

# THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 19, 2023

## DECEMBER WRAP UP

**OFFICE CLOSED** The church office will be closed December 22 - January 1. Contact your elder if there is a pastoral emergency. Otherwise, Shannon will reply to your emails and voicemails on the 2nd.

### ADVENT 4 SERVICE

*Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 am*

Come and join the St. Andrew's community for this last Sunday in Advent as we celebrate the season!

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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Worship Christ the Newborn King and Sing the carols of Christmas. Celebrate the joy of the musical talents of Darby Howard as she sings *O Holy Night* and Annika Sauser as she sings *"Be Born in Me"*.

### 2023 DONATION CUT OFF DAY

*Thursday, December 28th*

The last day to make donations to St. Andrew's if you want it to appear on your 2023 charitable donations receipt.

### LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

*Sunday, December 31 at 10:30 am*

A service featuring seasonal scripture readings and lots of Christmas carols to sing along with!

### THE LINK DEADLINE

*Sunday, December 31*

Please send your submissions for January's newsletter to [theLink@shaw.ca](mailto:theLink@shaw.ca).

**TWASA** There will be no issue for December 26th. The next issue will come out on January 2nd! Please send any submissions to Shannon at [office@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:office@standrewsvictoria.ca).



VOX HUMANA  
CHAMBER CHOIR  
David Stratauskas, Conductor



### A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES

A Child's Christmas in Wales is a warm and nostalgic Vox Humana Christmas tradition. Join us for the reading of Dylan Thomas's famous story, interspersed both with familiar carols and more recently composed Christmas works.

DEC. 24  
2:30 PM

ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
924 DOUGLAS STREET

WEBSITE: [www.voxhumanachoir.ca](http://www.voxhumanachoir.ca)  
PHONE: 250 483-4010  
EMAIL [info@voxhumanachoir.ca](mailto:info@voxhumanachoir.ca)

### THE ANNUAL RECOVERY

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH  
12:00PM - 2:00 PM

PLEASE COME FOR A DELICIOUS FREE MEAL,  
REFRESHMENTS, FRIENDSHIP, SOCKS,  
TOILETRIES & CHILDREN'S TOYS.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

680 COURTNEY STREET

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - KIRK HALL



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [RECOVERYCHRISTMASDINNER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RECOVERYCHRISTMASDINNER@GMAIL.COM)



## THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT

Our annual Christmas concert on December 14th brought pleasure to many people from the community and friends of St. Andrew's. Thank you to everyone for your contributions!

It was good to see the audience numbers coming back to pre-covid levels. Approximately 250 people were in attendance and \$765 was raised for the church! The compliments and thanks from the audience were heartwarming.

St. Andrew's is led by volunteers with strong support from staff. The staff and volunteers worked so well together to make this a success. Although this was a St. Andrew's team effort there are a couple of special recognitions:

- Christine for the music program
- Shannon for office support
- Jerry for technical support
- Sheelagh & family for refreshments

To everyone else - ushering, greeting, welcoming, closing, setting up, clearing up, advertising, promotion and to the many talented musicians - have a joyful holiday and peaceful new year!

St. Andrew's Music Outreach looks forward to seeing you at our next Classical Music Sunday concert on March 10, 2024.

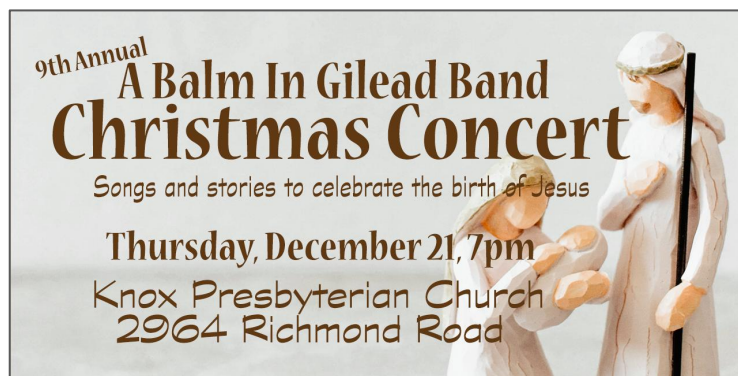


## SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Thank you, everyone, who has donated to St. Andrew's Share the Joy of Christmas 2023 campaign! As of December 18<sup>th</sup>, we had received enough donations to fund 7 Christmas hampers for needy people in the Victoria area this holiday season! And donations are still coming in!

The food hampers are put together by Mustard Seed Street Church, which runs a food bank and has commercial contacts that enable each dollar donated to be stretched to the max, to provide nutritious items for financially struggling families and individuals. Small Christmas gifts are included with each hamper along with enough food to feed 4 persons. This year the cost of filling a hamper for a family of 4 is approximately \$360. Smaller hampers are prepared for couples and single persons.

Later this week St. Andrew's cheque of all Share the Joy donations will be delivered to Mustard Seed Street Church Food Bank.





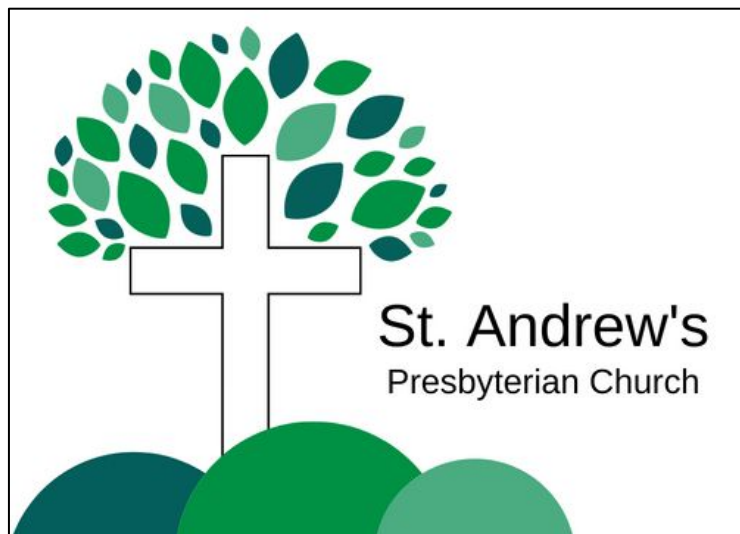
# NEW CHURCH LOGO

**New Branding Logo for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, BC.**

**Launch Date: January 1, 2024**

By approval of Session, a Branding Task Group was formed in June 2022. The members were Jean Marcellus, Colina Titus, Sabine Teetzel, Cathy Mackenzie and Susie Henderson. A new logo for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria BC was approved by Session at their March 2023 meeting. Our Launch Date will be January 1, 2024.

**We present to you:**



**RATIONALE for the CHOSEN DESIGN:** The design approved by Session will mean different things to different people. Each time the Task Group looked at the design, they saw different things in each segment of the three components. Here are some of the examples the Task Group saw.

**Green Hills at the Bottom:** Our Journey with Christ as a Group, Walking Towards Christ, The Trinity, People Coming Together and Growing, A Personal Journey Towards Christ, A Journey from Different Backgrounds, Past, Present, Future, Two Criminals on Either Side of Christ, Represents Different Places of Origin Coming

Together, In Hebrew, the word 'three', *shelosh/ sheloshah* means harmony, new life, and completeness.

**Tree:** Tree of Life, The Cross, Continued Renewal, Different Seasons, Growth.

**Leaves on the Tree:** A Modern Symbol or Connection to St. Andrew's Stained Glass Windows, The People Within Our Congregation, New Growth, New Beginnings, Our Community, We All Come From Different Walks of Life.

**The best thing about the new Branding logo is that it was created by one of our own – Finlay Henderson, elder son of Susie and Angus Henderson. Thank you, Finlay!!!!**

The new Branding Logo will be placed on all the following: letterhead, envelopes, business cards, epilogues, service bulletin, posters & handouts, The Link, TWASA, website, Facebook, YouTube Channel, Annual Report, sandwich board for outside the church each Sunday, Open Church and Wednesday Meditation, pew bookmarks, pew offering envelopes, and parking passes.



*Audience members at The Gift of Christmas Music Concert on December 14, 2023.*

# 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

<b>CHRISTMAS CONCERT: KNOX</b>	<b>December 21</b> Thursday 7:00 pm	Join A Balm in Gilead Band for seasonal story and songs. Refreshment and conversation to follow. Entrance by donation in support of the PWS&D.
<b>ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>December 24</b> Sunday 10:30 am	Come and join the St. Andrew's community for this last Sunday in Advent as we celebrate the season!
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<b>ANNUAL RECOVERY DINNER: KIRK HALL</b>	<b>December 25</b> Monday 12:00-2:30 pm	Everyone is welcome to enjoy friendship and a free turkey dinner. Contact <a href="mailto:recoverychristmasdinner@gmail.com">recoverychristmasdinner@gmail.com</a> for more info.
<b>LINK DEADLINE</b>	<b>December 31</b>	Please send your submission to <a href="mailto:theLink@shaw.ca">theLink@shaw.ca</a> .
<b>VISIONS</b>	<b>January 13</b> Saturday 2:00 pm	Presented by Ensemble Laude. Tickets \$25,\$30 door, \$15 students, under 13 free. For more information and tickets go to <a href="https://ensemblelaude.org">https://ensemblelaude.org</a>
<b>SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER: KNOX</b>	<b>January 14</b> Sunday 5:00-7:30 pm	This is an opportunity for participants from St. Andrew's, Trinity, and Knox congregations to cook and eat together with students from UVic Multifaith. Plan to be part of this community experience in the Knox kitchen and lounge!
<b>ROBBIE BURNS TEA: KIRK HALL</b>	<b>January 21</b> Sunday 2:00 pm	Presented by The Victoria Scottish Gaelic Choir. Join us for light refreshments and Scottish entertainment! Everyone is welcome, admission by donation.

*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.*