

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


 **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.

From the Pulpit


This Sunday's sermon is titled "Come Before Winter," and is based upon II Timothy 4:6-22. The Apostle Paul is writing to his young protege, Timothy, from prison, in a personal text written in the midst of difficult circumstances. In part, it sounds like an old man sharing his indiscriminate thoughts, and imploring Timothy to come and see him "before winter." In many ways, this passage doesn't seem important enough or Christian enough to be included in scripture, instead it gives us a glimpse into the mind and emotional state of the Apostle Paul. And yet, from a broader perspective, it helps us see this Apostle in the fullness of his humanity, while at the same time broadening our perspective on how we understand the meaning and purpose of the Bible.


- Rev. Wes Denyer


Announcements


 **FIRST AID REVIEW:** The Activity Room discussion continues every Thursday in November from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm as we


continue to look at the First Aid Kits on the church property. Come for coffee and casual discussion.

 **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!

 **WARM TOES:** Let's share the joy of a warm pair of socks with those in need! All sock donations will go to [The Mustard Seed Street Church](#). A donation bin is set up in The Gathering Room to collect socks.


 **SHARE THE JOY:** Let's share the joy of a warm meal with those in need! We're collecting monetary donations for [Christmas hampers](#). All donations are in support of [The Mustard Seed Street Church](#). For cash or cheque donations use your regular donor envelope labeled "Share the Joy". For e-transfer donations please send the transfer to treasurer@standrewsvictoria.ca with "Share the Joy" in the comment section.


 **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


 **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](#).


 **BOOK LAUNCH:** [VISTA](#) is hosting a Book Launch on November 21 at 7pm at The Church of our Lord. The main speaker is author Jodi Spagur who will be sharing about her new book 'Mend: An invitation from Jesus to Return to Land-Based Repair.' including Knox Presbyterian's Interim Pastor, James Prette, will also be presenting. Tickets and more information is available on [eventbrite](#).


 **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](#).

 **HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Join Mike Edel and other musicians from Hollydene Church for an evening of subdued holiday music on December 12 at 7 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church. Tickets can be purchased at [Showpass](#). 'Tears and laughter have a way of getting along,' sings Canadian singer-songwriter Mike Edel on the title track from his 5th full-length-album and documentary '[casseroles & flowers](#).'

 **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.

 **ROBERT BURNS MEMORIAL CONCERT:** Presented by The Victoria Scottish Gaelic Choir and on January 25 at 2:30 pm in the Kirk Hall. Join us for an afternoon of Scottish entertainment in celebration of Scotland's beloved bard! Go [HERE](#) for more information and tickets as they become available.