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## **Notices November 30th, 2025 - Advent 1**

Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

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

**Advent Procession| November 30th - 7.30pm**

**9 Lessons and Carols| December 21st - 4.30pm**

**Family Service| December 24th - 4.30pm**

**Choral Eucharist| December 24th - 9pm**

**Christmas Morning Eucharist| December 25th - 10.30am**

### **Christmas Office hours**

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

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

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

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

### **Baptism Sunday | January 11, 2026**

Now is the time to register yourself or your children for baptisms in the new year. Contact Adam if you would like more information about baptism: [adam@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:adam@christchurchcalgary.org)

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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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## Coffee with the Saints | December 14, 9:30 - 10:15

Join us for our first ever 'Coffee with the Saints' in between our 8 & 10:30 services. We will enjoy some coffee and Christmas treats, and hear a short talk on (the real!) St. Nick, followed by discussion. Speak to Adam for more details: [adam@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:adam@christchurchcalgary.org)

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## Feasting with the Saints | November 28, 7 pm

Greetings, Saints!

Our next Feasting with the Saints is coming up **Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. Matthew McNaughton will be leading us as we study the life of St. Martin of Tours, the soldier who became a saint. If you'd like to read up on this ancient saint ahead of time, take a look at this brief biography: [St. Martin of Tours: The Soldier Saint Who Became the Patron of Soldiers - Catholic Heroes](#)

Please also let me know if you would like to join the team of volunteers preparing food and drink for future Saints gatherings, and I will add you to the email list. It is low commitment (one dish every two months) and lots of fun. And as always, consider who you might invite along!

Stay saintly



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## CHRIST CHURCH ELBOW PARK ENDOWMENT TRUST

### **Matching Campaign UPDATE**

**We are over 70% towards our Goal!**

We are happy to report we have over \$ 71,000 towards our target. There are only 5 weeks left for the matching campaign, we can do it - with your help. Every dollar you contribute makes a lasting impact on our church.

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

\$200,000 in the Endowment pays \$10,000 every year to fund ministry - roughly equivalent to our family ministry budget.

Cheques for the Endowment should be made out 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!***



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

#### **Christmas Planning – Volunteers Needed**

Somehow December is right around the corner, and we are starting to plan for our Family Christmas Eve Service. I need volunteers to



attend this service and wear a costume to be involved in telling the Christmas story. Please let me know if you are interested! All ages are welcome! So far, I have four volunteers. I need at least 5 more.

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

Friday, November 28 @ 7pm: Gingerbread House Construction with Hot Chocolate

Friday, December 12 @ 7pm: Frost-Bite Kit Assembly, in conjunction with our Christ Church Outreach Team

Friday, December 26 - No Event Planned

### **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

### **Wish List Reminder**

We have updated our Wish List again. If you are interested, have a look [here](#).

Laurel Hatch

Director of Family Ministries

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## **Meditation**

Meditation for me is a way of clearing my mind. It is a way of prayer and an act that encourages humility. I have been meditating on and off since 1997. It is not something that I can achieve mastery in. Every session is different. It changes me. It makes me calmer. It helps me talk better. I cannot say I do it well, but each time I do it, it refreshes me.

On Wednesdays a group of us meet in the quiet room at 5 pm. We use a cd from John Main and the World Community for Christian Meditation, that instructs us on the basics of the practice. If you are at all interested, this is your opportunity to come and try it out. I know it has changed my life for the better. You would be most welcome.



## 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, and Dr. Seuss.

Children's much-loved books Captain Underpants; Goodnight



Moon; Where the Wild Things Are; Where the Sidewalk Ends; The Very Hungry Caterpillar; Green Eggs and Ham and 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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### **Seniors Christmas Lunch**

The Annual Seniors Christmas Eucharist and Lunch will be held on Wednesday December 03rd beginning at 11:00 AM in the church.

There will be Christmas carols sung by Hannah Pagenkopf, accompanied by Margie Newman, a lovely lunch and lots of fellowship. Please call the office if you are planning to attend . Rides are available, please let Cynthia know.

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The Church will be decorated for Christmas on **Saturday December 20th starting at 9:30 AM**. There will be Christmas music and baking to get everyone in the festive mood. We welcome all to this fun event , but especially strong, tall people. There are many tasks if you prefer to stay closer to ground level, including tying bows and decorating wreaths. Please talk to Meredith Cashion if you need more information.

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For many years the Altar Guild has decorated the church for Christmas with poinsettias. Once again this year the poinsettias can be purchased for \$25.00 and will be in place for Lessons and Carols and the Christmas services. There will be an insert in the bulletins, including all parishioner names with their dedication to memory of a loved one, the Glory of God or Thanksgiving. Please consider helping to make the church welcoming and beautiful by purchasing a poinsettia.

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## **Christ Church Preschool Christmas 2025**

### **Tea & Wine Fundraiser**

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT**

Last chance to participate in the preschool fundraiser!  
*Your Support is Greatly Appreciated!*

We are offering 10 tea delicious tea blends available in a keepsake tin featuring the "All Shall Be Well" stained glass window.

We are also offering 4 wine collections showcasing Cave Spring winery in Niagara,  
all at incredible pricing for you. Let's buy Canadian!





### **TO ORDER TEA and WINE**

Please click on the **ORDER LINK** to see descriptions of the tea on the first page and wine on the second page and to complete your order online. You will receive an email invoice shortly after placing your order.

**Orders ready to pick up starting Sunday December 12.**

**Architects of Christ Church.** J.H.Mendham for History and Archives

**WP Major.**

W P Major 1881-1974. Born in Somerset England, where he studied architecture. He came to Alberta in 1910. WP Major was a CC parishioner, who presented the 1912 petition to the Bishop of Calgary to establish the Church of England parish of Christ Church. He was also a member of the first vestry. His firm, with GM Lang, were the architects for the original basement church, which was built during the period 1912-1914. At that time they also created a design for the church, as it would appear after the various stages had been completed. When in partnership with Robert Stacey Judd, Major was Architect for the first super structure, built in 1921. Major moved to California in 1922.



### **John (Jack) A Cawston 1911-1966**

Born in Calgary. Son of WH Cawston, who was an early parishioner and contractor for the building of phase 2 of the Basement church (1914) and the first superstructure in 1921. Jack graduated in Architecture from U of A in 1935. He was also a parishioner and was responsible for the fine set on ink drawings in the archival display case, that illustrate the stages of construction to 1962.

Jack Cawston was the architect for the westward extension of the basement towards 8<sup>th</sup> St, in 1948 and the construction of the basement of the S wing in 1953. In 1954, he was architect for the extension of the church towards 8<sup>th</sup> St, the construction of the Bell Tower, and the raising of the nave roof. Cawston was also the architect for construction of the superstructure of the south wing in 1962, which completed the 50 year journey towards realization of the original vision of WP Major in 1913. There is a stained glass window in Cawston's memory on the South side of the church at the West end, near the lancet window in memory of his daughter Carolyn Tavender.

### **Fred Valentine.**

Fred was brought up in the setting of Christ Church, his parents being prominent members of the congregation. Fred did his architectural training in Ontario and Harvard and worked for a decade in Toronto, before returning, with his wife Katie, to Calgary in 1978. He was involved in several architectural practices in Calgary since then. He retired from his last position in the fall of 2009, but continued to consult on special projects. Since leaving this role, Fred has been engaged in a number of small, private practice commissions with his daughter Liza Valentine, AAA Architect.

He returned as a Christ Church Parishioner in 1978, upon his return from the East. Almost immediately he became involved in the project to relocate the organ and choir to the West end of the church and the Rose window to the East end. His firm did the architecture and structural engineering.

Fred's crowning achievement as church architect was the Renewing the Welcome project which took place between 2003 and 2008. This project was confined to the non-worship part of the church. It involved 1. Barrier-free access. This included washrooms, including handicapped, on all three levels and an elevator connecting all three levels. 2. Radical reconstruction of the South wing to create a separate administration area, as well as spacious nursery, Sunday School areas and various meeting



rooms. 3. The new Crump room, conveniently located directly adjacent to the worship space, with storage for tables and chairs and a pleasant garden view. 4. The Loggia, along the South wall of the church, which tied the parts of the property together. The project was challenging for various reasons, most importantly because it was a time of extreme inflation in the construction industry. Costs were rising month by month. The original cost estimate, in 2003 was \$2.5 million and the cost had risen to \$6.3 million by the time the project was completed. Fred, with the assistance of daughter and architect, Liza Valentine, was again the architect for the 'Trinity Project', in 2013, which finished the work that, shortage of funds had prevented inclusion in the main project. The reconfigured Narthex area, done at this later time, affords a much-needed transparency, spatial accommodation and connection to both the nave, loggia and streetscape and continues the original grid pattern of the church.

The result of these projects, in which Fred was the lynchpin, has proved to be entirely wonderful. They have saved the church from decline and made CC the modern, vibrant community it is today.

In 2018, Reginald (Bay) Tanner donated funds for refashioning of the chapel, to make it more welcoming. This work was essentially completed by February 2019, under the direction of Liza and Fred Valentine. The altar platform was removed to make the sanctuary area level, as well as the altar rail. The blue carpet in that area was replaced with grey tiles, identical with those previously used in the Narthex. The altar was pulled out from the wall, to allow the priest to face the people during the Eucharist.

We gratefully acknowledge that Fred has contributed a lot of 'Pro Bono' time to these and other church projects, over the years, both in direct design work, discussions with the current Rector and also attending meetings and educating the congregation.

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CHRIST CHURCH  
CALGARY

# Christ Church Calgary ADVENT CONCERT 2025

Calgary String Collective & Christ Church Choir

## SAINT SEAN'S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

plus other  
Christmas Favourites

Directors: Elisa Sereno-Janz (Calgary String Collective) & Gary Tong (Christ Church Choir)

Hannah Pagenkopf & Anna Draper, Soprano  
Rogan McAndrews, Tenor

Sarah Nearing & Celia Lee, Alto  
Matthew Hicks & Nathan Stone, Bass

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5, 2025 7:30PM

Christ Church Calgary

3602 8th St. SW Calgary, AB

**FREE Admission**

(Suggested donation \$20 at the door)

\*\*Proceeds to support Wood's Homes & Christ Church Music Scholars

## *November 30th, 2025 Flower Memorials*

*The flowers at the Altar are given  
to the glory of God and in loving*



memory of John by his little sister

The flowers at the Chapel are  
given to the glory of God and in  
loving memory of Larry and  
Joyce Hagg and Felix Brendel, the  
gift of Tim and Karin Hagg

The flowers at the Font are given  
to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of Tony and Barbara Lee  
and Katherine Shaddick 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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