Notices November 15th, 2026 - Pentecost 25

Readings for this Sunday: Judges 4:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
Readings for next Sunday: Ezeliel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

November 29th - 7.30pm - Advent Procession

Clergy and Staff days of work:

Adam Bedford - Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday
Laurel Hatch - Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday
Cynthia - Monday to Friday

Weekly Events at Christ Church

Wednesdays 11am - **Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist** in the Chapel
Wednesdays 5pm - **Meditation** in the Sitting Room
Thursdays 10.30am - **Bible Study** - Crump Room

2027 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Your consideration in making a 2027 Donation Pledge will greatly help Christ Church with its annual financial plan.

Please see the attached Donation Pledge form for options on how you can make a Pledge ***Click here***

Thank you for assisting Christ Church in planning for a successful 2027.

Seniors Lunch



The Christmas Senior's Lunch will be held on Wednesday December 02nd, beginning with a service in the church at 11:00 AM followed by a lunch in the Crump Room. All Seniors are welcome. Please contact the office to confirm your attendance , and any assistance with transportation.



Feasting with the Saints | Sunday November 22, 4:30 pm
Join us as we begin a new year of saintly study. This month we will be meeting on a Sunday afternoon over food and drink, while we enjoy a presentation about St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

Childcare is provided. No registration is required, but if you are able to bring some food or drink along to share, please speak with Adam.

Outreach Update

The Outreach Network will meet in the Crump Room on Tuesday, November 17 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM. All are welcome. If you'd like to learn about some of the great work being done by our community please join us.

BUILDING PRESERVATION CAMPAIGN

Our Property / Building Preservation Campaign is progressing very well.
The Campaign's objective is to ensure we have available funds to support future building capital maintenance and projects.

The fund raising campaign is thanks to a generous parishioner who is willing to match up to $100,000 in contributions before year end. Please consider contributing funds to help turn the $100,000 into $200,000++.

Contributions should be marked "Property Preservation Fund"

Donations may be made through:
*cheque
*e-transfer to:
treasurer@christchurchcalgary.org

Pushpay

If you would like to donate using the Christ Church Securities Deposit Form please click the link **Securities Deposit Form**

Thank you

Treasurer News

Tara Weiss has decided to resign from her role as Christ Church Treasurer effective year end. On behalf of Christ Church, we thank Tara for her contributions to the effectiveness of our financial management strategy, processes and communications.

This means we need a volunteer(s) to take on the position. The role does not require a CPA designation, however it does require a solid understanding of financial concepts and someone who can make informed decisions regarding finances. This includes knowledge of budgeting, saving, investing and understanding financial documents like financial statements and tax returns. We also feel arrangements could be made to make it a shared role.

If you have an interest in participating in a Church financial leadership role please let us know.
To express your interest, or questions, please contact any of the Wardens (Tim Grant, Irene Pfeiffer, Russel Barnes or Carol Madsen) or Tara.



Christ Church Family Ministries Updates!

Christmas is Coming!

We are starting to make plans for our Family Service on Christmas Eve! If you have a child that is interested in participating in telling the story, please let me know!

Upcoming Plan to Protect Classes

For those of you interested in attending an upcoming Plan to Protect class, please review the below dates. RSVPs are required. For those due for recertification, you will receive an email from me letting me know that your expiration date is approaching.

New Learners: Thursday, November 19th @ 1pm. This class runs for approximately three hours.
Recertification: Sunday, November 22 @ 12pm, following the 1030am service.

First Communion Classes

There has been some interest in hosting First Communion classes for some of our children and youth. While all baptized persons are welcome to receive communion, we want to make sure that our families have a chance to ask questions and understand the important of communion. Once the dates are confirmed, we will publish them here. We are looking at beginning this in January.

Wish List

We have revived our Wish List! Please have a look and let me know if you have any questions. We use the Wishlist for to secure larger items for our programming. People can donate the items of purchase as a gift in kind.

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!

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
Director of Family Ministries

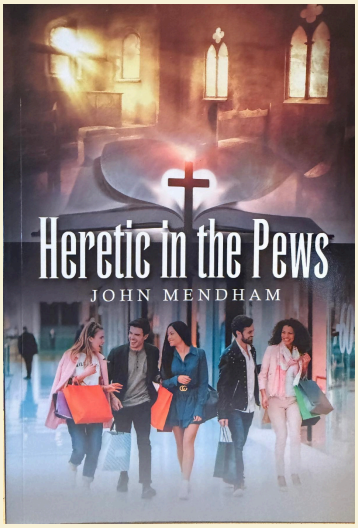


Poinsettias

The Altar Guild is once again asking for donations from the congregation for poinsettias to beautify the church at Christmas. The poinsettias are $25.00 and can be memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving. A list of tributes will be in the bulletin for Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Eve

services. Please help us make the church inviting and beautiful for Christmas this year.





Heretic in the Pews

John Mendham, a long-term parishioner and devout Christian, has recently published a book called, "Heretic in the Pews". It is a critique of traditional Christianity as taught by the church. The book is available from the church office at the discounted price of $10



In 1954, the Church realizes its original vision.

I have previously described the original basement church, built in 1913/4 and the first superstructure constructed on top of it in 1921, with its footbridge to 8th St. Nothing structural happened after that until 1947, due to the depression and WW2, when the basement was extended westward towards 8th St allowing the retirement of the bridge. In 1954, major changes happened to the church. It was extended in a westerly direction over the basement extension of 1947. The roof, except for the side aisles and sanctuary, was raised by 20 feet and the beams were left open to the nave. This increased

the height of the nave under the central peak, from the 20 ft space under the old ceiling to 45 feet under the new roof. In the side walls of this raised part, clerestory windows were installed, which have subsequently been adorned with stained glass. Eight brass candelabra were hung from the roof. An entry way or Narthex, separate from the nave, was created at the West end of the new church and above it a balcony with stepped-down seating. In the West wall, the beautiful stained-glass Rose Window was installed, which has subsequently been moved to the East end.

At the North-West corner of the new church, a Bell Tower, 40 feet tall, was built, to accommodate eight much sought-after English bells. This structure required a steel framework to withstand the huge lateral and vertical forces, which occur when such bells are swinging. The basement of the “South Wing” was added in a southerly direction from the level of the vestry, to which a second level was added in 1962. This was the first non-worship space other than the church basement.

The side-aisles, Chapel, Sanctuary and Vestry, were not altered from the 1921 original. This renovation fulfilled the original church concept, which the architect presented to the first vestry in 1912 and costed at $80,000. They decided this was too expensive to build all at once and elected to move towards that goal in stages. They did not expect that two World Wars and the Great Depression would slow progress so much that it would take 42 years to reach that dream. There was a major alteration, completed in 2008, called “Renewing the Welcome” but that was aimed at the non-worship space. The worship space today is much the same as it was after the 1954 renovation. The only structural changes apparent to the interior have been the extension of the balcony into the nave, when the choir was moved from the sanctuary in 1990. Additionally, there have been two moves for the organ. Firstly, the organ was moved from the vestry wall on the south side of the sanctuary to the East end when a new organ was obtained in 1990. Then the organ was moved from the East end to the West end, to follow the choir.

For more details see, ***The Journal of the History and Archives Committee of Christ Church, Elbow Park,*** ” Special Issue on the Buildings and Landscape of Christ Church, Elbow Park,” Vol 3, Issue 1, 2021.

JH Mendham for History and Archives

Christ Church Preschool Christmas 2026

Tea & Wine Fundraiser - Ends Nov. 29



Tea Offerings- Song of Faith Stained Glass Window Tin
We are pleased to offer a selection of specialty teas from the Naked Leaf Tea Shop. Each tea is available in a collectible tin featuring an image of the **“Song of Faith”** stained glass window.

Song of Faith celebrates the choir and Margaret Newman’s 53 years of Music Leadership and is also in memory of Gerry Barlow.
What a lovely keepsake!



Wine Offerings

Magnum Wine & Spirits along with Britannia Wine Merchants, have curated 3 collections of wine from around the world **(Red Wine 4 Pack, White Wine 4 Pack and Sparkling Cava 3 Pack)** all specially priced just for you.

ORDER WINE AND TEA

Paper order forms are also available in the Narthex and at Cynthia's desk.

You will be e-mailed an invoice. Payment can be made by cheque made payable to Christ Church Preschool or by e-transfer to ccpsfinance@christchurchcalgary.org

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WINTER WONDERLAND CONCERT

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 5th Annual Winter Wonderland Concert!

When: Friday November 20th at 7 pm
Where: Christ Church located in Elbow Park at 3602 8th Street SW, Calgary AB.

Every year we host a special evening of nostalgic and joyful Christmas music at the beautiful Christ Church.

Performers include Calgary's best singers and musicians volunteering their time to host a free concert for families in Calgary.

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.

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

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Scan to make your offering - Thank you for your support!!!

If you wish to contribute by e-transfer, please send to treasurer@christchurchcalgary.org

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November 15th, 2026 Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pamela McDonald. The loss is immeasurable. But also immeasurable is the love left behind. Love Mom, Meredith and Alison

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and with Gratitude for the community of Christ Church, by Sue and Tim Grant

The flowers at the font are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my parents, Glen and Kay Thrasher, with love and gratitude from Kate

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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/fdd

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.

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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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