

## The Difference

In North America several groups claim to be the real expression of our Anglican heritage. This leaves many wondering about the differences between each group. Here are six ways that St. Andrew's differentiates itself from others.

## The Bible

for St. Andrew's is the Word breathed by God (2 Tim 3:16); any discussion on authorship, composition and cultural context is treated with considerable reverence. We do not think of contemporary values as equal in weight to Holy Scripture.

## The Church

for St. Andrew's is primarily a supernatural entity (Eph 3:10) and Christ is its head. We are not to focus on the mundane elements or on our own abilities but on supporting Christ's mission on earth.

**Family** for St. Andrew's is one of God's most favored vehicles for stability and growth (Math 19:4-6). While St. Andrew's offers compassion, welcome

and love to everyone, particularly the broken and hurting, we affirm with the Bible that sexual relations and marriage are meant by God, for men with women only (e.g., Heb 13:4).

## Heaven

for St. Andrew's is not a theological idea just as Christ's resurrection is not just a principle for life (Heb 4:9; Rev 21:1). St. Andrew's teaches that Christ's death, resurrection and ascension were real historical events.

## Miracles

are an integral part of faith at St. Andrew's. Not surprisingly perhaps, churches that do not accept the reality of the resurrection, do not accept that the healing miracles of the New Testament actually happened either. St. Andrew's believes the gospel accounts are accurate (e.g., Math 8:14; 17:14).

## Salvation

at St. Andrew's is understood to be the consequence of Christ's work on the cross; this only is what gained victory for all believers (Col 1:20) and guarantees an inheritance with the Saints (Rom 8:17).

## Affiliation

St. Andrew's is an Anglican church belonging to the Anglican Network in Canada which is our diocese. Our Bishop is the Rt. Rev Dr. Trevor Walters. The Bishop is responsible for Services of Confirmation, Ordination and the oversight of several parishes and communities of faith.

Our Arch-Bishop is the leader of the province. This largest unit of the church is named the Anglican Church in North America. Our Arch-Bishop is the Rt. Rev. Robert Duncan. Our province is presently in full communion with millions of Anglican believers worldwide; there are 670 or more parishes with 100,000 members in North America alone. We are small compared to the 18 million members of the Anglican Church in Nigeria but we are blessed to be in full communion with so many faithful Anglicans. The Church of England has also recognized our desire to join with them in full communion.



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## Joining

It is quite common to start coming to Church because we reach a crisis of some kind; we need somewhere to turn for help. If this is you or someone you know, please call and ask; we would love to help and your enquiry will be treated in complete confidence.

Some come through programs and courses. Our ALPHA course is a really good place to explore the Christian faith; the atmosphere is safe and relaxed. Many people at St. Andrew's became Christians through this course, including our pastor.

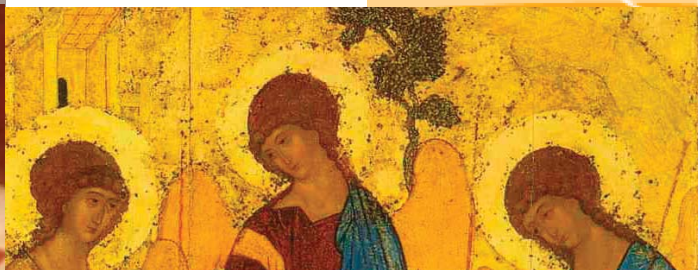
If you were baptized as a child and you are interested in affirming your faith, we offer Confirmation classes. Many believers are blessed each year by a special service of anointing and prayer.

Participating with us is a simple as just coming along to a service on Sunday morning. Everything we do is easily followed from service sheets. We provide Bibles and hymn sheets and you can be guaranteed a warm and gracious welcome.

# St. Andrew's Church

The Tsawwassen Longhouse Gallery

Sundays at 9.00 a.m.  
1710-56th Street, Delta, BC  
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Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness: Let the whole earth stand in awe of him (Psalm 96:9).

# What kind of church is St. Andrew's?

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BACK TO CHURCH ONCE AGAIN



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Worship



St Andrew's is a new and flexible group of people that wants to welcome all kinds of talents and giftings into its community. Our greatest strength lies in making room for and welcoming others. We welcome those exploring their faith, new believers, new ministries and new enthusiasm.

Currently we are organized into three main areas of ministry: Worship, Mission and Outreach, and Healing Prayer. Perhaps you are called to offer another focus at St. Andrew's. Call the number below.

## Services

We meet for worship at 9.00am on Sunday mornings at the Tsawwassen Longhouse Gallery. 1710-56th Street, Delta, BC

## The seed

At the heart of St. Andrew's is a faith in God's Holy Spirit to lead His people, by teaching and encouragement, to live by the Spirit (Gal 5:16-26) and journey together toward our destination in glory (Rom 8:30). This is our passion.

## Mission

St. Andrew's is discerning a call to mission that is both local and international. For our community of South Delta, we are praying for Christ's ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:16-20). With decades of experience, we raise up aspiring men and women of dignity, give respect and honor to the elderly, coach the young, comfort the sick, support the married and those preparing for marriage, assist the single-moms, and help all who we are called to serve. And on the international field, St. Andrew's is already connected with initiatives for children's health care in Haiti and education in Southern Sudan.

As a church we offer services of Holy Baptism for both infants and adults, the order of Confirmation, and services of Holy Matrimony, Funerals and Memorials.

## Worship

As an Anglican Church St. Andrew's uses ancient forms of service, traditional hymns as well as contemporary music. All our worship is based on the practice, doctrines and creeds of the Book of Common Prayer, 1662. Praise is enthusiastic and expresses the life, love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ; people of all ages are blessed and empowered in worship at St. Andrew's

We offer the service of Holy Communion every week; anyone who is a baptized Christian may receive.

## Teaching

The Bible is our source of authority. We are committed to Biblical, exegetical, and expository Bible teaching. Week by week, sermons teach from the text before us. Evening

Bible studies provide further opportunity for study in depth and for fellowship and prayer.

## Theology

Our theology follows the great Anglican traditions of Lancelot Andrewes, William Law and John Wesley. We hold to the Trinitarian, Christ centered, redemption oriented faith of the Bible embodied in the creeds of the early undivided church.

We hold that the family is the ordained focus of love, intimacy, personal growth and stability for women, men, and children. God designed human sexuality between husband and wife; these are the only sexual relations God deems holy and good.

In consort with the Anglican Communion we affirm the Lambeth Quadrilateral, the Thirty-Nine Articles, the Solemn Declaration of 1893 and we are guided by the doctrines of the Book of Common Prayer. We are proud to affirm the

Jerusalem Declaration of 2008.

## Organization

The basis of our organization is the Biblical vision of the Church. We recognize that all ministry and authority resides in Christ Himself. Our work is ordered by the offices of Bishop, Priest and Deacon. Our ministry rests in the authority and prayer of the Bishop. As leader of our Church the theology, faith and ethic of our Bishop is more significant than that of Priests and Deacons (Tit 1:7).

St. Andrew's is served by a pastor, ministry coordinators and lay readers. Our aim is to provide an opportunity for everyone to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe God calls all people to a life of dignity, spiritual peace, wholeness and fulfillment.

Our pastor is the Rev. Mike Dobson, PhD; he describes himself as an unremarkable man who worships an extraordinary God.

## Find out more

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