Notices for January 22nd, 2023 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

Readings for this Sunday: Matthew 5:1-20 - Beatitudes
Next Sunday's Readings: Matthew 6:7-21 - Treasure in Heaven

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

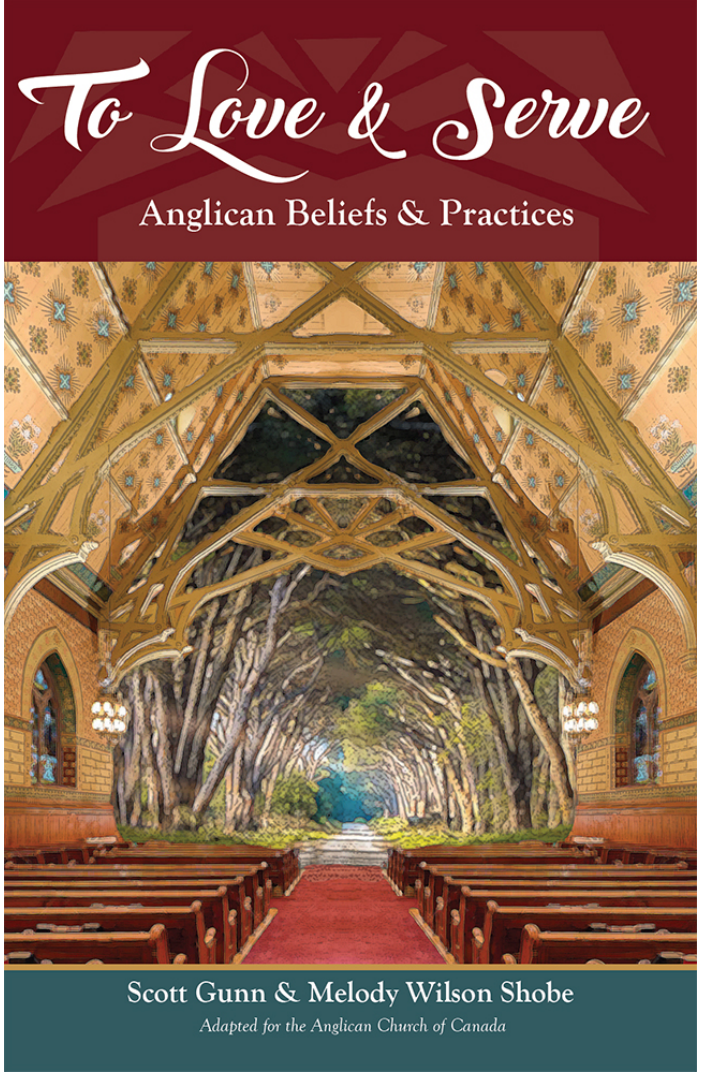
Evensong - January 22nd at 4.30pm

Return of the Chalice at Communion

Since the start of the pandemic, out of an abundance of caution, we have been offering bread at communion only. Theologically we have always held that receiving only the bread constituted a full participation in the sacrament - it is the Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. But experientially we know that for many of us, something was lacking when we couldn't also receive the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. After deliberation with the wardens, and surveying the experiences of other churches, we have decided that it is time to make the Cup available again. We aren't the first church to bring it back, nor are we the last. For those who aren't ready to drink from the shared chalice, you can participate in a spiritual communion by touching the base of the chalice as the chalice bearer speaks the words "the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." We recognize there are a variety of comfort levels within the parish and again state that there is no judgment on anyone who chooses to receive the wine or not.

If you have been a chalice bearer in the past or would like to offer this ministry, please reach out to Brandon. We will fully train you so that you are prepared and comfortable. There is a technique to offering the cup so that the silver, alcohol and purificator can do their work to keep the sharing of the Cup clean.

Adult Confirmation and Baptism - Anglican 101 Class



Baptism is a rite of initiation into the faith and into the church - a beginning rather than a destination. While we most often see children and infants baptized, adult baptism is considered a normative practice in the church.

Confirmation is a mature affirmation of the vows made at our baptism and a commitment to try, with God's help, to live those promises. It can be a way to mark a season of particular spiritual growth.

Anglican 101 classes are open to all, whether you want to be baptised or confirmed or not.

Classes will be held between Sunday services from 9-10am Dates: Jan. 29, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, Mar. 12, Mar. 26, Apr. 23

Class will draw on the new book To Love & Serve
Click here for more info: https://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/2635/to-love-and-serve.aspx

If you would like to order a copy of the book, contact the office. We can get a discount on bulk orders.

If you are interested in being baptized or confirmed, please contact

Rev. Brandon:
brandon@christchurchcalgary.org

1st Half 2022 - 2023 Results

Offerings have increased significantly over last year and over budget. In particular, Christmas and open offerings over Advent/Christmas were over $8,000. We also received a final CEWS grant through the Diocese and significant gifts in kind towards our expenses and donations towards designated expenses. The Parish is running well ahead of budget with a slight surplus on the 6 months to go towards the large deficit we started the year with. January through March are historically lean months for extra offerings and our salary costs will increase. Please continue to keep our Parish's financial needs in your thoughts and prayers

1st Half 2022 - 2023 Results

	6 Month 2022/23 Actual	6 Month 2022/23 Budget	Full Year 2022/23 Forecast	Full Year 2022/23 Budget
REVENUE				
Offerings	393,612	368,685	715,595	690,665
Designated Donations & Fund Transfer:	39,638	43,511	70,048	67,179
Bequests Received	0		30,000	30,000
Endowment Tr./Rectory Tr. Fund Inco:	3		76,903	76,900
Government COVID-19 Related Grants	7,895		7,895	0
Diocese Grant	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500
Rental Income	20,470	17,044	38,314	34,894
TOTAL REVENU]	477,118	**444,740**	**954,255**	**915,138**
EXPENSES				
Controllable Expenses				
Personnel	181,449	200,909	404,285	406,657
Facilities	83,347	81,841	177,452	175,945
Office & Administration	26,102	25,083	53,866	54,345
Worship Committee	5,962	8,127	14,778	16,942
Music Committee	17,508	17,618	38,429	38,539
Christian Education	31,606	35,466	42,931	43,360
Pastoral Care	1,683	1,752	3,835	3,504
Stewardship	4,840	4,172	4,840	4,172
Hospitality	2,042	4,575	4,192	6,725
Total Controllable Expenses	**354,541**	**379,543**	**744,609**	**750,190**
Diocesan Apportionment	73,241	73,242	150,143	150,144
TOTAL EXPENSES	**427,782**	**452,785**	**894,752**	**900,334**
SURPLUS/DEFICIT PRIOR TO TRANSFERS	**49,334**	**-8,045**	**59,502**	**14,804**
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS				
Outreach	20,000	11,248	20,000	20,000
Property Preservation Fund	20,000	20,000	40,000	40,000
Endowment Trust	0		0	0
TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	**40,000**	**31,248**	**60,000**	**60,000**
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	**9,335**	**-39,293**	**-497**	**-45,196**
OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT, beginning	**-42,434**	**-42,434**	**-42,434**	**-42,434**
OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	**-33,099**	**-81,727**	**-42,931**	**-87,630**

Flower Memorials

Parishioners have been generously supporting the flower ministry for many years. It has been quite some time since we have had to adjust the cost of contributions for the memorial flowers in the chancel and on the chapel altar and baptismal font.

Rising costs dictate that we must increase the requested donations for the flowers, in order to maintain an appealing arrangement for each space.

Beginning January 1, 2023 the altar flowers will be $125, the chapel flowers $75 and the font flowers $ 55.

We appreciate your understanding as we try to maintain quality without undue increases in the cost to parishioners arranging a floral memorial.

If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact Cynthia at the Church office and she will connect you to the flower coordinator.

Christ Church Altar Guild

Weekly Events at Christ Church

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation
Thursdays 10:30am - Bible Study

The FCJ Centre

Upcoming Programs and Retreats

Vespers: Uncommon Prayers for Uncommon People. More information can be found here.

February 8 – Taizé, musical prayers
March 8 – Stations of the cross, praying and walking with Jesus
April 12 – Mandalas, drawing prayers
May 10 – Labyrinth, walking prayer
June 14 – Eco Divina – praying in nature

Ways to Give

There are several options for you to send your gifts :

Giving envelopes: contact us to obtain yours

Annual Pledge Form: contact us or visit **christchurchcalgary.org**

eTransfer to: **treasurer@christchurchcalgary.org**
Please note: No password or security question is required
Add your name and any designation for your donation in the Memo/Notes area when when you create the eTransfer.

Credit/Debit Online with **https://pushpay.com/g/christchurchcalgary**
Text the message 'Pushpay' to phone #77977

Thank you for your support!!!

Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gerry Law by Margaret Law

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents and my beloved brother David, the gift of Pam Tanaka

The flowers at the Font are given to the glory of God

and with thanks for blessings received by our family Helen Jull and family

The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day
Prayer books for February/March/April are available at the office
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

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 Lois Lepp, Alicia Hampshire or Rev. Brandon.

Praying with PWRDF
Every Thursday morning 11 am Mtn time. Meet and hear from some of our partners around the world, staff members and folk from churches across the country.
Email Kim Umbach to join. kumbach@pwrdf.org

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.

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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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