

Ukulele workshops at St. Andrew's – led by Rev. Geoffrey!

Dates: November 27, December 3, 10, and 17

Meeting Place and time: 1:00 pm, Karl English Lounge

Congratulations! You clicked on the link that led you to the first step of learning how to play the ukulele!

Fun fact: ukulele is pronounced with the first vowel being like an “oo” sound, not like “you”. So, oo-koo-leh-leh,” not YOU-koo-LAY-lee.”

Fun fact two: I will be learning with you. I play the guitar and will be learning the ukulele as we go.

If you are ready to give it a whirl or a twirl, you will need to borrow, buy, or rent your own ukulele. I recommend Long and McQuaid, whose Chinook location is convenient to the church. [There you will find ukuleles](#) for as little as \$45, with one particularly nice one available for \$80. (The blue one is plastic, and the brown one is mahogany.)



Ukuleles can also be rented; I have been quoted rates from \$8 to \$15 per month, so I am not quite sure how much you will be charged. You might want to rent for starters and if you like it, you can probably apply the cost of rental to a purchase.

One other consideration that might make you want to rent instead of buy: the soprano ukes are the least expensive but they are not the easiest to play. So consider renting a soprano uke and check out the baritones as we go.

Ready to get started before we meet?

Check out the great [webpage of James Hill](#), a Canadian ukulele virtuoso. He is known around the world for his brilliant playing, yet still makes time on his related website Uketropolis to [teach newbies](#). His beginner’s course, Peace like an ukulele, is free!

We will be looking at some of his videos as we proceed through our own lessons.

Come on out to learn and have fun together.

Feel free to give me a call if you want to chat about it. I sincerely hope that you give it a go.

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Feel free to come at 12:00 with a bag lunch so we chat together before the workshop — and you may wish to come early for our Celtic Advent study, which starts at 11:00 am on the same days in the same room.