



Notices February 22nd, 2026 - Lent 1

Readings for this Sunday: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

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

Prayer List

Please note that beginning March 1st we will be putting a Prayer List request in the Narthex every Sunday. This will better help us streamline the prayer requests and give everyone a chance to pray for their loved ones.

Thank You

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Russell and all those who volunteered in one way or another at the Shrove Pancake dinner. Despite the terrible weather, many of you braved the storm and showed up. Another successful get together. We would also like to thank Maureen Bell for providing the entertainment by the Pancake Ramblers. A lot of fun was had by all. See you all next year



Farewell Lunch

Friends, please mark your calendars for Sunday March 1st. Immediately following the 10.30am service , we will be holding a luncheon in the Lower Hall to honor and say goodbye to Brandon, Deanna and the boys before they move to All Saints Cochrane. We hope to see you all there to show our appreciation for his work here.

We will be collecting contributions for a farewell purse. You may contribute by cheque or cash and these can be placed in the offering plate, or by credit card by calling Cynthia at the office. We would also like to be able to present Brandon with a cheque at the luncheon. We thank you all in advance for your generosity.

NOTICE is hereby given that the **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** will be held on the **22nd day of February, 2026, at 12 o'clock PM, in the Crump Room** at which time all baptized persons regularly attending Services of worship in this Parish and receiving communion or otherwise regularly receiving the administrations of the clergy of this Parish are entitled to attend.

DATED this 30th day of January, 2026

Prayers of the People Intercession List & Prayer Chain

Did you know: if you have a loved one you want prayed for in the service there is a list that is kept on the table in the narthex before the services where you can add their name. Many people gain comfort from the knowledge that their loved ones are being upheld in prayer by a group of faithful people.

To give everyone a chance to avail themselves of the Prayers of the People intercession list **we are making a change to how the list is managed.** Starting this Sunday, names will be kept on the list for a maximum of four weeks. If you feel you need your loved one on the list longer, please speak with the clergy. This way no one is deterred from adding a name for fear that they are making the list too long.

For long-term, ongoing prayer needs **I strongly encourage you to send your prayer requests to the prayer chain.** We have a group of people who pray regularly for a list of needs that are made known to them. The prayer chain operates under strict confidentiality and will not share information they receive through the chain with anyone else - just God. Prayer requests for the prayer chain may be sent to the chair, Alicia Hampshire: aliciahampshire@hotmail.com.

Flowers

There is an available spot for Chapel flowers on March 15 and Altar flowers for November 8th. If you would like to purchase flowers for these days Cynthia please contact Cynthia at the office



Christ Church Family Ministries Updates!



This week we are giving thanks for our volunteers: **Megan McClary, Robyn Williams, and Cynthia Simeon.**

These three incredible women helped me look after six kiddos on February 14th for Parent's Night Out! They helped with food prep, set up, serving food, clean up, and helped to entertain some wonderful little ones for about four hours.

We literally could not offer these amazing programs without our volunteers! If you see any of these lovely ladies, please thank them for their time and dedication!

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 Plan to Protect Session

We have a Plan to Protect Session coming up on Friday, February 27th in the afternoon. It will be held in the Crump Room. Plan to Protect is the gold standard of abuse prevention and risk management in churches and other like organizations. If you are interested in volunteering with our youth and children, this is an important course to take. Pastoral Care and Outreach team members are also encouraged to register. Please connect with Laurel to RSVP. (We provide snacks and want to make sure that we have enough!)

AGM Childcare

There will be childcare available during the AGM after church this coming Sunday!

Upcoming Youth Events

Friday, February 27th @ 7pm: The REC Room – RSVP
Required

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! We are thrilled to welcome Kyle Antoni Agbing as our Youth Lesson facilitator for the next nine weeks. Kyle has taught several of our lessons before and he is an important part of our volunteer team. This coming Sunday he will be talking about Exodus and the Covenant!

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

Outreach Update

Bottoms Up



This Lenten season, please consider supporting young mothers and their babies with Diapers and baby care

items for the Highbanks Society's Sharing Closet!! Highbanks supports vulnerable pregnant or parenting women between 16-24 years old who are fleeing situations of incredible adversity. Highbanks offers these young moms and their children hope by eliminating barriers to growth which allow them to break free from the cycle of trauma and build a future of resilience, joy, and contribution. The Sharing Closet is for their moms to access items for baby and themselves whenever they are needed!

Diapers of all sizes, especially 5/6!

But also:

Aveeno oatmeal bath

Diaper rash cream

Baby Wipes

Hand soap

Laundry detergent

All purpose cleaner

Dish soap

Bleach

Body wash

Shampoo/conditioner

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Garbage bags - large black and small kitchen sized white ones

Tylenol and Aspirin - adult, infant, toddler, child

Archives Update

Thanks for John Heffer, who has been working the archives for several years on cataloguing our obituaries and images, for uploading the new music/choir collection (Boxes 68 – 70 files 821 to 851) to the online resources for the Parish Archives. We would also like to thank Alana do Nascimento Fernandes Luckwu for organizing the collection as part of her SAIT work experience program. Here is a

celebratory picture of Alana putting the final boxes on the archive shelves:



Announcing our Incoming Interim Priest-in-Charge

Those who were in church on Sunday heard the wonderful news that our good friend Padre John Wilcox will be coming back as Interim Priest-in-Charge starting March 1.

John was with us as Interim Assistant Priest in 2021-22 and was much loved by the congregation and staff. It will be a joy to welcome John back to Christ Church and to benefit from his steady leadership through a time of transition.

John had a decorated career in the Military Ordinariate as a chaplain and chaplain supervisor. From John's bio that used to be on the Christ Church website:

Commander (ret'd) Rev. Canon John Wilcox grew up in Alberta attending elementary school in Edmonton followed by High School and University in Calgary. Upon completion of a Bachelor of Music Canon Wilcox went on to attend Seminary in Toronto at Trinity College receiving a Masters of Divinity. Canon Wilcox then returned to the Diocese of Calgary where he was Ordained in 1984 and placed at St Gabriel's Anglican Church. In 1986 Canon Wilcox felt called to ministry in the Canadian Armed Forces retiring in 2014 at the rank of Commander. Canon Wilcox went on to serve in several Parishes in the Diocese of Ottawa until 2021. In the fall of 2021 Canon Wilcox along with his wife of 38 years, Mary-Lynn, moved back to Calgary to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

John has offered interim ministry in Calgary since his return, also spending a year serving as Interim at Holy Trinity.

February 22nd, 2026 Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert E. Sparrow and son Jim by Bobbie Sparrow

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Vivian Scott by Susan Schulli

The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for February - April 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 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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