

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

ISSUE # 275 August 28, 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


Activity Group: The Gathering Room
Starting September 4
Thursdays at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm


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



St. Andrew's Announcements


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

 **THANK YOU:** Thank you to Norma Kobald and Steven Benson who have shared their skills at the organ with us since April. We have enjoyed their gift of music and appreciate how they have worked together with the choir and choral students as we all join together in worship. Blessings to Norma and Steven and we hope to see you again.

 **NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR:** On September 1 Susanne Reul-Zastre will assume her role as our new the Director of Music Ministry; her first Sunday service will be Sunday 7 September. Please introduce yourselves and welcome her!

 **CHOIR REHEARSALS:** St. Andrew's Choir

Rehearsals with our new Director of Music, Susanne Reul-Zastre, start on Thursday, September 4! Join us in the Sanctuary Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 8:30 pm. All are welcome!

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



PRESBYTERIAN.CA/PWSD/TOGETHER-IN-MOTION-AND-SONG/

Presbyterian World Service & Development

JOURNEY FOR HOPE: TOGETHER IN MOTION & SONG

JOIN US TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR PWS&D'S FOOD SECURITY PROJECTS. OUR GOAL FOR THIS YEAR IS TO RAISE \$2000!


SING FOR HOPE
JOIN US FOR A HYMN SING FUNDRAISER ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 7:00 PM AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2964 TILlicUM ROAD.


WALK FOR HOPE
JOIN US FOR A 5KM WALK AROUND THE PARK ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 9:30 PM AT ESQUIMALT GORGE PARK PAVILION, 1070 TILlicUM ROAD.

CHURCH CONTACTS

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:	PATTI JACKSON
KNOX VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:	ANNE KRAUSS
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:	RUTH MCCOWAN
KNOX SOOKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:	ELEANOR SHAMBROOK



 **GUITAR RECITAL:** Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach program on November 23 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Guitar students from the studio of Simon Fairintosh at the UVIC School of Music. Entrance is by donation and everyone is welcome. More details will be announced soon!

 **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.

A development is being proposed in your neighbourhood...

Pre-application consultation

617-635 Broughton Street, 901-919 Gordon Street and 620-630 Courtney Street

The proposal is to redevelop the existing parkade structure to support a new mixed-use development consisting of at-grade retail, purpose-built rental homes and a new publicly-accessible plaza space adjacent to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Have your say.

Visit victoria.ca/devtracker to learn about this proposal and to share your thoughts. You can find the property by searching for the address noted above.

victoria.ca/devtracker developmentsservices@victoria.ca 250.361.0382


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*Starting Monday August 25, 2025, a sign will be placed on the **Broughton Square** property as part of a formal notification process. Please rest assured — this is simply part of a preliminary review by the property ownership, who are exploring long-term possibilities in collaboration with the City of Victoria. As part of these early-stage discussions, the local community is being notified. At this time, there are no plans to redevelop or demolish the building. These types of projects typically involve many years of planning and consultation before any decisions are made. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.*

[Philippa Jacoby](#)


Senior Property Manager / GWL Realty Advisors


Community Events


 **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](#).


 **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](#).

 **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](#).

 **WINTER CONCERT:** Presented by Ensemble Laude on December 21 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Go [HERE](#) for more information as it becomes available.

Children Remembered

A National Residential School Crisis Line has been set up to provide support to former students. This 24-Hour Crisis Line can be accessed at: 1-866-925-4419

The Presbyterian Church in Canada ran a number of residential schools for Indigenous children beginning in the mid 1880s through to 1969. The PCC turned over all documents regarding residential schools in their possession to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and through them to the [The National Center for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

Five residential schools existed on Vancouver Island. The Ahousaht and Alberni Residential

Schools were run by the Presbyterian Church. The Christie and Kuper Island Residential Schools were run by the Catholic Church. St. Michaels Residential School was run by the Anglican Church. The two schools run by the Presbyterian United Church will be highlighted in this article. You can find out more about these and other schools at the NCTR's [National Student Memorial Register](#).

The Ahousaht School

The Ahousaht School was located on Flores Island, on the western side of Vancouver Island. Originally a Presbyterian-run day school, it received federal government funding starting in 1904. It was taken over by the United Church in 1925. It was “an offence to speak either Chinook or Siwash” at the school. An inspector’s report from 1936 noted that every staff member carried a strap and that the children “never learned to work without punishment.” When the school was destroyed by fire in 1940, a decision was made to replace it with a United Church day school that opened in June of that year.



Remembering the Following Students:

Name	Date of Death (Year/Month/Day)
Arthur	1913-07-01 – 1913-07-31
Bella Peter	1910-05-30
Carrie George	1916-04-06

Dora Noshkey	1908-03-13
Edward Arnold	1909-06-28
Emil Howard	Not known
Frank Ubaldus	Not known
George Quisot	1906-01-28
Katie Manulth	1910-08-10
May Harris	1910-03-04
McKay Titian	1908-06-15
Sophie Noothlenu	1910-09-03
William Maquina	1906-11-11

The Alberni School

In 1893, the Presbyterian Church built the Alberni Girls Home on Vancouver Island a few miles outside Port Alberni. It was taken over by the United Church in 1925. The school was destroyed by fire in 1917, 1937, and 1941 and rebuilt following each fire. The West Coast Council of Indian Chiefs campaigned for the school’s closing in the 1960s, charging that children in need of care were being dumped into the school. The school was eventually closed in 1973. In 1995 Arthur Henry Plint, a former supervisor at the school from 1948 to 1968, was convicted of 18 counts of indecent assault against Aboriginal students and sentenced to 11 years in jail.



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Name	Date of Death (Year/Month/Day)
Annie Jack	1903-11-12
Bertha Fred	1937-02-14
Cyril Mussell	1946-10-04
Dalton Silver	1941-06-13
David Thomas	1972-11-11
Dorothy Ross	1925-12-03
Edward Thompson	1946-07-27
Herbert Robert Green	1951-07-16
Ivan Wilson	1973-11-10
Jack Williams	1905-11-19
Katie Taylor	1908-12-12
Katy Ross	1936-04-20
Lily Pearl Smith	1945-12-03
Maisie Shaw	1946-12-26
Mary Bob	1937-02-14
Mary Elaine George	1964-10-05
Mary Taylor	1908-10-01
Matilda Ross	1926-09-27
Maud Jackson	1908-11-01 – 1908-11-30
May Ross	1928-12-09
Minnie Ross	1929-05-13
Mitchell Joseph	1969-05-26
Nellie Klutesi	1916-05-01 – 1916-05-31
Norman Bob	1942-04-07
Shirley Leslie Williams	1963-05-17
Taylor Santo	1906-08-13

Theodore Mckay	1941-05-22
Violet McKay	1937-02-14
Virginia Moses	1946-03-15
Yinnito Taylor	1899-07-01 – 1899-07-31

There are still more children to be found:

[Ahousaht First Nation releases findings from search for missing residential school children - CBC](#)

[The Tseshaht Nation says it found historical records showing 67 children died at the school - CBC](#)

In response to the devastating confirmation of unmarked graves on the grounds of former residential schools, and in honour of the children who were lost and all people living with the consequences of that legacy, The PCC has established the [Honouring the Children: Reconciliation and Residential Schools Fund](#).

This fund will support initiatives associated with searches for unmarked burial sites in communities where schools were operated by The PCC. The PCC has committed \$1 million from national funds, and [invites congregations and individuals to make additional contributions to this important work](#).

Learn from our past

Truth & Reconciliation Week 2025
September 22-26

Register at trw-svr.nctr.ca

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