

# This Week At St. Andrew's

## PARABLE OF THE PASTER

It appears that spring has finally arrived! Thanks be to God. Signs of the season are in abundance and leave little doubt that the end of April and the beginning of May reflects a turn in the weather.



There are of course the normal and expected signs of Spring...and there are the unexpected signs of new birth that we might overlook and easily miss without careful notice. So it is in our household of late. Adorning a prominent place in our living room is an African violet. For years this plant has been maintained faithfully without ever producing a flower...until this year. Without fanfare, slowly a bud emerged, and then a magnificent flower. Unexpected, but certainly not an unwelcome gift.

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## PARABLE OF THE PASTER CONTINUED

What have you noticed that may be unexpected of late around St. Andrews? Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter provided us amazing opportunities for worship, study, communion, and incredible music. The same is true with an abundance of visitors of late who have found their way to St. Andrew's via cruise ships, ferry travelers and vacationers from near and far. Yesterday an elder and I were able to visit with one of our homebound members who has long been unable to join us for in-person worship. We heard the challenges of life of late, family loss and medical concerns. Then as we shared communion, we heard the quiet tears of our member who was deeply moved by the celebration of Body and Blood. "It has been years," she indicated. What unexpected gifts have you received of late that indicate the new birth of God around and within us as a church family? The challenge is to pay attention to what we might otherwise easily miss. Where is new life emerging around you this week?

Blessings, Pastor Mitch

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## SPECIAL EVENT! DON'T MISS!

THURSDAY APRIL 27 AT 12 NOON

### Spring Recital



FEATURING:

*Antonia Mahon, flute*  
*Christine Constabel, flute*  
*Christine Purvis, organ*

MUSIC BY BACH, PACHELBEL, BERLIOZ, AND MORE!

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
924 Douglas Street

Broughton Street Accessibility Entrance  
Admission by donation in support of the Church's Music Program!

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# EARLY BIRD NOTICE!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vancouver Island Presbytery Women's Retreat - April 26-28, 2024. First Women's Retreat since COVID. **Camp Imadene, Mesachie Lake**. Watch for more details in the coming months. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet and fellowship with other women from our Sister Congregations on Vancouver Island.



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## HELP WANTED! COFFEE VOLUNTEERS!

We are still in need for some people who could help with occasional coffee serving on occasional Sundays.

We specifically need a few people for **Sunday, April 30**.

Are you able to spare 30-60 minutes after Worship to help with coffee for occasional Sundays?

Please contact Dorothy (250-592-5051) or the Church Office (250-384-5734) if you are willing to be on our 'substitute' list.



*Thank you!*

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# DEADLINES AND REMINDERS:

## SURVEY ABOUT THE ROLE OF ELDERS

Hopefully you have already received a copy of the survey about the role of your elder. Additional copies of the questions available at the church, or you can complete this short survey on the church website. We value your feedback; please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

***Deadline for completion is April 28th***

## THE LINK

***The May deadline for submissions to The Link is April 30th!*** So make sure to send in anything you would like to see included before then!

## THE PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTION NEWSPAPER

Sharing news of our congregation's mission and ministry through the newspaper is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate successes! If you'd like news from our congregation to appear within the newspaper, please consider sending in a short article and photo(s) of special events, anniversaries and celebrations, community outreach initiatives, children's programming, and/or other activities.

***Deadline for submission is May 12th***

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# ‘GOODBYE’ AND ‘WELCOME BACK’

Claire has been working in the church office in a temporary position for the past month, and we have appreciated her cheerfulness and willingness as she efficiently completes the weekly tasks. We wish her well in her next position.

...and we are pleased to welcome back a familiar face; Shannon, who left the church office in February to explore other employment options. We are happy that she is choosing to return to St Andrew's as the Church Administrator.

Claire and Shannon will work together on Thursday 27 April, Claire's last day.

Shannon will be in the office beginning Tuesday 2 May. **Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9.30- 2.30.**

The 'person in the office' is a vital role. Please take a moment to say, 'thank you.'





## Attic Treasures

**Downsizing?  
Spring Cleaning?**

The Spring Market at St. Andrew's would welcome your gently-used items, small appliances or anything that might be useful to others.

Please leave your articles in the Cloak Room located near the Kirk Hall entrance.

Questions? Please contact the church office.



## CALL FOR DONATIONS!

The jewelry stall at the Spring Market on Friday, May 12 and Saturday May 13 is looking for donations in good condition.

### JEWELRY

Scarves

Purses

Please bring donations to the church office or coffee hour. Thank you!

PROCEEDS TOWARDS LECTURE HALL RENOVATIONS!



**MAY 12 FRIDAY 11- 4 PM**  
**MAY 13 SATURDAY 10 - 4 PM**

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# SPRING MARKET

<p><b>CURIOSITIES FOR SALE</b></p> <p>JEWELRY HANDICRAFTS ATTIC TREASURES</p>	<p><b>REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE</b></p> <p>COFFEE AND TEA MUFFINS AND BARS SOUP AND A BUN</p>
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 **BROUGHTON STREET ENTRANCE  
AT THE LECTURE HALL**



# Church Calendar

<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Every Sunday at 10:30 am</b>	All are welcome. If you don't have a home Church, please join us on a Sunday morning for Worship and Fellows.
<b>OPEN CHURCH &amp; MEDITATION HOUR</b>	<b>Every Wednesday</b>	Please join us on Wednesday in the Sanctuary for Open Church (12pm - 1pm) followed by Meditation Hour (4:30pm - 5:30pm)
<b>TEA FOR TUTU</b>	<b>April 25, 26 &amp; 27</b> Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 2:00pm to 4:00pm in <b>The Kirk Hall</b>	A great opportunity for seniors, parents, and young children to enjoy the friendly, intimate atmosphere of Ballet Victoria Theatre. There will be Tea, coffee, and cookies offered while mingling with the dancers after the show.
<b>SPRING CONCERT</b>	<b>April 27</b> Thursday 12:00pm in <b>The Sanctuary</b>	Spring recital in the sanctuary. Featuring two flutes and the organ. Presented by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Music Program in the Sanctuary. Music by Bach, Pachelbel, Berloiz and more. Entrance by donation.
<b>SPRING MARKET</b>	<b>May 12 &amp; 13</b> Friday 11:00am to 4:00pm & Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm in <b>The Lecture Room</b>	It's time for a Spring Market so mark your calendars! It will be held in the Lecture Room and there will be jewelry, crafts, attic treasures and a silent auction. Lunch will be for sale in the Hall. All proceeds go to the Lecture Hall renovations.
<b>PANDORA CHORUS CONCERT</b>	<b>May 13</b> Friday 7:00am to 9:00pm	They will be singing songs from their Winter-Spring repertoire, including songs by Harry Styles, Simon & Garfunkel, Kate Bush, Adele, Ben E. King, Rick Astley, and more! Doors open 7pm, Show 7:30pm. \$15 advance, \$20 door, no ticket needed for children ages 12 and under.