

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PARABLE OF THE PASTOR

While wandering in a corn field, Ray Kinsella hears a strange whisper: "If you build it, he will come." Build what? A corn maze? A giant popcorn machine? It turns out to be a baseball field, and when Ray builds it, a whole team of dead baseball players shows up to play a game. Perhaps that confuses people into thinking the quote is "If you build it, they will come." The actual quote was, "If you build it, he will come."

This is a line from the 1989 Kevin Costner movie *Field of Dreams*. In the movie, Costner's character Ray is struggling with his relationship with his deceased father who was a devoted baseball fan. For us, If you build it, they will come - means that if you put effort and belief in something, It's more likely to succeed. I want you to come to each of the following events that have been planned...

Friday, November 24 – Celebration of Life for Marilyn Bullock – 1:30 PM. Marilyn's family will not be present, so it is incumbent upon the St. Andrew's family to be present to honour the life of our dear, St. Andrew's member. Reception to follow in the Lecture Room.

Advent Study with St. Andrew's, Knox and Trinity Presbyterian

Mondays; November 27, December 4, 11, 18.

All studies at Knox Presbyterian – 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Explore Advent and Christmas hymns from scripture, and the hymn writer's rationale for writing the carol. This is a study you will not want to miss!

Thursday, November 30, Noon – 4:00 PM. Presbyterian World Service & Development Presentation, Location - Knox Presbyterian

Speaker/Facilitator - "Guy Smagghe serves as the Director of Presbyterian World Service and Development. He has been with the agency since 1997. Guy has a Masters in Political Economy of Development from the University of Toronto. He has travelled extensively to partner project locations in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Malawi, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Haiti, among others, working with partners to make a sustainable difference in the lives of populations affected by poverty and disasters. He strongly believes in the power of ecumenical collaborations and is a Board Member of Canadian Foodgrains Bank."

Guy's Focus –

- God has provided enough for all – PWS&D is a channel that the church has set up to be able to share the abundance we are blessed with, with those who don't have as much access to food, health, education, livelihoods
- Jesus said: "Peace be with you" – world conflicts are making lives more challenging for millions. Learn how PWS&D is able to respond in times of conflict.
- PWS&D engages both in advocacy and in support of communities affected by extreme climate events, providing relief and building resilience

"If you host it, they will come." Not always, but hopefully, many of you will attend each of these will important opportunities and events.

Rich Blessings to all.
Pastor Mitch

SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

St. Andrew's Share the Joy of Christmas 2023 campaign is off and running! Money donated to Share the Joy helps to fund Christmas food hampers put together by the Mustard Street Food Bank which are distributed to those in Greater Victoria who are struggling financially.

Christmas is meant to be a joyful and celebratory season. Unfortunately, for more and more families in these perilously expensive times, Christmas can be stressful. When you donate to St. Andrew's Share the Joy, you are making Christmas brighter for families, couples and singles in need. Hampers are filled with all the Christmas fixings and parents can choose a new toy for their children.

Please help us bring joy and comfort this holiday season. Donate what you can afford through your church envelopes or follow the instructions under the Donate tab on St. Andrew's website, standrewsvictoria.ca. Indicate that your donation is for "Share the Joy".

For more information, call Debra Verwey at 250-383-1009

A Celebration of Life for Marilyn Bullock



May 23, 1944 to October 5, 2023

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Friday, November 24, at 1:30 pm
Reception to follow in the Lecture Room

FOR PEOPLE IN NEED IN VICTORIA

SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

SUPPORTING THE MUSTARD SEED STREET CHURCH CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM



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BALLET VICTORIA PRESENTS

TEA FOR TUTU

THE GIFT OF THE NUTCRACKER

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
21	22	23
NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER

2:00 PM AT 680 COURTNEY ST.

TO RESERVE YOUR FREE TICKETS
CALL: 250-380-6063
EMAIL: TEA4TUTU@BALLETVICTORIA.CA

Join us for our Annual Christmas Concert

NOLLAIG CHRIDHEIL Concert

with the
**THE VICTORIA SCOTTISH
GAELIC CHOIR**

Sunday, December 3rd

2:00 pm

2964 Tillicum Rd

Light refreshments to follow

Tickets \$15 from
eventcreate.com/e/gaelicchoir

Please bring printed ticket or pdf on your phone



DECEMBER

14
12:00PM

ADMISSION
BY
DONATION

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

WITH CAROL SINGING!

Featuring organ, trumpet, oboe, cello,
and guitar music! Muffins, coffee, & hot
chocolate available for everyone!

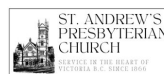
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JS BACH ADVENT CANTATAS VICTORIA CANTATA ENSEMBLE

Monday December 4th, 7:00 PM

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church,
Douglas and Broughton

Admission: \$10 cash at the door

Deanna Sills - mezzo soprano

Alex Chen - tenor

Louis Dillon - bass

David Barss - trumpet

Robert Jan Dukarm - organ

Generous Sponsors:

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NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

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AT 2:00PM

SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC

FEATURING STUDENTS FROM
THE UNIVERSITY OF
VICTORIA'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC

ST. ANDREW'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

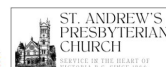
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ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

OPEN CHURCH WED. AT 1:00 PM

MEDITATION HOUR WED. AT 4:30 PM

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN. AT 10:30 AM

TEA FOR TUTU	November 21, 22, and 23 2:00 PM	Highlights of 'The Gift of the Nutcracker' and light refreshments in the Kirk Hall. Reserve your free tickets: call 250-380-6063 or email tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca .
FUNERAL FOR MARILYN BULLOCK	November 24 Friday 1:30 pm	Everyone is invited to celebrate the life of Marilyn Bullock, a long time member of St. Andrew's. Reception to follow in the Lecture Room.
PWS&D PRESENTATION	November 30 Thursday 1:00pm	Everyone is invited to gather at KNOX CHURCH for an afternoon of information, conversation and refreshments. There will be a presentation by Guy Smagghe, Director of PWS&D.
LINK SUBMISSION DEADLINE	November 26 Sunday	Please send your submission for next month's newsletter to Leona at theLink@shaw.ca .
SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES	December 3 Sunday 2:00 pm	Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach, The Victoria Foundation, and Uvic Music. Free admission, donations accepted. Everyone welcome!
NOLLAIG CHRIDHEIL CONCERT	December 3 Sunday 2:00 pm	The Victoria Scottish Gaelic Choir presents 'Nollaig Chridheil', an afternoon of Scottish Christmas music, at TRINITY CHURCH. Tickets: eventcreate.com/e/gaelicchoir
JS BACH ADVENT CANTATAS	December 4 Monday 7:00 pm	Featuring the Victoria Cantata Ensemble. Admission is \$10 cash at the door.
VISIONS	December 9 Saturday 2:00 pm	Presented by Ensemble Laude. Tickets \$25,\$30 door, \$15 students, under 13 free. Go HERE for more information and tickets.
THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC & CAROL SINGING	December 14 Thursday 12:00pm	Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach and The Victoria Foundation. Light refreshment for everyone. Free admission, donations accepted. Everyone welcome!

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.