

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


Cancelled Thursday October 23 and 30th!


Worship Service: Sanctuary

Sundays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

 **THE LINK:** Contribute to St. Andrew's monthly newsletter! The deadline for November submissions is Sunday, October 26. To contact the editor, or to submit your contributions, please email: thelink@standrewsvictoria.ca.

Announcements


 **FRIENDS OF PRISON:** Get to know Rev. Hastings Phale, and learn more about the work of Friends of Prison in Malawi, which is the 2025 recipient of the Cutting Edge of Mission (CEM) award. **Online Meet & Greet:** Thursday, Oct 30 1-2 p.m. (EDT) [Registration required.](#)

 **SOAP FOR HOPE:** Do you have a hygiene product that don't work for you hiding under your sink? [Soap for Hope](#) can repurpose them to help vulnerable people. We're looking for:


★ **New or gently used:** shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and body lotion.


★ **New or unused:** deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, incontinence products, menstruation products, lip balm, razors, brushes, and combs.


The most needed items are highlighted. You can drop off your donations in the bin by the church office until January. Shannon will transport them to Soap for Hope's warehouse. Thank you for your support!


 **FIRST AID REVIEW:** The Activity Group meets on Thursdays from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Our activity for November is to evaluate and restock the church's First Aid kits. There will also be discussions about medical emergency response on site. Join us for coffee and discussion or send your ideas to Dorothy Reimer and/or Sheelagh Garson.

 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS:** Daylight Savings ends next week on Sunday, November 2nd. Remember to 'fall behind' an hour on Saturday, November 1st at midnight so you aren't early for Sunday service!

 **SESSION MEETING:** The next Session Meeting is on Monday, November 3, at 7:00 pm. Whether it is online or in person is to be determined. Reports for this meeting are due the week before on Wednesday October 29.


 **ONLINE ADVENT STUDY 2025:** Join Dr. Lee Johnson for our Advent Study: Jesus' Birth and Childhood Stories, starting with an introduction session on October 15. The study, which delves into the well-worn, the weird, and the wonderful, will investigate the variety of origin stories contained within the well-known birth narratives at the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke. You can learn more [here](#), as well as [register](#) for the series. Join us for the weekly conversation with Lee and other participants every Wednesday at 6 p.m. (EST) from November 19 to December 10.


 **MUSIC OUTREACH GUITAR RECITAL:** Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach program on Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. An afternoon of music from guitar students from the studio of Simon Fairintosh at the UVic School of Music. Entrance is by donation and everyone is welcome.

 **MUSIC OUTREACH CELLO RECITAL:** Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach program on Sunday, November 30 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. An afternoon of music from cello students from the studio of Pam Highbaugh-Aloni at the UVic School of Music. Entrance is by donation and everyone is welcome.


 **MUSIC OUTREACH VIOLIN RECITAL:** Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach


program on Saturday December 6 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. An afternoon of music from violin students from the studio of Ann Elliott-Goldschmid at the UVic School of Music. Entrance is by donation and everyone is welcome.


 **THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC:** Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach program on Thursday December 11 at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary. An afternoon of seasonal choral and instrumental music, as well as sing-along Christmas hymns! Entrance is by donation and everyone is welcome.


 **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** Join us for a special Christmas Eve service on Wednesday December 24 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The Christmas story told in Lessons and Carols. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Community Events


 **TREASURE TROVE CONCERT:** Presented by the Early Music Society of the Islands on Saturday, 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](#).


 **KRISTALLNACHT REMEMBRANCE:** The [Victoria Shoah Project](#) invites you to attend the annual remembrance of Kristallnacht held at the [Congregation Emanu-El](#) (1461 Blanshard Street) on Thursday, November 6, at 7 pm. For more information call 1-250-382-0615 or email victoriashoahproject@gmail.com


 **POTTERY SHOW AND SALE:** Stop by Knox Presbyterian Church (2964 Richmond Rd.) on November 8 from 10 am to 4 pm and check out Pacific Rim Potter's fall show and sale! Meet the artists, see what they've been working on, and score a few gorgeous Christmas presents!


 **JANE SIBERRY CD RELEASE CONCERT:** Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions on Saturday, 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 please go [HERE](#).

 **CHRISTMAS TEA & BAZAAR:** Stop by Knox Presbyterian Church (2964 Richmond Rd.) on November 22 from 1 to 4 pm to lap up some tea, purrr-use the bazaar, and support a great paws - I mean, cause! All proceeds go to the [Victoria Cat Rescue Corps Society](#).

 **TEA FOR TUTU:** 'The Gift of the Nutcracker' is presented by Ballet Victoria, November 25, 26, 27 at 2:00 pm in the Kirk Hall. Meet the dancers, enjoy a 45 minute performance, experience the theatre, and enjoy light refreshments after the show! Reserve your FREE seats by email (tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca) or phone (250-380-6063).

 **YULE:** Presented by the Early Music Society of the Islands on Sunday, 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](#).

 **AETHELING:** Presented by Ensemble Laude on Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A concert of richly woven medieval-inspired works on the theme of children, including the fantastic piece A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, with Keri Lynn Zwicker, harp. Go [HERE](#) for more information as it becomes available.

 **A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES:** Presented by Vox Humana on Wednesday, December 24 at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Go [HERE](#) for more information as it becomes available.

 **ANNUAL RECOVERY CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Presented by St. Andrew's and the Recovery Christmas Dinner Committee on Thursday December 25 at 12:00 - 2:00 pm in the Kirk Hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a free buffet style Turkey dinner at St. Andrew's Kirk Hall. Email recoverychristmasdinner@gmail.com for more information about the event.