

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S



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Open Church: Sanctuary

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Meditation Hour: Sanctuary

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

The Globe & Faith: The Study Room

Wednesdays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Activity Group: The Kirk Hall

Thursdays at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Worship Service: Sanctuary

Sundays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



From the Pulpit

Join us this Sunday for "Go for the Gold," a lively and challenging sermon about Jesus' parable of treasure hidden in a field. Together we'll reflect on what it means to set aside caution and predictability for the priceless adventure of God's kingdom. Is it possible for our faith to still surprise us and stir our courage to move beyond our comfort zone? Come discover the treasure Christ invites us to seek.

- Rev. Wes Denyer

Announcements

BALLET VICTORIA SUMMER CLASSES:

Ballet Victoria will be running their summer ballet classes from July 7 - 31 in The Gathering Room. When the room is occupied, please go around via the Sanctuary to get to the other side of the building. Thanks for your cooperation!



NEW ADMINISTRATOR: Gianna Castillo will be taking over the office from Shannon starting Monday, August 17th. Please continue to direct all inquiries to Shannon in the office until then, as they will now be working together leading up to then, to ensure a smooth transition. Additionally, please help Gianna by keeping church business limited to her office hours, (which will be announced soon,) so she can enjoy her church life to the fullest with everyone else. Please welcome Gianna to the office!



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: If you are able to volunteer at the Jewelry & Jumble Sale, (September 18th & 19th from 11 am - 3 pm on both days,) please speak to Sheelagh Garson, or the church office. We appreciate all your help!



UVIC SUMMER ORCHESTRA: Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach program on September 6th in the Sanctuary at 2 pm. Donations are appreciated, and support our music program, and our musicians! More information will follow.



JEWELRY & JUMBLE SALE: Stop by the Gathering Room on September 18 & 19 from 11 am - 3 pm for St. Andrew's jewelry and jumble sale! All proceeds go towards supplies for the laneway garden. More information will be available soon!



HYMN FESTIVAL: Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach program on September 27th in the Sanctuary at 2 pm. Donations are appreciated, and go towards the purchase of a new piano! More information will follow.

Community Events

 **AROUND THE TABLE:** Join 'Inclusive Christians' at 5 pm Wednesdays at the UVic Multifaith Centre for a simple ecumenical communion service that includes scripture, prayer, song, contemplation and conversation. Worship is followed by a modest, free meal provided by local congregations. This special time together is hosted by Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Spiritual Care Providers. Everyone is welcome. Please contact the Rev. Laura Kavanagh at laurakavanagh@uvic.ca for more information or to donate a meal in the fall or winter term.

 **CAMP VIP SUMMER 2026:** A program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This year's locations and dates are as follows: Rath Trevor Provincial Park (July 25 - 30), and Rath Trevor Provincial Park (July 30 - August 3). For more information go to our [website](#) or contact the registrar at jermareng@gmail.com.

 **SING THE NORTH:** World-leading choral recording artists, soprano Andrea Haines and countertenor and conductor Danile Taylor invite you to enjoy a unique performance by Sing the North's Consort Project's choristers on Sunday, August 2 at 7:30 pm. More information and tickets are available [HERE](#).

 **JOURNEY FOR HOPE:** Team, 'Together in Motion & Song', is raising money for the Journey for Hope, which supports PWS&D's food security projects. For more information please contact our Team Captain, Patti Jackson. Members of Knox Victoria, Knox Sooke, Saanich Peninsula, Trinity, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churches are invited to join us for the following events:

- **Sing for Hope:** a charity hymn sing at Trinity (2964 Tillicum Rd.) on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 pm.
- **Walk for Hope:** a charity walk at Esquimalt Gorge Park (1070 Tillicum Rd.) on Sunday, September 26 at 9:30 am.



When One Door Closes...

Two crafted metal hinge straps, believed to date back to 1889, were unscrewed from the doors of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church between June 27th and 28th, 2026.

Both of the straps have now been recovered - one by City By-Law Officers and one by our church officer Grant Shepard - but both were damaged. Patricia Shuckburgh and David Barrs began the search for help. Victoria Police Department and Times Colonist got the word out to the wider public.

Many craftspeople offered us their assistance: [Crescent Moon Forge & Ironworks](#), [Comtech Advanced Software Technologies](#), [Heritage Acres Blacksmith Shop and Foundry](#), [Vancouver Island Blacksmiths Association](#), and [BLR Fabrication](#).

We were spoiled for choice, but we finally decided to take BLR Fabrications up on their offer of help. They have said that a new strap should be fabricated and installed, depending on the shop's schedule, by the end of August.

Thank you again to all the people and organizations involved in this endeavour! A special thanks to Brandon Ritchie of BLR Fabrications for working with us.