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## **Notices December 14th, 2025 - Advent 3**

Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11  
Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

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

**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 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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### **Search Committee Opportunity**

**As you are now aware, with Brandon's announced move to All Saints Church in Cochrane, Christ Church leadership will be launching a search for a new Rector.**

**Our first step in the recruitment process is to form a Selection**



**Committee. The Committee is primarily responsible for :**

**-developing a Parish Profile**

**-communication with Christ Church congregation**

**-reviewing applicant resumes and interviewing candidates**

**-recommending a successful candidate to the Bishop**

**All Christ Church congregation members who are interested in being involved in this process are invited to submit a letter**

**expressing their interest and relevant experience to church**

**administration ([office@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:office@christchurchcalgary.org)) by December**

**23. Church Wardens will select the team in early January.**

**We hope to build a selection team that has diverse**

**backgrounds and is strongly motivated for results.**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Tim, Irene, Andy or Russell.**

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

### **Christmas Eve Service Reminder**

Join us on Christmas Eve for our Family Service as we re-live the story of Baby Jesus' birth. At 4:30pm we will sing songs, listen to the story of Christmas, and watch the characters in the stories come to life right before our eyes. We hope that you can join us for this numinous service as we celebrate the most important Christmas gift - Baby Jesus. This service is specifically geared towards children, but everyone is welcome. There will be hot chocolate and cookies for everyone after the service.





### **Upcoming Youth Events**

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

Laurel Hatch

Director of Family Ministries

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## **CHRIST CHURCH ELBOW PARK ENDOWMENT TRUST**



### ***Matching Campaign UPDATE***

***We have reached 88% of our Goal!***

We have over \$ 88,000 towards our target! With only 2 weeks left for the campaign, we can do it - with your help.

**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.

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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## 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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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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# WINTER WONDERLAND *Concert*

7:00 PM | CHRIST CHURCH  
FRIDAY DEC 12 | ELBOW PARK - 3602 8TH ST SW

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ARTS PROGRAMMING  
FOR SENIORS IN CALGARY

Join us for a beautiful evening of nostalgic and joyful Christmas



music at the beautiful Christ Church in Calgary.

The Creative Aging Calgary Society would like to invite you to our 4th Annual Winter Wonderland Concert!

**When:** Friday, December 12, 2025 at 7 pm

**Where:** Christ Church located in Elbow Park at 3602 8th Street SW, Calgary AB.

Join us for a special evening of nostalgic and joyful Christmas music at the beautiful Christ Church. Performers include Calgary's own classical soprano Hannah Pagenkopf and pianist Cody Obst, the all-female brass quintet The Brassy Ladies, and the Christ Church and Lakeview United choirs. Expect gorgeous classical favourites and modern holiday fun, as well as carol singalongs! Don't miss out on this special event that brings the community together and has become an instant tradition for families all over Calgary. See you there!

Admission is free and donations are welcome. All proceeds go towards helping us continue to offer weekly free art and music programming to seniors every month at different senior organizations around Calgary. This event is generously sponsored by Aruga Modern Concierge Home Care.

The Creative Aging Calgary Society is a registered non-profit charity that has for the past 10 + years been offering education, art classes and performances to older adults in Calgary free of charge. We are excited to continue our legacy of community building and promoting vibrant and active aging among older adults in Calgary.

More about CACS: <https://www.creativeagingcalgary.com/>

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## **Christ Church Preschool Christmas 2025 Tea & Wine Fundraiser – Orders Are Ready for Pick-Up**

Thank you to all who were able to participate in Christ Church Preschool's Christmas Fundraiser featuring the teas of the Naked Leaf in the collectible "All Shall Be Well" stained glass window tin, and the wines of Cave Spring brought to you by Magnum Wine and Spirits and Britannia Wine Shop.

Thanks to the generosity of the parish and preschool members, we were able to raise \$2,057 to put toward educational material for both the indoor and outdoor classrooms. We are truly grateful for the kindness you have shown the preschool, this Christmas season.

**The orders are now ready to be picked up either in the Crump Room on Sunday December 14, or next week in the church office.**





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The Senior's Lunch team has two silver tea services to give away, they are not sterling but plate, they include tea, coffee, sugar and creamers. Please contact Cynthia and she will put you in touch with a member of the Senior's Lunch team if you are interested

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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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## History Column

### Charles McPhail Jones, Rev. (Mac)

Mac was born in New Brunswick in 1935. His theological education was at Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec and Kings College, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Mac was ordained deacon in 1959 in Moncton and priest in 1960 in the church in Woodstock Ontario, where he had been baptized and confirmed.

He was

Rector of 3 different parishes in the diocese of Fredericton. At one church in New Brunswick, he was serving fishing communities and one day 15 men and boys (Ages 1-65) from his parish were drowned at sea. It was the most tragic experience of his life.

Mac graduated Law School in Winnipeg Manitoba, in 1973.

He practiced law in Port Hope, Ontario and was honorary assistant at St. John's Church.

He was appointed Crown Prosecutor in Drumheller, Alberta in 1982 and became Honorary Assistant at St. Magloire's Church in 1985. There he was twice Priest in Charge. He moved to Calgary in 2011 and was appointed Honorary Assistant at Christ Church on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012. Mac learned the organ in Woodstock and has played from time to time at various churches where he has served, including Christ Church.

During his career, he has visited his cottage in New Brunswick as often as possible.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 there was a Parish reception after Evensong, to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mac's ordination to the diaconate. The church marked the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that ordination at the morning service on May 26<sup>th</sup>. 2024, and a celebratory cake was served afterwards.

Mac has been an Honorary Assistant until a stroke in the summer of 2025 prevented him from continuing. He now resides at the nearby Chartwell Fountains of Mission Retirement Residence. He is in regular contact with his four grown children, who live in Ontario and the Maritimes.

Looking back on his career, Mac is grateful for the opportunity he has had to serve God in the context of his church, ministering to many people in a variety of places

J.H.Mendham for History and Archives

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# December 14th, 2025 Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Margaret Partridge, Peter Partridge and Wes and Alice Bradley, by John and Jeanie Partridge

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur and Mary Walton by Rudi and Christine Kincel and the family

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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: [barbcrobinson@gmail.com](mailto: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 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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