



Notices May 10th, 2026 - Easter 6

Readings for this Sunday: Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Readings for next Sunday: Daniel 7:9-14; Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

Evensong - April 24th - 4.30pm

Weekly Events at Christ Church

Wednesdays 11am - **Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist** in the Chapel

Wednesdays 5pm - **Meditation** in the Sitting Room

Wednesdays 1pm - **Seniors Bridge** - All are welcome

Thursdays 10.30am - **Bible Study** in the Crump Room

CCEP Parish Profile

To read the profile please [Click Here](#)

Outreach Update

The Outreach Network is hoping to assist a young family of 5 find a townhouse to rent in inner city SW Calgary. If anyone is aware of an available rental less than \$2000.00 per month please contact Jonimallabone@gmail.com. A small yard would be a fabulous asset.

Vacation Coverage

Cynthia our Office Administrator will be on vacation from 12 September to the 13 October so we are looking for someone with good computer skills to temporarily fill the position. It may appear that the dates are a long way off, but we would like to have everything in place before Cynthia heads off to family and friends in the Seychelles. If you or someone you know might be interested in this temporary position, please contact one of the Wardens or Canon John.

Building Preservation Capital Fund Raising Campaign

“Investing in what we have today for tomorrow”

Our Church has a wonderful history — both people and building. Fortunately, we have been able to address building repairs and maintenance on a reactive basis. However, the Church building now needs improved proactive care and attention. This means more money and establishing a building care strategy. To increase our available building capital, we would like to launch a campaign to increase funding for building preservation.

To achieve our goals, we need volunteers to form a Capital Fund Campaign Committee. Through the work of the Committee we're hoping to host a fund raising event in September.

If interested in being involved please send an email to the Church Office at office@christchurchcalgary.org , or speak with Tim Grant or Irene Pfeiffer.

AS A FIRST INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT BUILDING PRESERVATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE PAINTING OF THE EXTERNAL BUILDING. THE PROJECT REQUIRES ABOUT 50 GALLONS OF PAINT @ \$80 EACH. SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE, MARKED “PAINTING PROJECT”.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT

Pictorial Directory

We have a limited number of Pictorial Directories available in the office at the cost of \$20 each. If you would like to purchase one please contact Cynthia in the office



Christ Church Family Ministries Updates!

Say
Yes! to Kids

**Support
Children &
Youth at
Christ Church
Calgary**

DONATE NOW



Say Yes to Kids 2026

We are thrilled to be participating in the **Say Yes! to Kids** fundraiser again this year, sponsored by the Anglican Foundation of Canada.

Say Yes! to Kids supports ministries for children, youth, and young adults across the country. The best part is the Anglican Foundation will match our donations!

To Donate to Christ Church's Say Yes to Kids Program, click [here](#). You will then need to scroll down and select Christ Church Elbow Park from the list.

An anonymous parishioner has already made a significant donation and encourages others donate whatever they are able to support our Youth and Family Ministries!

Upcoming Plan to Protect Class – May 17

We are offering another Plan to Protect Class on Sunday, May 17th after the 1030am service. Snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome, including volunteers with Pastoral Care, Outreach, Sidespeople, Greeters and Flower Delivery. Please RSVP to ensure that we have enough snacks!

Interested in Volunteering with Our Youth and Children?

We need more hands to help us keep up with our incredible growth! We need people to help with greeting children, holding babies, crafts, games and so much more. You don't have to lead the lesson if you are not comfortable and everything is provided for you. We would love to have you. Please speak to Laurel if you are interested!

Vacation Bible School – This Summer – July 20-24

We are planning to host a vacation bible school this summer in the lower hall. We need volunteers! Registration forms will be available in May for interested families!

Reminder - Youth Sunday Morning Lessons

Just a reminder that we now offer Sunday morning lessons for our youth at 1030am! We hope to see your youth there!

Family Ministries Instagram

Just a friendly reminder that I have created an Instagram account to document our adventures in Family Ministries! Please follow us @christchurchfamilyministries

Warmly,

Laurel Hatch
Director of Family Ministries

Gary Tong. Dip., BMus, MMus, MA, Director of

Music at Christ Church.



TONG, Gary & CHAN, Sherry

Gary has been our music director since January 2025, but did you know that he worked with us for an earlier period too?

Originally Gary worked for us as an assistant Organist starting in 1998. That was soon after he had graduated from high school in Hong Kong at the age 18, and accompanied his Mother to live in Calgary. At that time we still had the 9:30 service (In addition to 8 and 11) with the Contemporary choir “Dayspring” and also the Children’s choir. His work at Christ Church mainly took place early in the week, before choir practices on Thursdays, weddings and funerals on occasional Fridays, Saturdays and the services on Sundays. During his spare time, Gary took the opportunity to advance his musical education. He did a piano major at Mount Royal College, a degree in organ at the U of C and an MA at the U of A in Edmonton (driving 600 Km a week). He worked at Christ Church till 2005, when he returned to Hong Kong to take up a position as Assistant in Music Ministry at the Chinese Methodist Church. This was the first paid music position at his church. In 2009 Gary met Sherry

who was in the choir that Gary was leading. In 2011 he travelled from Hong Kong to the UK to meet up with our choir, when they were on tour there.

Margie who had retired after 50 years as Music Director in 2023, came back in 2024 to fill in for her designated successor, Paul Grindlay. Sadly Paul had become ill, unable to do his duties and shortly thereafter he died.

In early 2024, Gary was invited after a Zoom interview with the Rector, Brandon Witwer, to become our Music Director. He returned to Christ Church with his Hong-Kong sweetheart Sherry. They were married at CC shortly thereafter,

before the full choir led by Margie. Gary officially became our Music Director in January 2025.

Since that time, Sherry has joined the soprano section of the choir. The choir numbers and members have remained stable, happy with small changes being made as Gary puts his own stamp on the organization. It includes a 93 year-old member and a bass who has been with the choir for over 50 years. It is not easy to follow when your successor has been in the role for 50 years, but Margie, as Director of Music Emerita apparently sends Gary many positive words of support. Gary has been teaching organ to two final year students at the U of C. Gary wants to restart the children's choir but this is proving difficult with small numbers arising from the Covid era.

Sherry and Gary are staying with his mother while they look for a home of their own. They only want a small house, but there must be room for a piano and electronic organ and tolerant neighbours who like music.

2026 Sport Chek Mother's Day Run, Walk & Wheel on Sunday, May 10th

Key Road Closure Information (Expected):

- Time: 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Sunday, May 10, 2026.
- Macleod Trail SW: Reduced lanes (typically two lanes Northbound and one lane Southbound) between Glenmore Trail and 53 Avenue SW.
- Elbow Drive SW: Northbound lanes closed; Southbound lanes restricted between 4 Street SW and 58 Avenue SW.

- 4 Street SW: Closed between 42 Avenue SW and 58 Avenue SW.
 - 58 Avenue SW: Closed between 5 Street SW and Macleod Trail.
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Scan to make your offering - Thank you for your support!!!

May 10th, 2026 Flower Memorials

*The flowers at the Altar are given to
the glory of God and in loving
memory of Geoffrey Bate from the
family*

*The flowers at the Chapel are given to
the glory of God and in loving
memory of Helen Thomson by her son
James*

The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for May - July are available in the Narthex

Additional prayer resources can be found on Forward Movement's website: https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward_day_by_day.php?d=29&m=4&y=2020

Prayer Shawls - "Tangible Evidence of Prayer" (ref: "The Prayer Shawl Ministry")

Each of our shawls , handmade by the members of this ministry includes the prayers of the shawl maker as it is made, receives a special blessing, then is available to be given to offer peace, and comfort to someone in need. Shawls are always available here. Please contact Cynthia at the office: 403-243-4680, or Barbara Robinson: barbrobinson@gmail.com if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.

The Parish Prayer Chain

Have a friend who needs someone to pray for them? Our prayer chain does this daily, and welcomes requests for confidential prayer. Contact Alicia Hampshire, Adam Bedford.

Praying with Alongside Hope

On the second Thursday of each month praying with Alongside Hope takes place over zoom at 11am (Calgary time). On the fourth Thursday of each month the Alongside Hope team in Toronto plans an educational webinar in the same time slot. Please contact Kim Umbach at kumbach@pwrdf.org for the zoom link to be included and for further details.



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