



Notices March 30th, 2025 - Lent 4

Readings for this Sunday: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

Holy Week Services

April 13 - Palm Sunday - Morning Eucharists and Procession of Palms

April 13 - Palm Sunday - 7.30pm - Tenebrae

April 17 - Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm - Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of Altar

April 18 - Good Friday - 9.30am - Family Service

April 18 - Good Friday - 12 noon - Meditation on the Cross of Christ

April 19 - Holy Saturday - 7.30pm - - Easter Vigil

Weekly Events at Christ Church

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation

Thursdays 10.30am - Bible Study

Grief Recovery

A new Grief Recovery course will begin on 22 April led by Betty Craigie. The course will take seven weeks, meeting weekly. Participants should gather at 7.00 p.m. in the Coop Room [second floor] on Tuesday 22 April.

Courses have taken place in Christ Church since 2009, and many have been helped. The course follows a set pattern which leads to recovery.

Grief is the natural reaction to loss. Often this is the loss of a

loved one but there are many other losses which can occasion grief - divorce, estrangement, unemployment, retirement, emigration, moving house and death of a pet, to name a few. Recovery means the return of the ability to enjoy happy memories and just to experience moments of joy, which is what we want for you. Registration is not required. Please direct any questions to Betty through the office at 403-243-4680.

Pictorial Directory

Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? It has been several years since our last pictorial directory and we are planning to have a new directory produced this spring.

A photographer will be at Christ Church from May 6-10, between 2.30pm and 8.30pm to take individual and family portraits. Everyone who has a portrait taken will be included in the directory and the photos will be available for purchase as well.

Sign up times will be available after the services beginning next Sunday April 6. We are also looking for several volunteers to remind people of their appointments and assist on photography days. If you are able to help, please call the church office at 403-243-4680.

January and February 2025 Tax Receipts

The January and February 2025 tax receipts were sent by email on Thursday. Unfortunately, due to a glitch in the software, they were sent twice, so if you received your tax receipts by email, you will have received two copies of the same thing. Please only use one on your tax returns.

Please make sure you keep these receipts. You can use them on your 2024 tax return or you can hold them to use on your 2025 tax return. This ruling is new this year because the federal government changed the rules for claiming

charitable donations for 2024 to include donations made in January and February 2025. This one time change was made to allow for the postal strike in December which may have delayed receipt of donations by charities.

The next tax receipts, to be issued in February 2026, will only include donations made in March through December 2025. They will not include the donations on the tax receipts being issued now. So, keep a copy of the tax receipt issued now.

Please call Deborah Ambrose at 587-439-2211 with any questions.

Feasting With the Saints | Friday March 28, 7 pm



As St. Patrick's Day approaches, we couldn't resist bringing him in for our Feasting with the Saints this month. Join us in the Crump Room as we look at the life and legacy of the ancient Irish saint, with themed appetizers and some saintly

drinks (I wonder if you can guess which drinks). This casual gathering is a fantastic opportunity to invite your friends to check out Christ Church. For more information contact Adam.

Outreach Update

“Stuff a Basket, Fill a Heart”
40-Day Challenge

Every day during Lent you and your Family can support another Calgary Family leaving domestic violence.

Sign out a Basket in the Loggia!

You will receive a laundry hamper, a list of needed items, and a tax receipt form to include with your receipts.

Return your hamper to the Loggia by Easter Sunday!

If filling a whole basket is too much, you can support with individual items included below.

Highest Need items right now are Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash/Soap and Body Lotion!

Household Ideas (NEW items only)

Twin Bedding* Double Bedding (Gender and Age Neutral)

Shower Curtain/Rug Towels

Dishes, Cutlery, Glassware

Pots and Pans Tupperware

Gift Cards for food and activities (Walmart, Cineplex)

Toiletries Ideas:

Shampoo/Conditioner Body Wash/ Lotion

Feminine Hygiene Products

Toys/Crafts Ideas:*

Scissors, Glue, Tape Construction Paper, Colouring Supplies

Books, Board Games/Puzzles, LEGO's

*Toys and Crafts for teens are often forgotten-please consider teens!

If you are donating Gift cards, please include your name, address for a tax receipt and put them in the Collection plate or take to the Office!

Questions? Contact Solange, solangedunn@gmail.com



Altar Guild

Once again the Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Easter with lilies, hydrangeas and spring flowers. If you would like to help in beautifying the church , and remember a loved one , glorify God or in thanksgiving please let Cynthia know. The cost is \$25.00, a list of memorials and thanksgivings will be published in the bulletin for Easter Sunday.

Palm Crosses



Please join us on Saturday April 12th at 9.30am in the Crump

Room to make palm crosses. We are one of the few congregations still making palm crosses by hand to give out on Palm Sunday. This is an intergenerational event. Instructions are provided as are refreshments. We make 300 crosses for the two services. We welcome all. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and conversation.

History and Archives Update

Prof. Kyle Jantzen, Ambrose University has encouraged me to send this out. His students are focusing on Christ Church this semester.

As you may be aware the History and Archives Committee is offering prizes for the best essay written on Christ Church which closes the end of April. We have three essays already submitted (a total of six), but these are the first to be publicly presented.

The Annual Ambrose Research Conference (ARC) takes place on Wednesday, March 26.

The History 380 students are presenting on their Christ Church Anglican research at 9:00 am. It would be lovely if parish members could attend. The panel on Christ Church is entitled:

Local Church Histories: Christ Church Anglican (Elbow Park)
(Moderator: Dr. Kyle Jantzen)

Emily Eisses, "A History of Women's Organizations at Christ Church Anglican"

Jake Brost, "Faith and Patriotism: Christ Church Anglican and the First World War"

Nathan Snow, "Praise from the Pipes: The Pipe Organ as a Character in Worship at Christ Church Anglican"

Here is the link to register: <https://ambrose.edu/form/register-for-arc>
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Scan to make your offering - Thank you for your support!!!

March 30th, 2025 Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Hume and daughter Jocelyn Frazer from the family

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bruce Hampshire from the family

The flowers at the Font are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roland Robert, the gift of his wife Pat

The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for February, March and April are available at the office
Additional prayer resources can be found on Forward Movement's

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 PWRDF

On the second Thursday of each month praying with PWRDF takes place over zoom at 11am (Calgary time). On the fourth Thursday of each month the PWRDF 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.

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.



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