, June 20, 2025](#). Everyone is welcome, and admission is free.



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

Behind-the-scenes with *Peers Helping Peers*

Volunteer employment program



Peers Helping Peers

We're excited to share more behind-the-scenes at Our Place with you today!

As a trusted provider of support services in this community for decades, Our Place has built strong relationships with partners that allow us to do more and help people more effectively. The program we're highlighting today is supported by Island Health and is just one of the ways that Family Members receive active, engaging support at Our Place.



As part of the PHP program, David provides workshops on life skills for young people. According to David "PHP has helped him bring smiles to other people as the money helps with buying supplies."

Peers Helping Peers is part of Our Place's volunteer program and it provides Family Members participating with a small monthly stipend in exchange for 10-20 hours of volunteer work at Our Place facilities. This group serves many roles including handing out hygiene supplies, cleaning shared spaces, sorting and distributing clothing, serving hot coffee and tea, and mentoring other family members.

Leslie loves the program because it gives her the chance to take care of and have pride in her environment. "It gives me a sense of belonging, keeps me busy, and makes me feel needed."

Maree, another faithful participant, adds, "I truly feel like I am helping others in a big way! My self-esteem and assertiveness have grown."

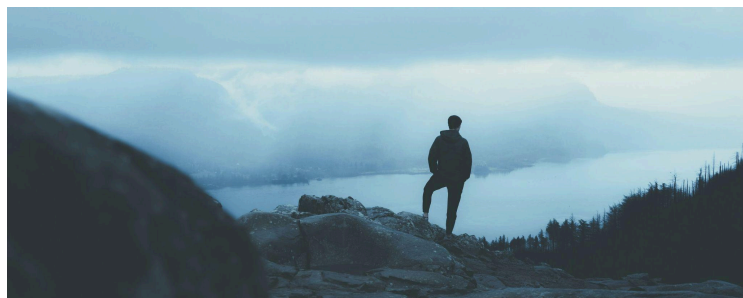
Most participants of the program experience some form of homelessness, mental health challenges, or

addiction. Some are also new immigrants who are not yet able to find employment, but wish to get involved in the community and continue to build job skills. Ages range from 19 to 55+ and the program supports 22 dedicated participants across seven locations. In 2024, participants gave over 3,960 hours of service to the community!

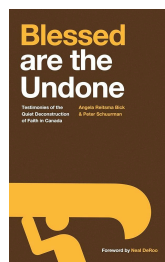
While every journey is different, the PHP program is one way that the people we serve start taking small steps towards big transformation.

Thank you for being a part of this community and making this work possible,

- [Our Place Society](#)



Theology Conference



[Vancouver Island School of Theology and the Arts'](#) and [NewLeaf Network](#) are holding a Spring Theology Conference based on the book 'Blessed are the Undone' by authors Angela Reitsma Bick and Peter Schuurman.

Pre-Tour Chat: Join Peter Schuurman co-author of the new book *Blessed are the Undone* for a presentation based on interviews from across Canada. Special guest Jessica Zaikin Cook. On May 15, 7-9pm at the Victoria Christian Reformed Church.

Western Canada Tour: A presentation from Neal DeRoo, a jazz performance by Mark Glanville & social. Then, on Saturday, for a one-day conference on finding hope amid church conflict. Workshops, lectures and round-table discussions will pull from and build on data and stories from 'Blessed are the Undone'. The keynote will end with suggestions for "reconstruction-friendly" postures in an era of deconstruction. On June 6 - 7, 2025 at United Commons.

You can register and order copies of the book through the [NewLeaf website](#).