



Notices March 17th, 2024 - Lent 5

Readings for this Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 15:1-39

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

Holy Week

**Sunday March 24th - Palm Sunday - Morning Eucharists with
Procession of Palms
Palm Sunday - 7.30pm - Tenebrae**

**Thursday March 28th - 7.30pm - Maundy Thursday
Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of Altar**

**Friday March 29th - Good Friday - 9.30am - Family Service
Friday March 29th - Good Friday - 12.00 - Meditation on the Cross
of Christ**

Saturday March 30th - Easter Vigil

**Reconciliation of a Penitent (Sacramental Confession)
Tuesdays in Lent from 5-6pm**

**A priest will be available in the chapel to offer the sacrament of
reconciliation.**

**Easter Giving Envelopes will be on the table in
the Narthex on Sunday. Please be sure to pick
yours up**

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

Music Director & Rector's Sabbatical

If you have been in church the last two Sundays you have heard the sad news that our Music Director, Paul Grindlay, has had to resign for health reasons. This is a loss to us, and a real concern for Paul. Please do keep Paul in your prayers.

We are grateful that Margie Newman, our Director of Music Emerita, has come out of retirement to serve as Interim Director of Music to get us through the Rector's sabbatical into the summer.

Our Rector, Brandon, will be away April through July on sabbatical. While he is away, Adam, our Assistant Priest, will be increasing his hours (an increase made possible by the generosity of a Diocesan fund) and will keep regular office hours Monday-Thursday mornings.

The sabbatical will be a time of rest and renewal for body, mind and spirit for Brandon, and, we pray, for the church as well as we enter a slower season in the church year.

Check out Sunday's sermon in case you missed it where Brandon reflects on the practice of sabbath keeping and the work of grace in our lives: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJd0JybmpMo>

Music Notes Sign-Off

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

I had not imagined in September 2023 that I would be crafting a sign-off Music Notes message in March of 2024, but life is an adventure, isn't it?!

It has been a pleasure and an honour to serve as music director at Christ Church. Connecting with this wonderful faith community has been such a blessing and has already been an important part of my healing journey, as I am sure it has been and will continue to be for many others. This will be a process (and I know how much Anglicans love processing), step by step, breath by breath, and miracle by miracle. I sincerely believe this is a spiritual journey for me, as I make time and space to pause, mend, pray, dream and seek to understand God's will for me in the world.

"Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine."

These words have resonated in me since childhood and are as true and relevant to me today as they ever were.

"Like as the hart (and my heart) desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God. Yea, even for the living God. When shall I come before the presence of God?" (Psalm 42)

"The Lord is my Shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in green pastures, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall restore my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness. Yea, though I walk now through a dark valley, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and staff comfort me." (Psalm 23)

I promise to stay in touch and hope to be back in due course to share more music, smiles and fellowship. God bless Margie Newman, and may God bless all of us too.

Yours sincerely,
Paul

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are pleased to say that there are always shawls available (see more information within "The Power of Prayer" section of the notices). The shawls are created with yarn donated by our members. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group who keep a collection of lovely shawls available. If you are a knitter or crocheter, or would like to be one, we would be delighted to have you join us. Just call the office, or send an email to barbcrobinson@gmail.com.

Outreach Lent Campaign

Care and Wear for Glenbrook Public School

As we enter Lent 4 our Glenbrook Public School Care and Wear Initiative is going strong.

The Sign Up Genius list has more information on what is needed but the basic list is:

Grocery/Gift Cards at Safeway, Co-Op and Walmart

Indoor running shoes

Stretchy jogging style pants

Thank you to all that have already contributed to the K-6 school children at Glenbrook!

The Care and Wear table will be in the loggia until Palm Sunday, March 24.

Please follow this link [**Click**](#) for the Signup Genius List.



Treasurer position

We are looking for a new Treasurer 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 organization'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.



Please save the date

On **Saturday March 23rd at 10am**, the congregation is invited to make Palm crosses in the Crump Room. This is an intergenerational activity. For many years the Altar Guild has made 300 crosses for the community to receive on Palm Sunday. Many of us keep our crosses in a visible location for the year. We are one of a very small group of churches that continues to create crosses by hand every year. It is a fun activity that anybody can do. Please join us so we can continue this lovely tradition. Instructions will be provided.



Easter flowers

Once again the Altar Guild is selling hydrangeas, lilies and spring flowers to decorate the church for Easter. The cost is \$25 and goes to help pay for all decorations between Palm Sunday and all of Holy Week. If you would like to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one, in Thanksgiving or to the Glory of God, please contact Cynthia at the office. As always a list of tributes will be in the Easter notices

THE PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN VOICE

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30pm MT

Zoom 885 9407 3796

The Rev. Samuel Fanous, Palestinian Anglican Priest in Ramle, shares his story and offers his perspective on how Christians in the West can show solidarity with the Palestinian Christian community at this time.



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

*March 17th, 2024 Flower
Memorials*

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Pat Burns' birthday, with love from all your family

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our Irish grandparents, by Jan and Wayne Wolfe

The flowers at the Font are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald MacDougall, given by Barbara

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.



Anyone can be added to our email list... they just need to ask!
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Just forward this to them, and...
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