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## **Notices December 28th, 2025 - First Sunday After Christmas**

Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am**

**No Midweek service December 24th and 31st. Next midweek service will be January 7th**

### **Christmas Office hours**

**Wednesday December 24th - 9am to noon**

**Thursday December 25th and Friday December 26th - Closed**

**Wednesday December 31st - 9am to noon**

**Thursday January 1st and Friday January 2nd - Closed**

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### **Weekly Events at Christ Church**

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

Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation

Wednesdays 1pm - Seniors Bridge - All are welcome

Thursdays 10.30am - Bible Study

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### **What goes up must come down**

**Please stay after the Epiphany service ( January 04th ) to take the Christmas decorations down. The more**



people who pitch in , the faster it will be done, usually 30 minutes tops, grab a coffee and come back to help.

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## **Christ Church Family Ministries Updates!**

### **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!

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

Friday, December 26 - No Event Planned

Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm - TBA

### **Family Programming Over the Christmas Season**

We will continue to have Ignite and Sunday morning youth lessons throughout the Advent Season. There will be no Youth Group on Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> as stated above.

### **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

Laurel Hatch

Director of Family Ministries

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**CHRIST CHURCH ELBOW PARK ENDOWMENT TRUST**





## ***Matching Campaign UPDATE***

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***We are 95% to our goal!***

**We have received over \$95,000 - so far.  
With just ONE WEEK left; we can do it!**

*Every dollar given to the Christ Church Elbow Park  
Endowment Trust will be matched up to \$100,000 until  
year end.*

Please make your cheque payable to:  
Christ Church Elbow Park Endowment Trust

E-transfers can now be made directly to the  
Endowment at  
[endowment@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:endowment@christchurchcalgary.org)

***THANK YOU for those who have contributed  
already!***

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**9 Lesson and Carols**













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## Outreach Update

This year for Advent, our Outreach Committee has chosen two very important Calgary Community groups to support, with your help!

#1) We are supporting the Calgary Drop-In Centre with items to "Fill-a-Sock" for their guests who are spending the Holidays in the Shelter.

We will collect the items in the Narthex and the Christ Church Youth Group and Ignite kids will help to assemble the gift packs!!

Items needed for the socks:

Toothbrushes  
Deodorant



Men's / Ladies underwear (smaller sizes)  
Mini hand lotion  
Throat lozenges  
Vaseline  
Hand warmers  
Gloves & mitts  
Razors  
\$10 Tim Horton's gift card  
Reusable beverage containers  
Chocolate & candies  
Hats & toques  
Lip balm  
\$50 grocery gift card  
Warm Socks

We will be accepting donations for the Socks until Sunday, December 21st

#2) In addition, we are excited to partner with Calgary Reads, and support their amazing Little Red Reading House "Book Bank"!!

These books are preferred new but gently used "like new" books are also welcome. Please consider that these books are often the first book that a child will receive to have for their very own!

Examples of Books needed:

Baby board books Babies enjoy chewing their first books, so we always need new ones!

Children's classics A few examples include The Velveteen Rabbit, Winnie-the Pooh, Anne of Green Gables and James and the Giant Peach.

Some favourite authors Like Barbara Reid, Robert Munsch, Eric Carle,.

Children's much-loved books Captain Underpants; Goodnight Moon; Where the Wild Things Are; Where the Sidewalk Ends; The Very Hungry Caterpillar; The Real Mother Goose.

Book donations will be accepted until Sunday January 11th

We appreciate that Holiday spending may look a little different for everyone this year, so any contribution is appreciated!



Take advantage of Black Friday/Cyber Monday and use up those PC Optimum Points!!!

Please keep your receipts, as In-Kind donations are eligible for a tax receipt! Forms will be available on the table in the Narthex, or at the Office!

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## **December 28th, 2025 Flower Memorials**

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Russell and Mary Moore by Russell Barnes and Jeff Reyes

The flowers at the Chapel are given in joyful and loving memory of Raye, Dick and Rick Schulli, the gift of David Schulli

The flowers at the Font are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Lee by Caroline Lee

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### **The Power of Prayer**

**Forward Day by Day**

Prayer books for November - January 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](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](mailto: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 or Rev. Brandon.

### **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](mailto:kumbach@pwrdf.org) for the zoom link to be included and for further details.



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