

# THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

ISSUE # 263 May 20, 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

## Seattle Children's Chorus



**Arioso:** Treble Voices, Grades 7 and Up



**Coro Vivo:** Changed Voice Choir



**Camerata:** Auditioned, Grades 9 and up

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S  
MUSIC OUTREACH PROGRAM PRESENTS

## The Seattle Children's Chorus



**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 25, 2025**  
**AT 12:00 NOON**

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.

**ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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**DONATIONS  
APPRECIATED**  
Support our music program  
and young musicians!

**FREE PARKING**  
Sundays and holidays  
745 Broughton Parkade  
next to the Greater Victoria  
Public Library.



[Seattle Children's Chorus](#) is a family of over two hundred singers with seven levels of singing, ranging from three- to eighteen-years old. Established thirty-seven years ago, SCC is a vital part of youth singing in Seattle. This year's theme was "Sing to the Earth" so our repertoire was centered around the Sky, the Sea, and the Land. Our choristers sang at three main series concerts and collaborated with an orchestra, a professional choir, and a university choir. Additionally, they sang at galas for other community organizations and anthems for sports teams. SCC is looking forward to touring in June 2026 to participate in the International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales.

Seattle Children's Chorus is coming to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary on Sunday, May 25 at 12:00 pm. The concert is presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach Program. Donations are appreciated and support both our music outreach program and musicians!



# Announcements



**MISSING:** The office label maker is missing in action! It is a small pink 'Brother' label maker. Have you seen it? If so please let Shannon 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!

**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!

**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.

**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

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](mailto:theLink@shaw.ca)

# 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 [fresknnox@telus.net](mailto:fresknnox@telus.net)

**☀️ 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.

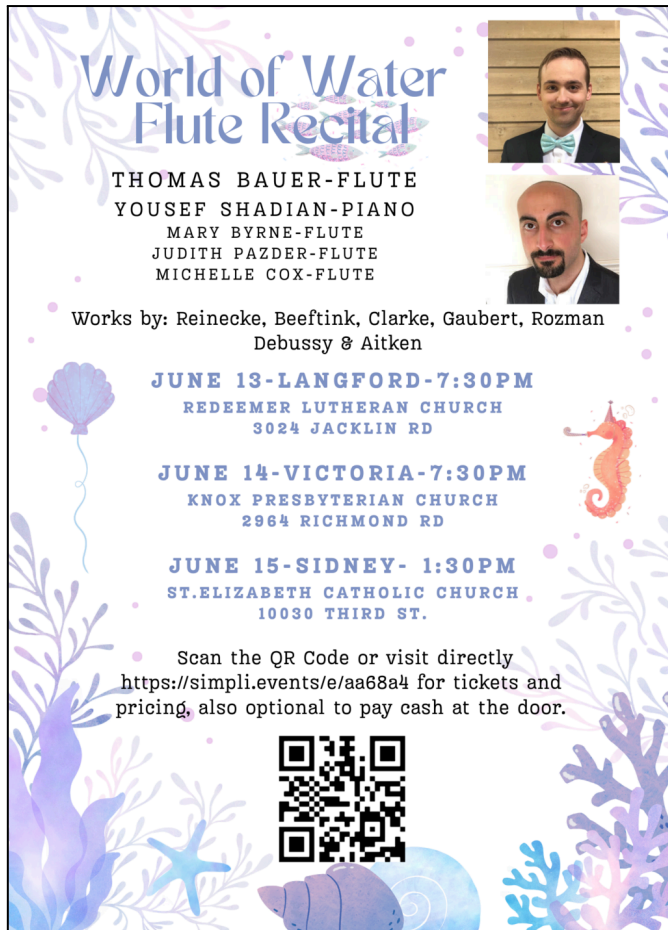
**🏕️ CAMP VIP:** This year's VIP camp dates are as follows: Little Qualicum Falls June 9 - 13, Goldstream July 3-7, Rath Trevor August 11 - 18. For more information go [HERE](#) or contact the Camp Registrar at [jermareng@outlook.com](mailto:jermareng@outlook.com).

**📖 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. **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](#).

**🎸 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](#).



**World of Water Flute Recital**

THOMAS BAUER-FLUTE  
YOUSEF SHADIAN-PIANO  
MARY BYRNE-FLUTE  
JUDITH PAZDER-FLUTE  
MICHELLE COX-FLUTE


Works by: Reinecke, Beethoven, Clarke, Gaubert, Rozman  
Debussy & Aitken

**JUNE 13-LANGFORD-7:30PM**  
REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3024 JACKLIN RD

**JUNE 14-VICTORIA-7:30PM**  
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2964 RICHMOND RD

**JUNE 15-SIDNEY- 1:30PM**  
ST.ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
10030 THIRD ST.

Scan the QR Code or visit directly  
<https://simpli.events/e/aa68a4> for tickets and pricing, also optional to pay cash at the door.




**Camp VIP 2025**  
**Goldstream Provincial Park**


July 3rd-7th


Camp fees \$150 for entire camp (2 adults + 2 children)  
If you're not staying for entire camp \$45 per night  
Additional children under 16 \$2 per night, 16+ \$5 per night


Payment: E transfer to [campvip1975@gmail.com](mailto:campvip1975@gmail.com)  
local are invited to attend evening devotionals at 7pm insert  
For enquiry contact camp VIP's Registrar at  
[jermareng@outlook.com](mailto:jermareng@outlook.com)


More information can be found on the camp's website at  
[vipresbytery.net](http://vipresbytery.net)


 **PRIDE PARADE WATER STATION:** Victoria's Pride Parade is on Sunday, July 6 and it will go right past St. Andrew's! We will be providing a water station for participants. Victoria Pride Festival is taking place on the same day. Go [HERE](#) to find out more.


 **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!

 **WORSHIP IN THE PARK:** Everyone is welcome to join members of Knox, Trinity, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for an afternoon of worship, fun, food, and friends! This year it will be held on Sunday, July 20th. Worship will begin at 10:30 am at [Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavillion](#). The building is located in Esquimalt Gorge Park ([1070 Tillicum Road](#)) and can be accessed on foot via park pathways, vehicle or bike. Bike racks are available. Please bring your own picnic lunch, items to share, place settings, and chairs!

 **FIRST FILM FESTIVAL:** Calling all film lovers! Get ready to experience the vibrant tapestry of storytelling at FIRST: A Celebration of Indigenous Film from June 19 - 22. 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 MAKSIN 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](#).



## Jubilee 2025

**Join the Jubilee Movement:** Jubilee 2025 is a global ecumenical initiative that builds on the transformative success of Jubilee 2000, which canceled \$100 billion of debt for 36 low-income countries.

**Why Jubilee Matters Today:** The Global South and Indigenous communities face a devastating debt crisis, with many nations spending more on debt repayments than on healthcare, education or climate action. Debt cancellation and systemic financial reform are not just economic solutions; they are a moral imperative rooted in the theological principle of justice for all.

**KAIROS'** Jubilee 2025 campaign emphasizes ecological justice, and the urgent need to address ecological debt—the exploitation of resources and lands in the Global South and in Indigenous communities worldwide. Amplifying Indigenous voices, the campaign also calls for land restitution, climate justice, and the transformation of exploitative systems to uphold dignity, equity, and sustainable development for all.

**Be Part of the Change:** In Canada, KAIROS Canada is leading the campaign in collaboration with Citizens for Public Justice, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, and the Office of Religious Congregations for Integral Ecology and The Canadian Council of Churches. Together, we are mobilizing communities of faith and conscience to demand:

- **Debt cancellation** for unjust and unsustainable debts.
- **Global financial reform** to prevent future crises.
- **A debt resolution framework within the United Nations** that is transparent, binding and fair.

Join us in signing the [Jubilee 2025 Petition!](#) Our goal is to collect 100 thousand signatures in Canada and 10 million worldwide by the end of 2025. Every signature strengthens the call for transformative change!