



Notices February 8th, 2026 - Epiphany 5

Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 58:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

Readings for next Sunday: Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

**February Evensong our choir will join the Cathedral choir at the
Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, 604 – 1st St SE,
Sunday, February 15, 4:30pm**

Ash Wednesday February 18 11am & 7:30pm

Christ Church Café

**Please join us for our next Christ Church Café on
February 8th at 9.15am, hosted by the Rector
Search Committee. Come share your input on a
new priest for Christ Church and learn more about
the search process. We hope to see you then**

**The following are the members on the Rector
Search Committee**

Russell Barnes (Lead)

Tim Grant

Lorraine Ross

Rodney Muir

Shonda Tilitzky

Brad Trotter

Heather Pynn

Pat Cashion

Alicia Hampshire

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

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 and his family before he moves to his new assignment. 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 check 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 check at the luncheon. We thank you all in advance for your generosity.

Anglican 101 | Feb 22 - Mar 22, 9 am

Join us in-between Sunday services for a 5-week series looking at the fundamental of the Anglican tradition. Whether you are new to the Anglican way or need a refresher, this is a great opportunity to learn about Anglican worship, history, theology, structure, and the future of Anglicanism around the world. Sign up in the Narthex on Sunday or email Adam for more information: adam@christchurchcalgary.org

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

Signature of Incumbent: Brandon Witwer

Burning Palms for Ash Wednesday

Please bring your palm fronds and crosses from last year's Palm Sunday to be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Palms can be left in the basket in the narthex over the next three Sundays.

We will burn palms at the end of the Feb. 15 10:30am service.

Altar Flowers

There is an available spot for Altar flowers for November 8th. If you would like to purchase flowers for this day please contact Cynthia at the office



Christ Church Family Ministries Updates!

Ignite Did You Know!

Did you know that each month in **Ignite** we have a theme? (**Ignite** is the name of our Sunday School!)

We focus on the theme, and the same memory verse all month long.

We explore the story and learning through Art, Games, Drama and Community Focus.

This month our theme is "Let Your Light Shine"



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!

Parent's Night Out – February 14th

Great news! We are your free childcare on Valentine's Day! Have a look at the poster and RSVP if you are interested!

Parent's **NIGHT OUT**



FEBRUARY 14, 2026

4PM-9PM

Christ Church Family Ministries is thrilled to offer free childcare to help you celebrate Valentine's Day!

RSVPs are required.

A simple dinner and snacks will be provided.

RSVP to laurel@christchurchcalgary.org

Upcoming Youth Events

Friday, February 13th @ 7pm: Bible Verse Painting with Snacks!

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

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 the Problem and the Promise!

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



Christ Church
Annual Pancake Supper

SHROVE TUESDAY
February 17th 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us for a family friendly pancake supper
Entertainment provided by the Pancake Ramblers!

Registration is required, scan here or visit
cceppancake2026.eventbrite.ca

this is a free event, donations will benefit the communications ministry at christ church



Outreach Update

Diaper and Baby needs Drive!

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

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 8th, 2026 Flower Memorials

**The flowers at the Altar are given to the
glory of God and in loving memory of
Bill and Ruth Kennedy from Bill, Kit,
William and Wendy**

**The flowers at the Chapel are given to
the glory of God and in loving memory
of Christine from Janice Dicken and
Frits Pannekoek**

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

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: barbcrobinson@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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Anyone can be added to our email list... they just need to ask!

Know a friend who'd appreciate getting these emails?

Just forward this to them, and...

They can [click here](#) to be added to our mailing list!



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