

From our Curate:



Every Wednesday, I have been volunteering at St. Jude Anglican care home since last April. After having a meeting with the Chaplin Joyce, I started going there to experience first before inviting pastoral care committee members and parishioners who might be interested in serving for the local community.

However, as I got involved over time, it has become personally meaningful to me. At first, I was concerned how I would make connection with the residents. Many of them are in various stages of dementia, and not fully functioning both cognitively and physically. I did not know how I would be able to make smooth conversation with them even more so with my limited English and lack of cultural understanding, or please/comfort them when there was little feedback.

Then later on, I realized that it was just my own insecurity and expectations which were getting in the way of making connection with them. The program coordinator Suzanne assured me that I just had to be there. In the past, in other ministries, my performance or competency was measured with more explicit results. However, here

at St. Jude, it really did not matter much. It was such a humbling experience for me to find meanings in the midst of moments which seemed meaningless before.

When I go there, I sometimes go out for a walk with someone, hold their hands making eye contacts, play card games, which never ends properly, read a book, or just listen to their repeating stories. I even had chances to do the nails a few times. It is such a small and trivial thing that I do with them. However, as I am there each moment with them while recognizing their struggle and presence, I see their faces brighten up and the air change.

My experience at St. Jude's made me think about the circle of life. We tend to think life is a process of one linear direction, but when I see the residents at St. Jude, I see it more as a full circle. We are born with no capability on our own, solely relying on others. As we proceed to the end of life, we return back to the state of being incapable, being humble, and leaving one's life in others' hands. I have heard some of their life stories. Someone was a pilot, a traveler, or an architect, and now anything they accomplished does not matter much. However, something in their being still matters to God, and I witness the truth as I am with them.

St. Jude Anglican home is about to celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their service on September 10<sup>th</sup>. As their mission statements show, they have been dedicated to providing a home-like atmosphere, and holistic care for each individual. Because of their vision, they need more hands to attend to each resident. It is not like a big facility, but more like a home as they presented. Accordingly, they want each resident to be respected and served with dignity, which always requires extra volunteers. What they need is not so much. Someone who would be there with them at the table. Someone who would care for them as who they are.

It does not require much time, either. Maybe an hour or two each week or every other week whenever you are available. If you think this is something you can participate in, please contact me at [jhwang@sjs.net](mailto:jhwang@sjs.net) or in person.

Fr. James

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*If you have a question about church, liturgy, Anglicanism, etc.? Is there something you've always wanted to ask but thought you should already know? Send those questions to Mother Terry at [terry.dirbas@sjs.net](mailto:terry.dirbas@sjs.net). All questions will remain anonymous.*

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## **Weekly Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers**

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

**Beginning August 17**

Next week, we invite you to join us for our new mid-week service of Holy Eucharist. If you'd like to receive prayers for healing, there will be opportunity for anointing with holy oil and healing prayers with the clergy.

Afterward, please stick around for a quick cup of tea or coffee and some conversation. All are welcome!



The Vancouver School of Theology and St. Andrew's Hall are delighted to announce that **Andrew Root, PhD**, Princeton Theological Seminary, will be the lead speaker at the inaugural Cork Lecture and Workshop.

**Friday August 11, 7pm**

### **Living After a Pandemic or Why We're All So Exhausted: The Church in a Time Crisis**

It's often assumed the church and local congregations are in a crisis of resources. Congregations are losing people, money, and overall cultural influence. There is a misguided assumption that what ails the congregation is this loss of resources. The crisis the local congregation faces is not a loss of resources, but a loss of time which just keeps speeding up. And local congregations and denominations simply can't keep up with technology, social life and pace. Congregations can attend to sacred time in a late modernity of accelerating time, to move forward faithfully, and how denominations might find revitalization.

**Saturday August 12, 10-2 p.m. (Lunch included)**

### **Ministry Inside the Immanent Frame: The Task of Speaking of God in a Secular Age**

Congregational life isn't easy task in our time. Institutions are weaker, budgets are in decline, people are uninterested, and commitment is wavering. But these are only symptoms of a bigger issue that many congregations find themselves in an identity crisis. Examining what living in a secular age does to congregational identity and how pastors and lay leaders can find new footing within it.

*While there is no charge for attendance registration is required for each of the sessions.*

Please click on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cork-lecture-workshop-tickets-608708953867?aff=oddtcreator>

## Concert this Saturday and Sunday



**CHLOE KIM**, VIOLIN

**CHRISTINA MAHLER**, CELLO

**CHRISTINA HUTTEN**, HARPSICHORD

The **brilliant virtuoso violinist Chloe Kim** is joined by Christina Mahler, former principal cellist of Tafelmusik, and Christina Hutten, well-known as organist and harpsichordist with the Pacific Baroque Orchestra and Early Music Vancouver for a summertime concert.

The programme for the concert has been curated to highlight the wonderful work that the St James Music Academy does by providing free music education for children on the downtown Eastside, and how that parallels the work that composers would have done and benefitted from themselves in the 17th and 18th centuries.

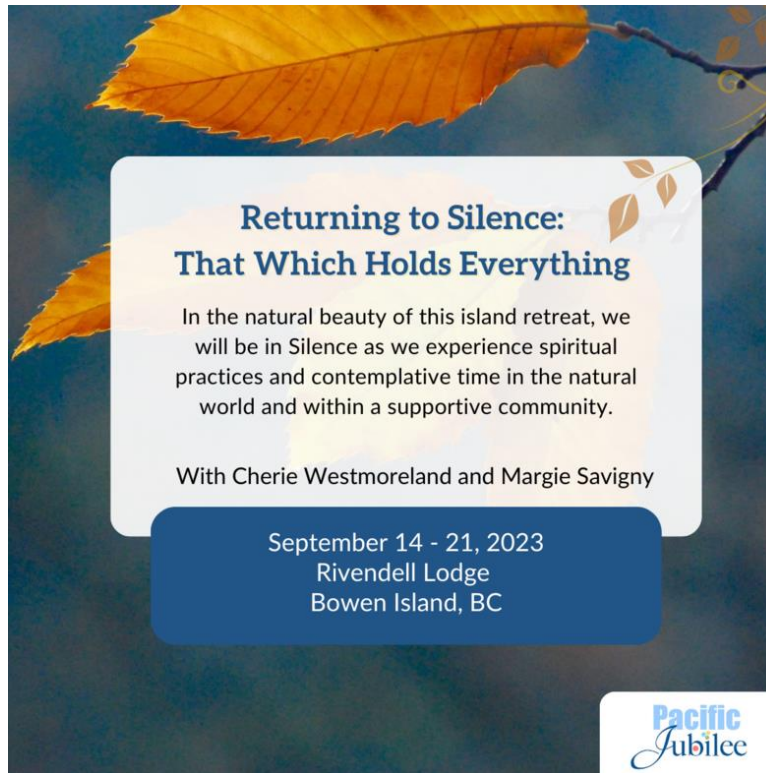
Two Performances will be held at St. James Anglican Church,  
303 E. Cordova St., Vancouver on

Saturday, August 12 at 7.30 pm

Sunday, August 13 matinée at 3 pm

Tickets at Eventbrite.

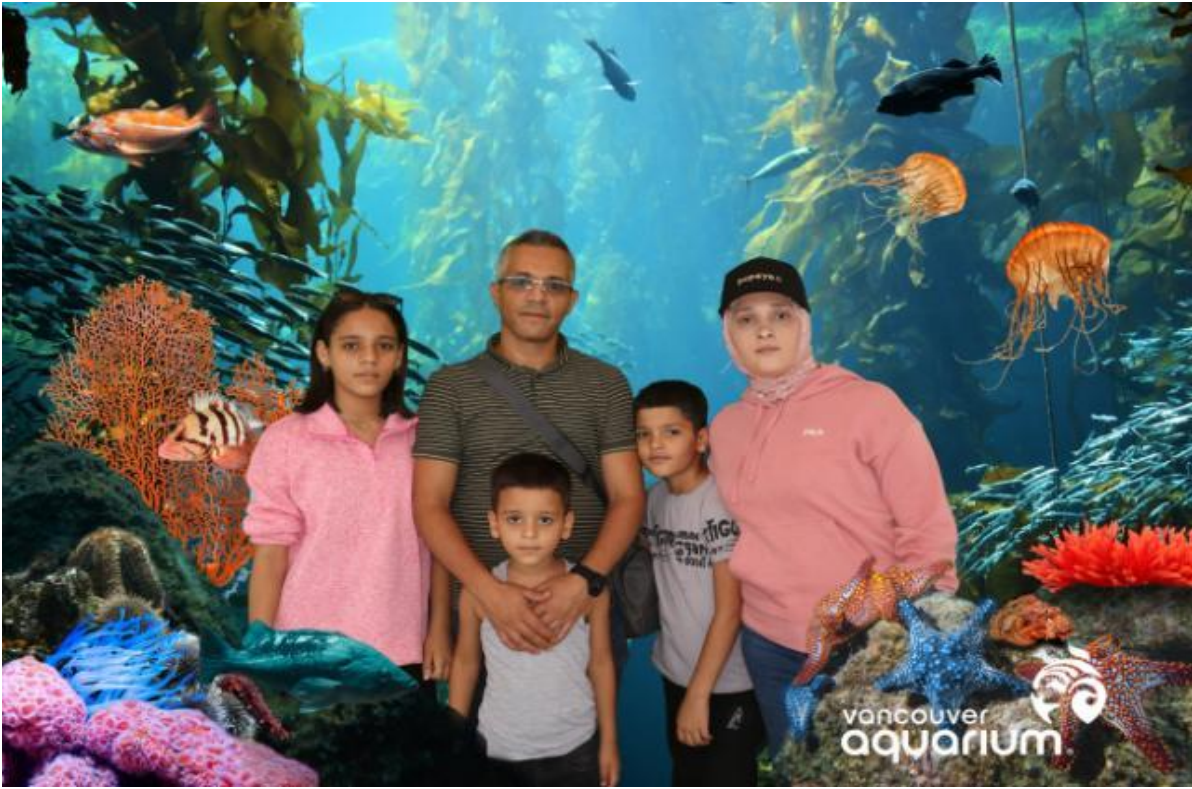
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**Come into the Silence** that is always here. Bring your heart, mind, body, and spirit to the nourishing and welcoming contemplative space of the **Rivendell Retreat Centre** on Bowen Island. The fall season is a beautiful time of year to pause, to create space for rest, inquiry, listening, and opening to the movement of Spirit. In the natural beauty of this island retreat, we will explore spiritual practices, share experiences of contemplative time in the natural world – while in Silence – but also within a supportive community.

For more info please click the following link.

<https://www.canadianjubilee.ca/events/returning-to-silence-that-which-holds-everything-2>





Robyn Woodward, Jonathan Robinson, and Róbert Zacharovský helped the Kandeels celebrate their first BC Day with a trip to the Vancouver Aquarium followed by a picnic of Middle Eastern delicacies in Stanley Park. The sea lion show was a huge hit with the boys, as was the tank with the sharks, rays, and tropical fish. The group capped off the day with a stop at Laparfait on Homer Street that serves up traditional Lebanese ice cream cones sprinkled with crushed pistachio nuts.





**Pottery hand building workshop  
- spiritual practice of creativity**

August 25<sup>th</sup> Friday 7pm

September 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 2pm

At St. John's Shaughnessy Parish  
Facilitated by James Hwang

Number of participants is limited

Spirituality in general always includes restoring connection. From my experience of doing pottery over 10 years, pottery in that sense, is not just a craft but also a spiritual practice of being in touch with the soil in a tactile way, being in touch with your body, being in touch with your inner creativity.

The session is offered separate on different date and will include some reflective sharing about creativity and conversations. Since there is no wheel at the parish, it will be slap building, coiling, or pinching. Due to the limits of space, each session will accommodate a limited number of 4 participants, but there will be more sessions if there is a demand.

The materials and kiln will be offered by Hand Eye pottery studio. The fee is for the material and firing fee. It will be decided by the size of the object later, and I speculate approximately 10 CAD for the size of cereal bowl. Please register at [jhwang@sjs.net](mailto:jhwang@sjs.net) (please indicate what you would like to make, i.e. cup, bowl, vase, plant pot, plate, etc.)

## Organ Concert



On **Friday, August 25 from 7:30-9:30pm at St. James Anglican Church,** 303 E. Cordova St., Vancouver, renown Polish concert organist **Michał Szostak,** performs on St James' majestic three-manual Casavant organ.

The concert will include music by Bach, Chopin, Lefébure-Wély, and Vierne. Admission is by donation, and the event is followed by a reception. Please confirm your attendance for planning purposes.

[\*\*Confirm your attendance\*\*](#)

## Prayer List

If you request that someone's name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again at the end of each month. Please also let us know if you want someone removed from the list. Email the office ([church@sjs.net](mailto:church@sjs.net)) anytime! Thank you.

## Financial Support – Stewardship

If you would like to make a financial



contribution to help support the worship and ministry of St. John's Shaughnessy, please do! You can use this QR code (point your phone's camera at it) and it will take you to the donation page of our website. If you have recently made a contribution online or by cheque, thank you so very much!

If you currently give by Pre-Authorized Donation, thank you!

Our church has been affected by COVID-19 in many ways and financial giving is certainly one.

If you would like to give via monthly Pre-Authorized Donations (easy to change and easy to cancel), please contact Ann in the office ([church.office@sjs.net](mailto:church.office@sjs.net) or 604-731-4966).

If you would like to give to the church using a credit card, please use the DONATE button on our website (Canada Helps on top of page one, and Paypal on the bottom of page one). Cheques may be mailed or dropped through the church mail.

## ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our mailing list, so that we may let you know about upcoming events.

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