

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

ISSUE # 262 May 13, 2025

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



Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their thoughts and ideas about the future for St Andrew's. Many of you joined the discussions led by the Rev Dale Woods at the end of April. Some of you have completed the New Minister Survey; if you haven't already done so, there is still time! Please take a few minutes to answer the questions about the qualities you seek in the new minister. You can complete it online [HERE](#), or paper copies are available on Sunday. All surveys must be completed and submitted by Sunday 18 May.

Maybe you ask, 'what happens to all of our feedback?'. Your feedback is important for the session as they compile the Congregational Profile in preparation for calling a minister. Your feedback and comments will be incorporated into the document, which will be submitted to Presbytery for approval in June. Once we have approval, we can begin the search process for a minister.

We heard very clearly about the importance of music at St Andrew's. This week, a selection team will begin auditioning and interviewing candidates for the position of Director of Music Ministry. Once a

candidate is selected, they will be offered the position conditional on the Church Profile being approved by Presbytery later in June.

Thank you to everyone who has participated and contributed with your thoughts and suggestions. It is indeed important work as we seek God's plan for the future of St Andrew's.

If you have questions, please ask an elder.

- Session

Announcements

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.



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.

LANEWAY GARDEN: St. Andrew's vegetable garden is growing quickly and the Activity Group is setting up a watering schedule. If you would like to help we can show you what needs to be done. It takes only about 15 mins and we know the vegetables will appreciate the help. If you think this is something you could help with, speak to Sheelagh or Shannon!

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!

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 Schurman. **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, 7-9 pm at the Victoria Christian Reformed Church. You can register and order copies of the book through the [NewLeaf website](#).



THE VICTORIA SCOTTISH GAELIC CHOIR: You may remember [The Victoria Scottish Gaelic Choir's](#) performance at St. Andrew's Kirk Hall for the Robbie Burns celebration back in January? They sing traditional songs of the Scottish Highlands in Gaelic while also including some contemporary favorites in Scots. Join them at [The Highland Games](#) on Saturday at 2pm for a waulking demo at the choir tent, at 4pm ceilidh performance at the heritage hub tent, on Sunday at 10am for a concert at the celtic music tent, and at 1:30pm for a waulking demo at the choir tent. Go [HERE](#) to purchase entrance tickets to the highland games to see them!

 Saturday, May 24th
7p.m.

United Commons Centre
Quadra at Balmoral,
Victoria

Hope & Belonging!

Benefit Concert

in support of the work of the Vancouver Island
Counselling Centre for Immigrants and Refugees (VICCIR)

Featuring:

- Forbes and Marshall (MCs)
- Laura Deviato & Olimpo Ortega
- Jeremy & Tiffany Miton
- Mariachi Sin Frontera
- Olena Kolibaba
- REACH! Performing Co.
- & Children's Chorus



Tickets
Advance: \$30 adults | \$20 students / disability
Buy online at <https://hopeandbelonging.eventbrite.ca>
Or cash only at VICCIR (#100 - 850 Blanshard Street)
At the door: \$35 (as available)




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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!

KNOX CAFÉ

Songs of Sunshine and Flowers 

Thur, June 5, 7pm
Knox Church 2964 Richmond Rd

The Café Band includes: beverage, snack, and music!
 Steve Shurgess, Corrine Painter, Dave Pretty, Ryan Tandy

Admission \$10

Donations accepted to support humanitarian work of PWS+D

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!

☀️ 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.

🏕️ 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 go [HERE](#) or contact the Camp Registrar at jermareng@outlook.com.

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🎸 ONE GUITAR ONE VOICE: Presented by the Victoria Jazz Society as part of [JazzFest](#) at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary on Saturday, 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](#).

🎤 TRIBUTE CONCERT: Presented by Cascadia Concerts on June 27 in the Sanctuary. Watch [this space](#) for more information!



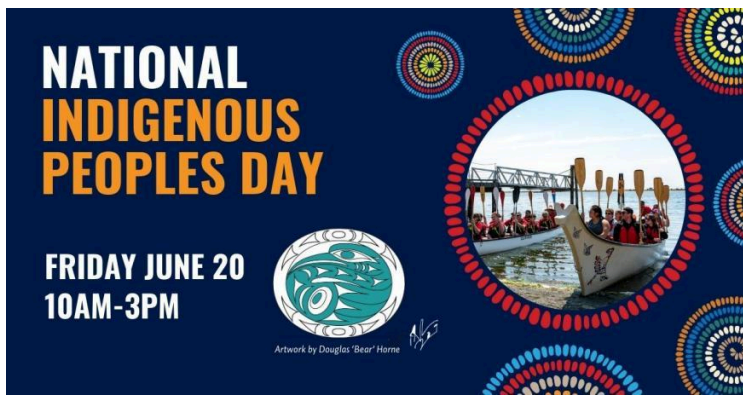
🦌 FEST WEST CONCERT: Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach Program at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary on Saturday, June 28 at 1:00pm. Located on the beautiful campus of the University of Victoria on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada, **Quartet Fest West** is one of the finest chamber music programs in North America. For more information 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!



🎬 FIRST FILM FESTIVAL: Calling all film lovers! Get ready to experience the vibrant tapestry of storytelling at FIRST: A Celebration of Indigenous Film. From stirring documentaries to captivating dramas, immerse yourself in the rich culture and heritage of Indigenous people. Go [HERE](#) for a schedule and tickets!



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.



IAN MAK SIN IN CONCERT: Presented by Ian Maksin on September 6 in the Sanctuary. Watch [this space](#) for more information!



CONNIE KALDOR IN CONCERT: Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions on September 6 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Canadian Folk Music Icon Connie Kaldor—singer-songwriter, entertainer, TV personality, and women’s music pioneer—is celebrating 45 years in show business this year with her new album, her 18th recording, titled Keep Going! For more information and tickets go [HERE](#).



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