

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

ISSUE # 272 August 5, 2025

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



CELEBRATION OF LIFE: It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of [Sabine Teetzel](#) on July 22, 2025. We send our prayers to her son, Ian and to her extended family and

friends. A celebration of life will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church this Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 1:00 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.

ANTISEMITISM WORKSHOP: Presented by the Jewish Federation of Victoria and Vancouver Island on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 from 7:00-8:30 pm. To register or for further information, please [email](#) us or visit our [website](#).

THE LINK: The deadline for contributing to the September issue if The Link is August 31. The **NEW** email address for submissions is: thelink@standrewsvictoria.ca.

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

The Greater Victoria Peace School presents
Honouring Peace
80th anniversary of Hiroshima & Nagasaki
6 pm, Wednesday 6 Aug. 2025
At the Gorge Park Pavilion
♥ Free family-friendly event! ♥

Taiko drummers, Furusato dancers, Gettin' Higher Choir
Lantern floating at Sunset
Make a Peace Lantern 6 pm; program starts 7:30 pm.
[Eventbrite link here.](#)
Cash donations gratefully accepted! Please bring lawn chairs or blanket.

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 Mediaeval' 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.



Journey for Hope

Join us (Knox Victoria, Knox-Sooke, Trinity and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churches) on September 18th and 20th to help raise money for PWS&D's food security projects. Our goal for this year is to raise \$2000! Donation information will be available soon.

🎵 SING FOR HOPE

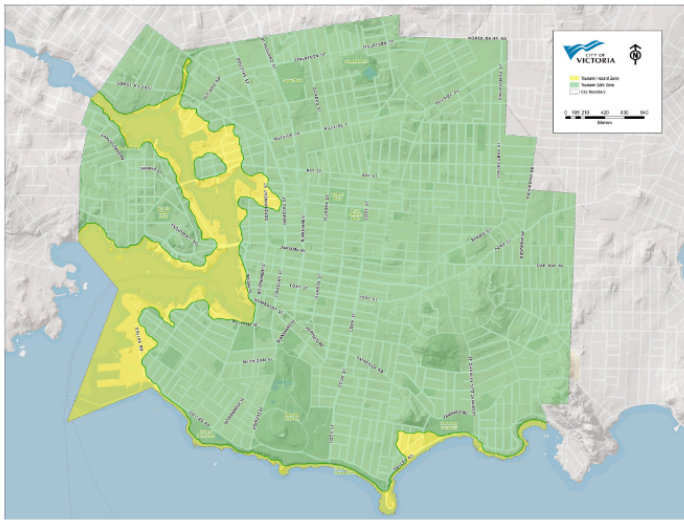
A hymn-sing at Trinity Presbyterian Church!
2964 Tillicum Rd, Saanich
Thursday September 18th at 7:00 pm

👣 WALK FOR HOPE

A 5km walk around Esquimalt Gorge Park!
Meet by the Park Pavilion
Saturday September 20th at 9:30 am

For more information please contact:

St. Andrew's:	Patti Jackson
Knox Victoria:	Anne Krauss
Trinity:	Ruth McCowan
Knox Sooke:	Eleanor Shambrook



Tsunami Preparedness

One of the strongest earthquakes in the last decade took place Tuesday night (July 29) off the Russian coast, sparking warnings of potential tsunami waves headed toward BC. While the 8.8 magnitude earthquake did cause some large waves, BC's Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness said by 6:25 a.m. that no coastal zones of BC are at risk. This event serves as a reminder that many areas of the province are vulnerable to earthquakes and tsunamis.

Although tsunamis are rare, it is important to understand the potential impact of tsunamis and what to do if one occurs. A tsunami consists of a series of unusually large waves formed by a large-scale disturbance in the water. One of the primary causes of tsunamis is an earthquake, but they may also be triggered by landslides, volcanoes or explosions.

Tsunami notifications, such as those issued by [Vic-Alert](#), are issued using four levels:

- **Information Statement:** No threat or very distant event and threat not determined.
- **Watch:** Distant tsunami possible. Stay tuned for information and be prepared to act.
- **Advisory:** Strong currents and waves dangerous to those in or very near the water. Stay out of water and away from beaches and waterways.
- **Warning:** Dangerous coastal flooding and powerful current possible. Move to high

ground or inland.

Although we may receive a tsunami alert from a faraway earthquake, the risk of experiencing a tsunami from a faraway earthquake is extremely low. The main risk of a tsunami in Victoria is from a felt earthquake.

Do not wait for a tsunami warning to act. The **shaking** is your warning that a tsunami may be coming. If you feel strong shaking from an earthquake:

- drop, cover and hold on
- count to 60 after the shaking has stopped
- leave the tsunami hazard zone by foot or bike
- if you are outside the tsunami hazard zone, stay where you are

The City of Victoria has a [brochure](#) with information on what to do before, during and after a tsunami.

It is important to know if the areas that you frequent are in a tsunami hazard zone before a tsunami hits. The City and the CRD have developed interactive tsunami maps for [Victoria](#) and the [CRD](#) to help you identify tsunami hazard zones.

For more tsunami information, download the [Earthquake and Tsunami guide from PreparedBC](#) or visit the [National Tsunami Warning Center website](#).



Support 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 is blocked by Israeli government forces. With thousands of families displaced, schools and hospitals bombed, thousands of children killed, and an emerging famine, our impetus to act is greater than ever—**your support will make a difference.**

Despite the challenges, PWS&D is responding through our ecumenical networks and partnerships at ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide food and other humanitarian assistance where and whenever possible.

The scale of need is immense, and we need your help to respond. With your gifts, PWS&D and our partners will be able to provide cash and food assistance, access to water and sanitation services, shelter, primary health care and mental health support.

Ibrahim was a participant in a recent Canadian Foodgrains Bank food distribution. The food package he received made a big difference—not only easing his financial burden but also improving his son's health. "This parcel alleviated his suffering and provided my child with the necessary food," he shared. Food aid distributions like this are essential.

The [Presbyterian Church in Canada](#) asks that people pray for an end to violence and a just peace in the land of Christ's birth.

*God of truth, mercy and peace,
God of life and reconciliation,
we mourn the suffering and murder of your people*

*and we pray for a just peace
and reconciliation for the people of Palestine and Israel
who have endured the burden of violence and conflict for so long.
Console those who grieve,
heal the injured,
comfort those who are alone and afraid,
protect those who are held hostage, and
restrain those who would cause more violence
or act cynically for political gain and power.*

We join with [communities around the world](#) calling for an end to the violence.

[Support PWS&D's response today.](#)



Inclusive Christians: Around the Table

Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm PDT
UVic Multifaith Centre

Gather for a simple Christian service of prayer, song, scripture, and contemplation. Our worship is centered around a gospel reading for which we take time to discuss and listen to student interpretations of the text. [All are welcome.](#)

We have a unique voice as a student group that centers queer and IBPoC voices, following the same Jesus who disrupts the status quo, making space for marginalized people. A free dinner follows the Communion service. This special summer offering is hosted by the Anglican and Presbyterian Spiritual Care Providers. For more information contact the Rev. [Laura Kavanagh.](#)