

This Week At St. Andrew's

Parable of the Pastor

In the pamphlet *Equipping Elders*: A resource produced by the Life and Mission Agency and the General Assembly Office the elder's responsibility to the church family is described.

The elder's district is the foundation for pastoral care in most congregations of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Elders are charged with cultivating a personal relationship with the members and adherents in their district through visiting, counseling and encouragement in the Christian life.

So how is this done? We are all different. Relationships take work – one has to be intentional about it. If the relationship has been developed, then, when things get tough, people will know the elder cares. The elder may be the conduit through which support, healing and encouragement will come.

We discovered the critical work of the elder in serving his/her district during the Pandemic when all in-person contact ceased. The elder became the face, hands, and voice of St. Andrew's for a majority of the congregation. That connection remains critical to the life, work and ministry of our congregation.

In that spirit, we need your feedback that will inform our Session of the level of support that you will find most meaningful from your elder. We have provided a survey which may be found on our St. Andrew's Presbyterian website <https://standrewsvictoria.ca>, receive a copy mailed to your address or pick up a copy at church during the upcoming Sundays.

We will deeply appreciate your valuable feedback that will enable us to determine how we might serve you most meaningfully.

Lenten Blessings,
From your Transitional Minister

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church acknowledges and thanks the Lekwungen People – WSÁNEĆ, Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations – on whose traditional land we meet and worship.

Holy Week Services

We are again collaborating with our sister congregations to make these Holy Week services extra meaningful. Maundy Thursday Communion will be hosted by **Knox at 3:00pm on Thursday 06 April** (we are interested to see if this earlier time slot is preferred). **Trinity Church** will host Good Friday Worship at **10:30am on Friday 07 April**. At the combined services there will be participants from Knox, Trinity and St. Andrew's. For Easter Sunday Services each congregation will worship in their own sanctuary. **10:30am at St. Andrew's on Sunday 09 April**.




Music Notes

The choir anthem for Palm Sunday is "Cantad Hosanna" by Joel Rane. you will hear spanish and english words intermixed and a lively calypso rhythm, Sing Hosanna! Cantad Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
All glory laud and honor to you, Redeemer King.

The postlude "The Palms" was written by Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914) a french operatic baritone wrote several classical songs.

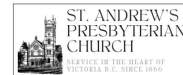
***People and tongues shall chant His praise;
Tune every voice, His name be gladly singing.
Hosanna! Glory to God!
Glory to Him who comes bringing salvation.***



STRINGS STUDENTS FROM THE CLASSES OF THE LAFAYETTE STRING QUARTET AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA WILL PRESENT A CONCERT OF BELOVED WORKS FOR VIOLIN, VIOLA AND CELLO.

April 2 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Corner of Broughton and Douglas
Broughton Street Accessibility Entrance
Free Parking at Library Parkade
Doors at 1:30pm / Concert at 2:00pm
Donation Boxes

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Hello and Goodbye

Please join us in saying 'Hello Claire' and 'Goodbye Max'.

On Tuesday we give a warm welcome to Claire who will train with Max for three days in preparation for assuming the role of Temporary Church Administrator.

On Thursday Max is leaving to assume a full time position in Langford. Goodbye Max; we have appreciated your cheerful and helpful presence in the office. Thank you for all your work and we offer our best wishes as you begin in your permanent full time position.

Call for Donations

Do you have some small "Treasurers" hidden away in the back of a drawer or cupboard that you do not know what to do with? Our "Treasure Table" would love to them. Please leave any donations in the Coat Room in the Kirk Hall, with a note indicating that it is to be donated.

Thank you!

Thursday Social Coffee – Update

This Thursday, March 30th will be the last Thursday Coffee in the Lecture Room, for a few weeks.

April will be a busy month for many, and our Spring Market on May 12th & 13th will add more busyness so we're going to take a break. As we move into warmer weather we'll look at how, and where, to meet. Maybe we can meet again in the laneway or maybe there is a park near you that we can meet to enjoy the outside and the company. If you have an idea let us know.

We'll keep you posted when we start again.



Church Calendar

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY	February 23 to March 30 Weekly on Thursdays 3 - 4:30 pm	Based on the movie 'Chocolat', and the book, 'Christ and the Chocolaterie': A Lent Course Paperback by Hilary Brand. Co-sponsored, led and taught by Rev. Cathy Victor, Rev. Laura Kavanagh, Rev. Mitch Coggin. Held at Knox Presbyterian Church at 2964 Richmond Rd. Purchase the book via Amazon Kindle version for \$4.27! Call the church office to let us know that you are coming.
ZOOM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY	March 6 to April 3 Weekly on Mondays 7:00 pm	An online Zoom class for those unable to attend the 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' bible study in person. Call or email the church office to let us know that you would like to sign up! For online readers, you can join the zoom meeting here
SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC	April 2 Sunday 2:00 pm	Strings students from the classes of the Lafayette String Quartet at the University of Victoria will present a concert of beloved works for violin, viola and cello. Entrance by donation.
CALIFORNIA CHOIR CONCERT	April 16 Sunday 12:00 pm	The choir is visiting Victoria and will be performing at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 16th, at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary, after regular service is held.
CONCERT OF THE BIRDS	April 23 Sunday 7:30 pm	Presented by The Early Music Society. Composers have long been inspired by the beauties of birdsong, among them Caix d'Hervlois, Couperin, Rameau and Purcell. Performing on recorders, flageolets, flutes with viola da gamba and theorbo one of France's leading early music ensembles brings to life this charming music.
TEA FOR TUTU	April 25, & 26 Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00 pm	Join Ballet Victoria In the Kirk Hall for afternoon tea and entertainment! See what Ballet Victoria is working on and meet the dancers. Call to reserve a free seat at 250-380-6063.
SPRING CONCERT	April 27 Thursday 12:00 pm	Entrance by Donation. Presented by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Music Program in the Sanctuary. Featuring two flutes and the organ. Music Bach, Pachelbel, Berloiz and more.