# This Week At St. Andrew's

## Parable of the Pastor

Planes, trains, automobiles and family! The Coggins will be traveling to Lafayette, IN in the coming days to celebrate the graduation of Linda's niece from High School. Chloe was 5 when her mother and Linda's sister died 12 years ago and it is important that Chloe's family be present to encourage Chloe in this momentous step.

Our travels will then take us to our daughter, Margaret, husband, Brad, son, Malachi and daughter, Stella prior to their upcoming move to Texas. Margaret has secured a new position as a hospital chaplain in San Antonio and will be moving there in the coming weeks. Pray that God will protect and provide for them as they follow God's guidance in their relocation and that we will be able to help them prepare to move cross-country during our visit with them.

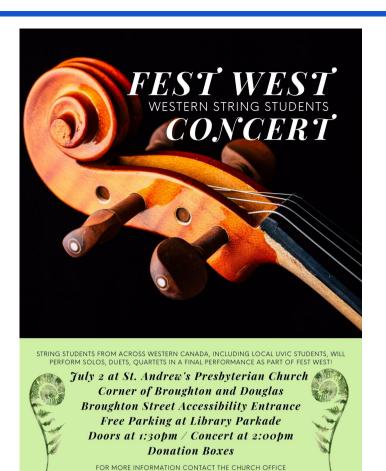
June 9-10, the Sessions of the Victoria and Sooke Presbyterian congregations will meet during a two-day format under the guidance the Presbyter for Mission and Vision of the Presbytery of New Westminster in Vancouver, The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods. Dr. Woods led the St. Andrew's Session during the May Session meeting. His timely words prepared Session for the larger conversation to follow with combined Sessions. He said:

Clarity of vision is needed. We do not have a clarity of vision, adopted by the majority. A vision needs to speak to people's heart. We tend to hang on to the important stuff and but fail to enumerate the #1 mission of the church. Most do not have an opposition to change, but opposition to loss. We must look to our mission and how to best fulfill that mission. How do we make the greatest impact in the world we are placed in for the sake of the gospel?

The purpose of the meetings on these days is to listen to one another, to learn from one another and to discern where God may be leading us in the future. Do these meetings have an agenda for an expected outcome? No. The purpose of these gatherings is to listen to one another, to learn from one another and to discern where God may be leading us. Our mutual purpose in the coming days must be to pray that God will prepare us to listen and to learn from one another as we seek to discover how God is leading us to faithful mission.

Peace be with us all.

-Mitch.







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#### In Memory of



David Frederic Sills 1934 - 2023

A memorial gathering will be held this summer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kidney Foundation or the Heart & Stroke Foundation.





#### 2023 Vancouver Island Presbytery Summer Camps

(A program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada)

Location and Dates:

Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park June 5th-9th

French Beach Provincial Park July 6th-10th

Rathtrevor Provincial Park July 31st-August 7th

For Enquiry Contact: Camp VIP Communicator campvip@outlook.com

Camp Website https://vipresbytery.net



# The New Zealand String Quartet

Helene Pohl (violin I), Monique Lapins (violin II), Gillian Ansell (viola), Rolf Gjelsten (cello)

Celebrating its 35th season in 2022, the New Zealand String Quartet has an established international reputation for its insightful interpretations, compelling communication, and dynamic performing style. The Quartet is known for its imaginative programming and for its powerful connection with audiences of all kinds.

Over the decades the Quartet has cultivated a rich repertoire, including a wide variety of New Zealand music, composers' cycles from Beethoven to Bartok, Mozart to Berg, in addition to theatrical presentations encompassing spoken word and dance, from Haydn's Seven Last Words to Schoenberg's Transfigured Night. The Quartet have proudly championed New Zealand music since their inception, commissioning over 150 New Zealand works, alongside collaborations with taonga pūoro players Rob Thorne, Horomona Horo, and the late Richard Nunns.

Devoted teachers and mentors, all members of the Quartet teach at the New Zealand School of Music – Te Kōkī where the NZSQ has been Quartet-in-Residence since 1991, as well as running the Adam Chamber Music School in Nelson and the NZSM Queen's Birthday Chamber Music Weekend in Wellington for up-and-coming chamber musicians, and mentor students from Sistema programmes across the country.

The three longest serving members of the Quartet have each been awarded the MNZM honour for services to music in New Zealand. Violinist Helene Pohl and violist Gillian Ansell are also co-artistic directors of the biennial Chamber Music Festival in Nelson, as well as serving as the guest curators of the chamber music programme for the 2022 Aotearoa New Zealand Festival of the Arts.

The New Zealand String Quartet will be playing works by Haydn, Cresswell, Shostakovich, and Schubert at their Victoria performance on July 31 at 7:00pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. For more details please visit their webpage.

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

KITCHEN MEETING	June 14 Wednesday 10:00 am	Discuss what the role of the Kitchen should be in the coming months and how to make it easier for folks to coordinate with each other as events are planned.
SERVICE FOR BETTY COWPER	June 24 Saturday 2 - 4 pm	Details to be announced.
RCCO CONCERT	July 1 Saturday 12:00 - 2:00 pm	Details to be announced.
FEST WEST CONCERT	July 2 Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 pm	Strings students from western Canada will attend Fest West a 2 week in service program at UVIC. The downtown final performance is in the Sanctuary featuring solos, duets, and quartets. Everyone welcome.
NEW ZEALAND STRING QUARTET CONCERT	July 31 Monday 7:00 - 9:00 pm	The New Zealand String Quartet will be playing works by Haydn, Cresswell, Shostakovich, and Schubert at St. Andrew's as part of their North American tour
PICNIC IN THE PARK	<b>August 27</b> Sunday 11:45 - 1:45 pm	Picnic in the Park with our friends from Knox and Trinity churches at Esquimalt Gorge Park. More details to follow.

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.