

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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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

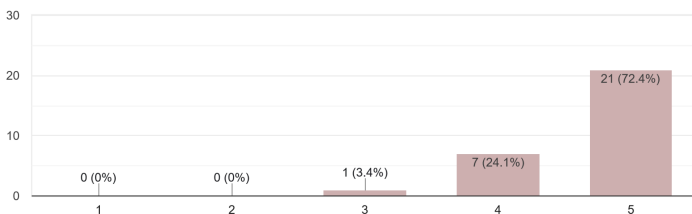


Survey Results

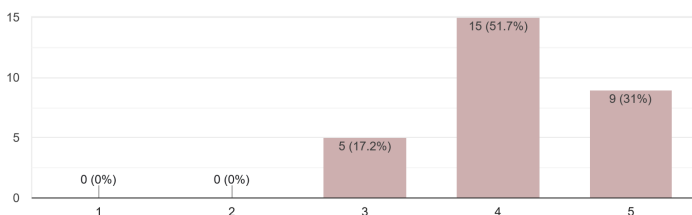
Thank you to everyone who participated in the New Minister survey! Your responses will help guide us in selecting a new minister for St. Andrew's.

The results for the scaled section of the survey are as follows:

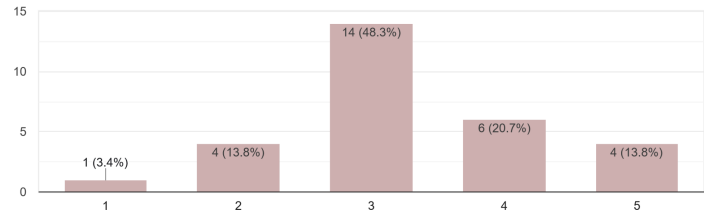
How important is it to you that our next minister be a good communicator?
29 responses



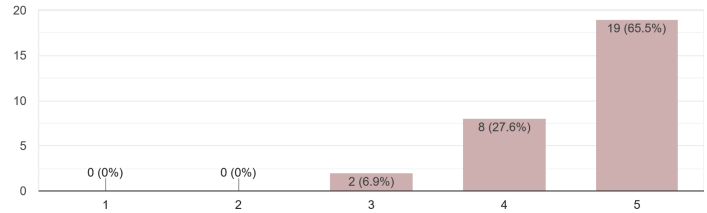
How important is it to you that our next minister has a strong pastoral presence?
29 responses



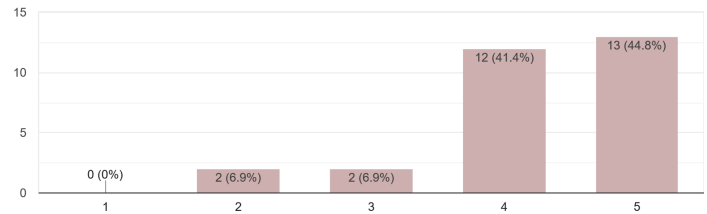
How important is it to you that our next minister is a strong administrator?
29 responses



How important is it to you that our next minister have empathy?
29 responses



How important is it to you that our next minister have a sense of humour?
29 responses



The results for the descriptive section of the survey has been summarized below:

What are some key qualities you would like to see in our next minister? Leadership, community minded, socially aware, pastoral presence, personable, prayerful, engaging, compassionate, progressive, young, humor, energetic, positive, able to connect with youth/seniors/families, pragmatic, patient, good communicator, strong biblical knowledge, encourage spiritual growth, encourage mission and outreach, enjoys music.

What specific skills or experience should our next minister possess? volunteering, maintain and grow a congregation, community outreach, pastoral presence, communication, spiritual guidance, collaboration, leadership,

What would you like our next minister to know about our congregation and our community? We're welcoming, caring, musical, anxious about the future, an older congregation willing to grow, engage in reconciliation, value our history, have a strong core of volunteers, love our community, want to move forward but sometimes struggle with change.

If your hopes for St. Andrew's came true in the next five years, what would our congregation look like? Welcoming, larger and more diverse congregation, more volunteers, more events, growth in faith, more community outreach, financially stable, possibly a new location, embracing positive change, more accessibility accommodations, Sunday School, fellowship groups, better at working together, a strong musical presence in the community.

What are some challenges or issues you would like our next minister to address? Lack of outreach program, lack of youth programs, difficulties accepting changes, fear of the future, financial instability, building maintenance, difficulty connecting with the community, difficulties of aging, lack of volunteers, lack of spiritual growth, difficulties with communication, issues with how committees and Session function, difficulties with inclusivity, lack of leadership.

What is your prayer for St. Andrew's moving forward? That we remain welcoming, listen to God's direction for the future and remain hopeful, fulfil our mission, find a young new minister, find a new music director, and pray for our community, growth, survival, hope, inclusivity, wisdom, cooperation, change, joy, faith, and charity,

Are there any other comments you would like to make regarding our seeking a new minister? Look for a long term solution in a minister, consider a diverse range of people for the position but pick the best fit, consider if they can collaborate well with other churches, the application and selection process be thoughtful and not just a formality, be honest about our expectations and their achievability.

We will take all of these comments and suggestions into consideration as we choose St. Andrew's next minister. Thank you again for taking the time to complete this survey.

- St. Andrew's Session

Announcements

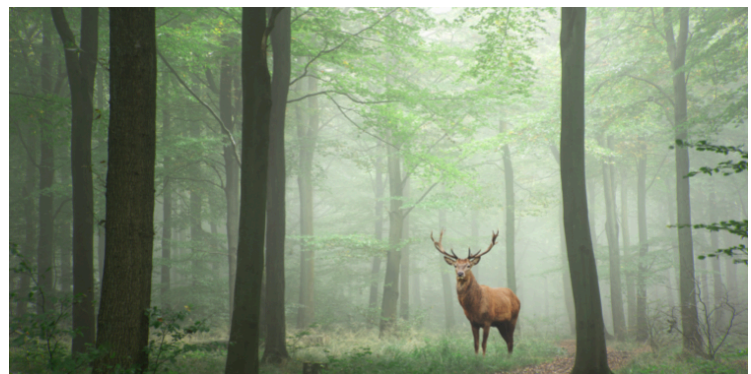
☀️ CHOIR SUMMER BREAK: St. Andrew's Choir practice and Sunday performances will continue as usual until the end of June. From July to August, our choral scholars will lead congregational singing. Choir will resume in September.

🍷 COMMUNION SERVICE: A Communion service will be held at St. Andrew's on Sunday, June 15, with Rev. Laura Kavanagh.

🍌 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.

📖 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 Schurrman. **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](#).



🦌 QUARTET 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](#).



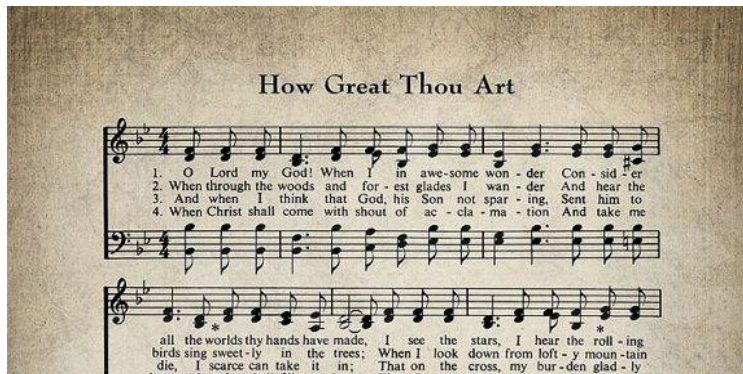
PRIDE PARADE WATER STATION: Victoria's Pride Parade is on Sunday, July 6 and it will go right past St. Andrew's! We will be providing a water station for participants. Victoria Pride Festival is taking place on the same day. Go [HERE](#) to find out more.



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.

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!



CHOIRS IN THE PARK: Voices from St. Andrew's, Knox, and Trinity are invited to take part in a combined choral performance at Worship in the Park on July 20th! We will be performing 'How Great Thou Art'. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday, July 6 and 13th at 11:30 am at Trinity Presbyterian Church. If you would like to join please contact Elise Kenedy at ekpk@live.ca. Come and enjoy praising the Lord!



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!

CONNIE KALDOR IN CONCERT: Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions on September 20 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](#).

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 tresknox@telus.net

Jubilee 2025
Turn Debt into Hope



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!

World of Water Flute Recital

THOMAS BAUER-FLUTE
YUSEF 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.

