



Notices February 4th, 2024 - 5th Sunday After Epiphany

Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

Ash Wednesday - February 14th - 11am and 7.30pm

The blessing of the new Memorial Remembrance Book is delayed. A new date will be announced in the coming weeks

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 in the Crump Room

New Office hours

Please note that the new office hours will be

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm

Friday 9am to 2pm

Welcome Lunch

If you are new to Christ Church, or have been here a while and want to make a deeper connection to the church, you are invited to a lunch hosted by Parish Council on Saturday, February 3 at noon in the Crump Room. Please RSVP to brandon@christchurchcalgary.org by Thursday, February 1.

Bring us your Palms!

On Ash Wednesday we are marked with ashes that come from burning last year's blessed palm fronds and crosses. Please bring in your old palms over the next few weeks and the last Sunday before Lent (February 11) we will burn the palms at the end of the 10:30am service.

The next Messy Church will be on February 3rd from 4pm to 6pm in the Crump Room

Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Reception into the Anglican Church

If you are an adult or mature teenager and you have:

- Never been baptized
- Never been confirmed
- Been confirmed in another denomination
- Recently experienced some spiritual renewal
- Desire to re-dedicate yourself to Christ's service
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Now might be the time to pursue baptism, confirmation, or renewal/reception.

Preparation classes will run Tuesdays at 6:30-8:30pm on: February 27, March 5, 12, 19

Baptism is planned for the Easter Vigil service March 30 at 7:30pm and Confirmation for April 14 at 10:30am.

Talk to Brandon to learn more (brandon@christchurchcalgary.org)

After many years of first rate service as our treasurer, Deborah Ambrose has informed us that she is retiring from the position effective at our September 2024 AGM. Deborah has done a tremendous job in both tracking and communicating our complex finances.

Now the search is on for Deborah's successor to take up the torch and continue the good work of tending to our finances so that the mission and ministry of Christ Church can continue to thrive.

A full job description is available, but here's a taste:

The overall role of the treasurer is to maintain an overview of the organisation's financial affairs, ensuring its viability and advising the Corporation as necessary, and to ensure that proper financial records and procedures are maintained.

Qualities and Skills Preferred

- **Experience of financial control and budgeting and small charity management.**
- **Good communication and interpersonal skills.**
- **A willingness to be contacted on an ad hoc basis.**

Time Commitment: The role of the Treasurer requires an estimated commitment of 10 hours per month, in addition to the time to prepare the various returns and the Annual Financial Statements (40 hours per year)

If you think you are the right person and feel God nudging you to serve in this very valuable role, please contact Rev. Brandon.

If you know someone who you think is the right person for this, give them a nudge.

Main Altar Flowers

There is one slot available for Main Altar flowers on June 30th . If you would like to purchase flowers on this date please contact Cynthia in the office

Christ Church Café - Sunday February 11th at 9am

Come listen to **Judy Deleo from ProActive Seniors to learn about transitioning to assisted living, memory care or other options. This discussion is useful for seniors themselves, children who are navigating their parents' aging or caretakers of Seniors.**

In 2016 Kathy recognized the need for a service that would help to address the challenges and frustrations that seniors and their families face when trying to identify and access, in a timely manner, the myriad of senior services that exist.

There are many government reports that indicate planning ahead for ones' senior years will be crucial in our current environment of overstretched health care and constricted government funding. However their is no support to help families plan ahead.

In creating Proactive Seniors, our team addresses this need by helping our clients navigate difficult discussions and decisions related to planning for aging.

We are blessed to be doing work that we love and having a positive impact on one of our most valuable resources – our seniors.

<https://proactiveseniors.ca/>

Outreach Update

Last Saturday afternoon , we had excellent attendance at the presentation of Reconciliation 102 in the Crump room. This presentation was hosted by the Outreach Network and the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter F, Calgary. We were also joined by people from Woodcliff United and Knox Presbyterian churches. The speaker was Mizze Walker. Mizze' s style of presenting was very helpful as she guided us through some very difficult topics while infusing bits of humour. We hope to host another presentation on this very important topic in the future.

History and Archives

The History and Archives Committee will be having a meeting to plot its future activities. Thanks to support from the National Archives and Young Canada Works, Treaty Seven, and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation we have organized the collections, digitized thousands of pages, and collected dozens of oral histories. We have also printed journals on parish women, the great flood, the building, and the change bells and held a lot of tours. And most recently we published a book on our magnificent windows.

What next? Come to our meeting **Feb. 11** after the coffee hour to offer your ideas, your time and your talents! What we do will depend on you!!

Frits Pannekoek, Chair, the History and Archives Committee

1946 Film Screening Event

We would like to invite you to a local screening of the film documentary "1946" about how the word "homosexual" came to be in the English Bible for the first time in 1946. Free registration is required at the qr code link below. Complementary pizza and refreshments will be provided. We invite you to bring a pie to share, if you wish, as this is our super early version of a P.I.E. Sunday event! (P.I.E. stands for being public, intentional and explicit in our welcome of queer folks.) We hope you will join us to share this film, pizza, desserts, and conversation together!

This event is on Feb 11 at 5:30-8pm at 4612 Varsity Dr NW and is

co-hosted by The Road Church and Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church with the support of [The Hesed Project](#).

1946 film trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJnWNnRfjhs>

Please feel free to share this invitation and to bring a friend!

NOTE: We recommend this event for ages 13+. Currently, our small congregations do not have the personnel resources to offer child-minding during this event. If there are any faith spaces with vetted volunteers that feel inspired to collaborate with us by supplying child-minding volunteers, we would welcome a conversation (email jess@theroadchurch.ca) in order to make this event more widely accessible.



LOST AND FOUND

In case many of you are not aware we have a lost and found cupboard in the Narthex that is clearly marked. . If you think you may have lost any of your personal items, please feel free to go through and check. We will also make it a point to display lost items on a table every month or so in case people forget.



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

February 4th, 2024 Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James and Ruth Coop by the family

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God by the Grove 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

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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