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Announcements for October 5th, 2025



**We look forward to seeing you
this Sunday at Gladwin Heights
at 9:30am! Coffee & potluck
luncheon afterward.**



Bethani Bouchir – October 6
John Bouchir – October 13
Sandra Agopsowicz – October 15
Rebecca Mount – October 30

Our Prayer List

Please hold these people and families in your heart and prayers.

John ♦ Daryl ♦ Ted ♦ Janice ♦ Maggie ♦ Sherry
Adrian ♦ David ♦ Barb ♦ Rudi ♦ Janice C. & Family

Blessings, Pastoral Care Team

*Please contact Beate Pothmann to be included or removed
from the list*

Minister's Message

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

*Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

- 1 Peter 2:9-12

Siblings in Christ,

I am writing this from our rented apartment in Paris as Zoë and Jennifer explore the neighbourhood and look for a good bakery for breakfast tomorrow.

We just had a nice though expensive meal at a cafe and, though I wasn't quite sure what exactly I was ordering, it turned out fine. This is, I suppose, the reason we vacation in foreign places: for that unsettled experience of being somewhere new, where you don't quite know the rules. It takes you out of your everyday routines, makes you question your assumptions, forces you to turn off your autopilot and notice the life you're living.

Living in Korea was a similar experience but after six months I got tired of how everything seemed subtly “wrong,” how I had to think about how to accomplish tasks that, at home in Canada, would have been mundane. There is a reason we like routines: the alternative is draining. I would go to the expatriate district once a week for a meal that felt familiar. This, I think, is what the writer of 1 Peter is holding up as a model for the Christian life. We are to live in the world like the Jewish exiles in Babylon did, participating in society but still remembering who and whose they were. We are not to uncritically adopt the accepted wisdom of the world, but to always hold it up to scrutiny and compare it to the ways of our true home, the kingdom of God.

We are not to do this in a superior way so as to alienate people, but to be just and kind in all our actions. At the same time, I know that to live as a foreigner, looking at everything with fresh eyes, can be draining; so do not be afraid to carve out for yourselves islands of familiarity, and to be gentle with yourselves and rest.

Christianity is not just about our politics, but also something deeper. To be a Christian is to live in a two-level world: to allow the transcendent, the spiritual, to break into our awareness of the everyday. A Christian is equally stunned by the cruelty of oppression, and the beauty of a robin’s flight. Siblings in Christ, this world is our home, because it is God’s. Because it is God’s, we share God’s dream that it can be even better, kinder, more beautiful. Do not let the ugly and the terrifying blind you to what is beautiful and awe-inspiring.

Bonne nuit!

- Tim

Weekly Worship Elements

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lamentations 1:1-6

Lamentations 3:19-26, with refrain [VU 831]

Luke 17:5-10

HYMNS

VU 409 – “Morning has Broken”

TLUS 84 - “Heleluyan”

VU 307 - “Touch the Earth Lightly”

VU 542 – “We Give You But Your Own”

MV 206 – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

MV 207 – “Memorial Acclamation”

MV 208 – “Great Amen”

“Come, to the Table of Grace”

“The World God Imagines”

MV 145 “Draw the Circle Wide”

Ongoing Events at St. Andrew's



LECTIO DIVINA (BIBLE STUDY) Wednesdays at
11am in the chapel. **On hold until Oct 15th**



CHOIR PRACTICE Sundays after service. Check with
Deborah for full schedule.



MEET & EAT DATES & LOCALS

Oct 14 - The Station Grill

Cluster & Shared Announcements



TREE PLANTING The Earth Stewards will be planting trees in Horn Creek Park **October 4th** from **10am to 12pm**. Everyone is welcome to join in the tree planting. The City of Abbotsford will have holes pre-dug for planting, so it is relatively easy for most ages and abilities. Contact the office for the mapped location.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE October 5th is World Communion Potluck Sunday at Gladwin Heights. Please bring your favourite dish to share! **9:30am**, 3474 Gladwin Road



ZOOM CLUSTER BOOK STUDY Starting **October 14th at 7pm**, Norman Greene will be leading the book study discussion about disruption, decline, and new hope for the beloved community, "The Church Cracked Open" by Stephanie Spellers. She was the theme speaker for the recent Pacific Mountain Region AGM. You will be responsible to obtain your own book. To receive a zoom invitation, email donald15@telus.net



FREE CONCERT Message Canada presents SOULBOX, a UK evangelistic band, concert at Cedar Valley Church on **October 15, 7pm**. 32860 Cherry Ave.



HOLIDAY FAIR FRIDAY Gladwin Heights is pleased to announce they have merged their highly successful Fall Fair and Holiday Tea into one spectacular event! Holiday Fair **November 21st & 22nd**. More details to follow.



ROMEO Retired Old Men Eating Out:
Next ROMEO Breakfast is **October 3rd** at **7am**
at JoJo's Restaurant.

Please Note!

CALENDAR ORDERS It's time to get your 2026 calendar orders in! Please put your name down on the list in the office or email mission.uc@shaw.ca if you would like one **by October 5th**, this will make delivery possible at the UCW event on October 21st

KEYS Melissa is updating our records. Please let us know what keys you have to our building and return any you don't need.

BROADCAST WORSHIP SERVICE St. Andrew's offers our service by Zoom. Link for Zoom services: For Video – click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89052449596?pwd=NFVtMlIjeiMwM0NmduU9wcVdnZ0toZz09> Passcode: 432554

Join via Telephone – 1 778 907 2071. Meeting ID: 890 5244 9596 Passcode: 432554

Please continue to sing and pray while on Mute.

Coming soon

Please let us know if you have contributions to include in our announcements



Church Reception Hours

St. Andrew's Office

Monday 8:30am-4:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm

Gladwin's Office

Tuesday 8:30am-4:30pm

Thursday 9am-12pm

Reverend Tim

10am-5pm