

# This Week At St. Andrew's

## Parable of the Pastor

Recently, Dr Dale Woods the Presbyter for Mission Vision in the Presbytery of New West Minister facilitated the May Session meeting and the June 9-10 joint meeting of the Sessions from Knox-Sooke, Trinity, Chinese, Knox-Victoria and St. Andrews. Dr. Woods stressed the necessity of a congregational vision.

He said, "We need a long-term plan for the future to solidify the vision of the congregation under a culture of conversation." The June 9-10 was an opportunity for the sessions of 5 Presbyterian congregations to continue a conversation that began over a year ago. Those conversations have led to a sobering truth that none of our congregations can effectively articulate a single congregational vision.

The basis for our critical work of discovery both within St. Andrew's and within the greater Presbyterian community for Victoria and beyond involves two basic elements. The first element in moving forward is building trust. We have already begun to build trust with one another, and a key question is 'what can be done to continue to strengthen the level of trust amongst us?' Trust can be built through: Gratitude: the more we give thanks for another, the more we express appreciation for another, the more we deepen the relationship.

The second critical component is to continue to build a culture of conversation. Almost every significant change in the world has come through conversation. The challenge with conversations is that they take time, so a commitment needs to be made to make this happen. Dr. Woods stressed: There are four conversations that need to take place:

- Conversation with ourselves (what matters to me)
- Conversations with others (what matters to us)
- Conversations with Scripture (what matters to God)
- Conversations with our neighbours (what matters to them)

In the past, the church has often assumed it knew what was best for society. There are numerous examples where we got it wrong. A different starting point is to find out what would be helpful to others. There are two questions a group can explore. What are the aspirations of our neighbours that are not being met and secondly, what human hurt or hope speaks to us personally?

The June St. Andrew's Session indicated the conversation where we must begin is the Conversation with Scripture. How will we listen more intentionally to God through scripture? Elder Dirk indicated he is most challenged by the Epistle of James in the New Testament. We decided:

- Plan a Bible study from the Book of James
  - Who is interested in participating?
  - What are your preferences for day of the week and time of day?
- Focus on James as our scripture passages for the current sermon series.

The key question that each of us must discover is this, "What impact are we trying to make as a congregation and what commitment will each person make toward realizing this impact? Let's begin with a Bible study from James? Who is interested?

Blessings  
Pastor Mitch

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE



DAVID SILLS  
1934-2023

MONDAY JULY 24 AT 2:00 PM  
SIX MILE PUB  
494 ISLAND HWY  
VICTORIA, BC, CANADA



## SUMMER SOCIAL

EVERYONE WELCOME!

THURSDAYS  
2:00 TO 4:00 PM

ICE TEA SERVED IN THE LANEWAY

Drop by anytime to meet new people & visit with friends!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

## PICNIC IN THE PARK

Join members of Knox, Trinity, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for an afternoon of visiting with old friends and making new ones!



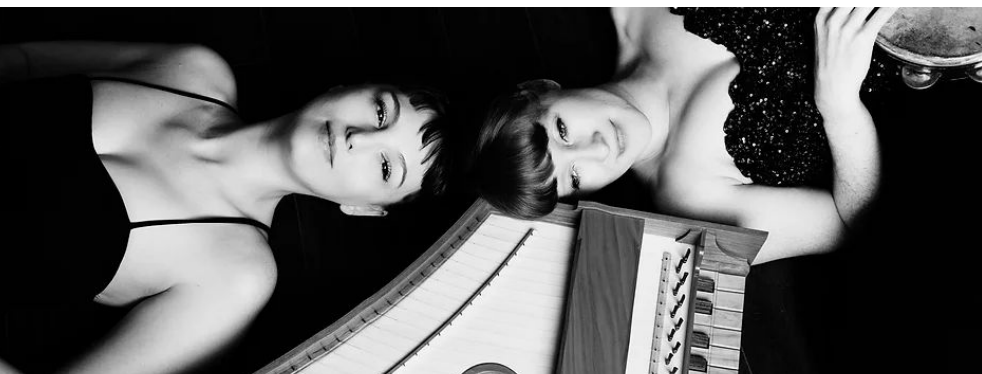
SUNDAY AUGUST 27 2023  
WORSHIP AT REGULAR TIMES  
PICNIC AT 11:45-1:45PM  
ESQUIMALT/GORGE PARK, KINSMEN PAVILION  
(ENTRANCE OFF TILlicum ROAD)

Please bring your own picnic lunch, items to share, place settings, and chairs!



## La Cigale

La Cigale proposes a celebration of femininity with a program of Italian music of the Baroque. The program features works by master women composers: Barbara Strozzi, Francesca and Settima Caccini, Vittoria Aleotti and Isabella Leonarda; as well as pieces by some of the men who encouraged feminine creativity: Giulio Caccini and Antonio Vivaldi. Performers: Stephanie Manias, soprano; Madeleine Owen, lute, theorbo, Baroque guitar and Artistic Director; Sara Lackie, Baroque triple harp and Assistant Director; Marie-Michel Beaupaiaant, Baroque cello; Vincent Lauzer, recorders; Sari Tsuji, Baroque violin.



## Duo Corvi & Friends

Return of the international award-winning ensemble, Duo Corvi, to the EMSI stage, with Occitan and Galician music from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. Performers: Julie Ryning, voice Katelyn Clark, orgnetto Ben Grossman, vielle à roue Douglas Hensley, lute Arian Aminaloaya, percussion.

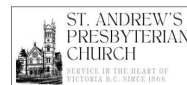


## FEST WEST WESTERN STRING STUDENTS CONCERT

STRING STUDENTS FROM ACROSS WESTERN CANADA, INCLUDING LOCAL UVIC STUDENTS, WILL PERFORM SOLOS, DUETS, QUARTETS IN A FINAL PERFORMANCE AS PART OF FEST WEST!

July 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
PHONE: 250-384-5734  
EMAIL: OFFICE@STANDREWSVICTORIA.CA



Ryan Qu, Kiara Hosie &  
Lauren Debeljak

## CATHEDRAL TUNES

JULY 15 | 2PM

ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
680 COURTNEY ST.

ADMISSION BY  
DONATION

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN  
**EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>FEST WEST CONCERT</b>	<b>July 2</b> Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 pm	Strings students from across western Canada will perform solos, duets, and quartets at St. Andrew's. Admittance by donation. Everyone welcome.
<b>CATHEDRAL TUNES</b>	<b>July 15</b> Saturday 7:00 pm	The Royal Canadian College of Organists brings you the talents of Ryan Qu, Kiara Hosie, and Lauren Debeljak at St. Andrew's church. Entrance by donation.
<b>NEW ZEALAND STRING QUARTET CONCERT</b>	<b>July 31</b> 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. More details to follow.
<b>PICNIC IN THE PARK</b>	<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. Please bring your own picnic lunch, items to share, place settings, and chairs!
<b>DUO CORVI &amp; FRIENDS</b>	<b>September 29</b> Friday 7:30 - 9:00 pm	The Early Music Society presents Duo Corvi & Friends; return of the international award-winning ensemble, Duo Corvi, with Occitan and Galician music from the 13th Century.
<b>SUNDAY CLASSICS SERIES</b>	<b>October 29</b> Sunday 2:00 pm	Details to be announced. Admittance by donation. Everyone welcome!
<b>SUNDAY CLASSICS SERIES</b>	<b>Nov 5</b> Sunday 2:00 pm	Details to be announced. Admittance by donation. Everyone welcome!
<b>LA CIGALE</b>	<b>November 18</b> Saturday 7:30 - 9:00 pm	The Early Music Society presents La Cigale; a celebration of femininity, with a program of Italian music of the Baroque.

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