

# THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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**Open Church: Sanctuary**  
Wednesdays at 12:00 - 1:30 pm

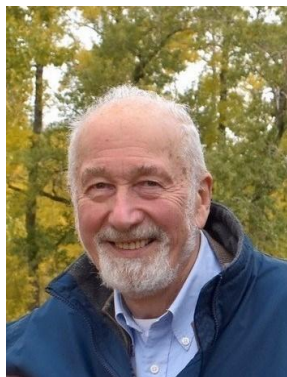
**Meditation Hour: Sanctuary**  
Wednesdays at 4:00 - 5:30 pm

**Activity Group: The Study Room**  
**From July 3 - August 28**  
Thursdays at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Worship Service: Sanctuary**  
Sundays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



## Announcements



**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN MITCHELL:** With deep sadness, we announce the passing of [John Baxter Mitchell](#) on June 24, 2025. A man of strong faith, John was deeply involved with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Victoria. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Church Saturday, July 26th at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church or [The Alzheimer's Society of Canada](#).



**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DONALD JOHN:** [Donald Edward John](#) passed away on Thursday June 26, 2025, in Victoria, B.C. at the age of 96. A celebration of life will take place at [McCall's Funeral Home](#) on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

**RATHREVOR CAMP VIP:** VIP camp for Rathrevor is August 11 - 18. For more information go [HERE](#) or contact the Camp Registrar at [jermareng@outlook.com](mailto:jermareng@outlook.com).

**IAN MAKSIN CONCERT:** Presented by Ian Maksin on September 6 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Composer and multilingual vocalist Ian Maksin has created his own unique style by blending elements of different genres and traditional music from around the globe in a new way using his cello as the main unifying force. For more information and tickets go [HERE](#).

**HAZEL'S LIGHT UP FOR MITO WALK:** on September 20th St. Andrew's outdoor lights will be green in support of this event! Learn more about mitochondrial disease, and how to support Hazel's fundraising walk through downtown Victoria, [HERE](#).

**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](#).

**TREASURE TROVE CONCERT:** Presented by the Early Music Society of the Islands on October 25 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Victoria's local medieval ensemble 'Bourdons' will bring interpretations of songs from the Cantigas de Santa Maria to the stage, employing voice and the exotic sounds of medieval period instruments. For more information and tickets go [HERE](#).

**JANE SIBERRY CD RELEASE CONCERT:** Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions on November 22 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Iconic and enigmatic, Jane Siberry is one of music's most unique and gifted singer-songwriters. For more information and tickets go [HERE](#).

**MUSIC OUTREACH CONCERT:** Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach program on November 30 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Entrance is by donation and everyone is welcome. More details will be announced soon!

**YULE CONCERT:** Presented by the Early Music Society of the Islands on December 7 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. 'Catalina Vicens, on organetto, will join the voices of 'Trio Mediæval' for a program of Scandinavian traditional Christmas folk songs and hymns, English medieval Carols, and two contemporary works! For more information and

tickets go [HERE](#).

**🎁 THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC:** Presented by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Music Outreach Program on December 11 at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary. An afternoon of seasonal tunes played by local instrumentalists and a chance to sing along with your favorite Christmas carols! Entrance is by donation and everyone is welcome.

**❄️ WINTER CONCERT:** Presented by Ensemble Laude on December 20 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Go [HERE](#) for more information as it becomes available.

**🎄 A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES:** Presented by Vox Humana on December 24 at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Enjoy a reading of Dylan Thomas' famous story interlaced with Christmas music. Go [HERE](#) for more information as it becomes available.

**🌟 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** on December 24 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. More details will be available soon.

**♥️ ROBERT BURNS MEMORIAL CONCERT:** Presented by The Victoria Scottish Gaelic Choir and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on January 25 at 2:30 pm in the Kirk Hall. Join us for an afternoon of Scottish entertainment! Go [HERE](#) for tickets when they become available.



## Gaza Aid Brings Relief

Ibrahim Atallah is one of many Palestinians in Gaza whose lives have been severely affected by the conflict that worsened after October 2023. As a father, Ibrahim now looks after his three-year-old son, who has a disability and highly specific dietary needs. His son eats only a few simple items, mainly biscuits and milk, which have become nearly impossible to obtain due to shortages and rising prices in the market.

Like many families in Gaza, Ibrahim has struggled to find enough food to meet even the most basic needs. As the humanitarian situation worsened, access to safe shelter, water and food became

increasingly limited. In response to widespread displacement and food insecurity, PWS&D supported a Canadian Foodgrains Bank project, which distributed ready-to-eat and mixed food parcels to displaced, conflict-affected families across Gaza City and North Gaza. These parcels were designed to meet the immediate needs of individuals without access to functioning kitchens, cooking fuel or stable incomes.

Ibrahim was among the participants selected to receive this assistance in Gaza City. When he received a parcel, he said it made a significant difference, not only in easing his financial stress but also in boosting the health of his young son. "This parcel will alleviate his suffering and provide my child with the necessary food," Ibrahim shared. The ma'amoul (date) biscuits included in the kit brought immediate comfort to his son and helped decrease the family's dependence on expensive, hard-to-find goods in the local market.

"I felt happy when I received the message that I would be a participant of the aid distributions," he shared. "[The partner] cares about the opinions and challenges of the participants... [and] that makes us feel that we have rights. We do not feel embarrassed or insulted when receiving the parcels," remarked Ibrahim.

### PWS&D's Gaza Response

As violence continues in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, humanitarian needs on the ground only increase, while the ability to deliver aid remains an ongoing challenge.

Despite the challenges, PWS&D continues to respond through our ecumenical networks and partnerships at ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide food and other humanitarian assistance where and whenever possible. Yet, the need is still immense, and we need your help to respond.

Your support will enable PWS&D and our partners to provide cash and food assistance, access to water and sanitation services, shelter, primary healthcare, and mental health support. As a result, families like Ibrahim's will be able to meet their basic needs.

Click [HERE](#) to support PWS&D's Gaza response.