

# This Week At St. Andrew's

## Parable of the Pastor

A recent epiphany was shared by someone that I know and trust a great deal. This person indicated their primary goal had shifted to ask more questions and be a better listener. How true! Imagine if we lived into the reality that God's greatest desire for us is in learning that loving our neighbor is best accomplished by asking good questions and then remaining quiet long enough to let them talk. This calling feels even higher when we consider that research shows the average person listens at about 25% efficiency.

Calling the act of listening a miracle may seem difficult, but it literally changes the tenor of a room and the hearts within it. If we are honest, we might admit that we may often find ourselves listening to respond, rather than truly hearing.

In *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy*, Anne Lamott recommends that in addition to simply showing up for our friends during hard times, an even bigger gift is avoiding "snappy answers."

In the biblical story of the walk to Emmaus in Luke 24, the two men journey seven miles from Jerusalem, when "Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him." I'm taken by how Jesus, in this scene, seems much more intent on being present and asking questions than immediately solving any mysteries: "'What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?'" he asked. Though we may find ourselves rushing to the part of the story where Jesus eventually reveals himself, maybe the miracle begins with the way he first slowed down, asked questions, and listened as the men revealed their hearts and fractured hope.

"In the Bible, Jesus is asked 187 questions. He answers (maybe) 8 of them. He asks 307," Maybe faith isn't about certainty, but learning to ask—and sit in the complexity of—good questions.

Ask a good question of someone this week. Truly listen to the answer, and then ask another. You and the other person will be richer as a result. Blessings to each of you.

- Mitch

### ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
Sundays  
10:30 am

If you don't have a home church, please join us for worship and Fellowship. All are welcome!

OPEN  
CHURCH  
Wednesdays  
12:00 - 1:00 pm

View St. Andrew's historic Sanctuary and stained glass - all are welcome.

MEDIATION  
HOUR  
Wednesdays  
4:30 - 5:30 pm

Spend an hour of silent reflection in the Sanctuary - all are welcome.

# Music Notes



This Sunday Ryan Qu will be at the organ console while I take a holiday. I will be in Vancouver spending time with my grandchild who is 8 months old now. Here is some information on Ryan.

Born in China, now based in Victoria, Ryan is a recent graduate of University of Victoria with a B.Mus in Music Education, and is an active multi-instrumentalist in lower Vancouver Island. With a competitive performance background in piano, he professionally studied conducting, flute and bass trombone while completing his B.Mus and have performed regularly with ensembles such as Victoria Conservatory of Music Flute Choir, UVic Don Wright Symphonic Winds, and UVic Wind Symphony.

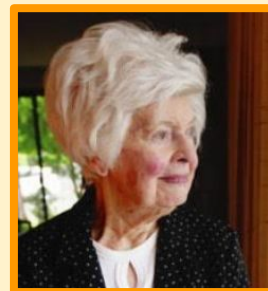
In community, Ryan is an active emerging church organist and chamber musician and has appeared behind the organ console at Christ Church Cathedral (Victoria), St. John the Divine Anglican Church and many other churches, as well as being an active student in the Victoria Organ Studio.

He is currently the Music Director at Gordon United Church, the piano accompanist for the Victoria Mendelssohn Choir and Cowichan Consort Choir.

Outside of the choral community, Ryan can also be found at St. Margaret's School's extended music program teaching flute.

Christine Purvis  
Director of Music

## *In Loving Memory of*



*Stella Higgins*  
*April 9*



*Betty Cowper*  
*April 25*



## 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.



# Resurrect 2023

[Resurrect 2023](#) – a “Learning Party” for inspiration and restoration - happening May 4-6 at First Met / AbbeyChurch in Victoria BC from Thursday after lunch and ending Saturday with a shared meal. Check out [www.resurrectparty.ca](http://www.resurrectparty.ca)

We'll have Indigenous theologians / activists [Randy and Edith Woodley](#), singer-songwriter [Liz Vice](#) (of solo and Porter's Gate fame), musician Poor Clare / [Lacey Brown](#) from Church of the Apostles (Lutheran/Anglican), [Carmen Lansdowne](#) (the first Indigenous woman to lead a Canadian Church) and [Michael Blair](#) (first person of African descent to be General Secretary of the United Church) reflect on resurrection in the beloved community.

We'll share in eclectic worship, prayer and spiritual practice, have a beverages (beer/wine/soda) and hymns time, a 'rave in the nave' dance party from [UpperLVL Worship](#) (Presbyterian), [Wild Church BC](#) (UCC) and a Friday evening concert from Liz.

We'll hear lots of good news stories from emerging communities of faith. We'd love it if you could come along and party and share what God's Spirit is doing in your community of faith (as well as be together in the struggles)! There's also a children's and youth program and times in the intergenerational space.

If you register between now and Easter Sunday it's 15% off the \$100 adult registration – now \$85. Children and youth are just \$25 each. Even if you can't make it, we'd love it if you could spread the word in your networks – we've attached a poster in pdf format. Do let us know if you have any more questions – or if there are ways we can support you getting here. Come and celebrate the Resurrection!

The Resurrect Planning Team  
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**RESURRECT 2023**

**A LEARNING PARTY FOR RESTORATION AND INSPIRATION**

\$100 WITH EQUITY OPTIONS  
\$25 YOUTH / CHILDREN **MAY 4 - 6** 1PM ON THURS UNTIL  
CLOSING FEAST SAT

FIRST MET UNITED / THE ABBEYCHURCH  
VICTORIA BC

ON THE TRADITIONAL AND UNCEDED TERRITORIES OF THE SONGHEES  
AND ESQUIMALT NATIONS: Łək̓ʷəŋən Peoples

**CARMEN LANSDOWNE • MICHAEL BLAIR • EDITH AND RANDY WOODLEY • LIZ VICE**

WILD CHURCH • STORIES OF INSPIRATION FROM NEWER COMMUNITIES OF FAITH • LIZ VICE  
CONCERT • BEVERAGES AND HYMNS • RAVE IN THE NAVE DANCE PARTY • NEO-MONASTIC PRAYER  
OFFICES • YOUTH AND CHILDREN PROGRAMMING • CLOSING FEAST... MORE TO COME

**WWW.RESURRECTPARTY.CA**

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**INDIE POP ROCK COMMUNITY CHOIR**

*Singing Songs by:* Harry Styles, Simon & Garfunkel, Kate Bush, Adele, Ben E. King, Rick Astley, and more!

**The PANDORA CHORUS in Concert**

**Saturday MAY 13th 2023**

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 924 Douglas St.  
Doors: 7pm Show: 7:30pm

**Tickets** [WWW.GLENNAGARRAMONE.COM](http://WWW.GLENNAGARRAMONE.COM)  
\$15 ADVANCE | \$20 DOOR  
NO TICKET NEEDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12



# Dogs & Their Homeless Guardians

A full day symposium on Thursday, May 25th, at 9am-4.30pm at the University of Victoria.

Join us at this in-person event for a one-day, educational, interactive symposium exploring the well-being of dogs and their homeless guardians. Through a keynote address, expert panel presentations, Q&As, and group breakout sessions, we will endeavour to expand our knowledge and challenge our preconceptions about homelessness and animal guardianship. As a group, we will identify potential changes that might be made in local animal and human services, as well as in municipal policy and practices, to better serve all members of homeless multispecies families. A plant-based lunch and coffee and snacks will be served.

Tickets available online at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). \$20 for the employed, \$5 for students, Free for anyone who cannot afford the registration fee. (Registration IS required for free tickets. To get a free ticket, "buy" a \$0 ticket.) Registration required and opens at 8.30 AM.

## Speakers:

- Leslie Irvine, PhD, a professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado Boulder, and author of *My Dog Always Eats First: Homeless People and Their Animals*, a study of the experiences of homeless animal guardians in five U.S. cities.
- Individuals with lived experience of animal guardianship while homeless.
- Kim Monteith, Manager of Animal Behaviour and Welfare for the B.C. SPCA. Ms. Monteith has been actively involved supporting and advocating for unhoused and marginally housed multispecies families in Vancouver and across Canada.
- Dr. Chloë Roberts, a veterinarian who volunteers with Vets for Pets, a nonprofit veterinary clinic offering free veterinary care to the dogs and cats of homeless and low-income animal guardians in the Victoria area.
- Dr. Jim Crosby, a former police officer of over 20 years and the former head of animal control in Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Crosby has extensive canine behavioural training and expertise, holds a PhD in veterinary forensics, and is an internationally recognized authority and court-approved expert on canine attacks and aggression.



**ANIMALS & SOCIETY  
RESEARCH INITIATIVE**



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# Memory Cafe

A new Memory Cafe recently started at **Pearkes Recreation Centre** for persons living with dementia and their care partners. The program focuses on strengths remaining rather than declines by emphasizing activities that highlight creativity and imagination.

We are able to enroll more couples in the program offered on **Thursdays from 10-12PM**. Our high-quality arts and social program includes activities such as music, drumming, art, improv, poetry and more.

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## Seeking 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, or purses! Please bring donations to the church office or coffee hour. Thank you!



**Memory Cafe Victoria**

10 WEEKS  
**\$100**  
REGISTRATION  
PER COUPLE

APRIL 13 TO  
JUNE 15  
2023

Relax, unwind, and have some fun! The café is designed to allow you and your loved one to participate in creative activities together while socializing with others. Coffee, tea and treats are provided. The café offers a caring and welcoming community for both people with dementia and their caregivers.

PEARKES RECREATION CENTRE  
3100 Tillicum Rd, Victoria  
Youth Centre

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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**SILENT AUCTION!**

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SPRING MARKET**

PROCEEDS TOWARDS LECTURE HALL RENOVATIONS!

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

CURIOSITIES FOR SALE	REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE
JEWELRY	COFFEE AND TEA
HANDICRAFTS	MUFFINS AND BARS
ATTIC TREASURES	SOUP AND A BUN

**BROUGHTON STREET ENTRANCE  
AT THE LECTURE HALL**

# Church Calendar

<b>SPRING MARKET</b>	<b>May 12</b> Friday 11:00 to 4:00 pm  <b>May 13</b> Saturday 10:00 to 4:00 pm	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>PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTION NEWSPAPER DEADLINE</b>	<b>May 12</b> Friday	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, etc.
<b>PANDORA CHORUS CONCERT</b>	<b>May 13</b> Friday 7:00 to 9:00 pm	They will be singing songs from their Winter-Spring repertoire, including songs by Harry Styles, Simon & Garfunkel, Kate Bush, Adele, and more! Doors open 7pm, Show 7:30 pm. \$15 advance, \$20 door, no ticket needed for children ages 12 and under.
<b>JUNE LINK DEADLINE</b>	<b>May 28</b> Sunday	Send your contributions to <a href="mailto:thelink@shaw.ca">thelink@shaw.ca</a> .
<b>RCCO CONCERT</b>	<b>July 1</b> Saturday 12:00 - 4:00 pm	Details TBA.
<b>SUNDAY CLASSICS</b>	<b>July 2</b> Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 pm	Details TBA.
<b>NEW ZEALAND STRING QUARTET</b>	<b>July 31</b> Monday 4:00 - 9:00 pm	The New Zealand String Quartet is known for its imaginative programming and for its powerful connection with audiences of all kinds. Details TBA.

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.