



Notices for September 3rd, 2023 - Pentecost 14

Readings for this Sunday: Exodus 3:1-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday September 4th for Labor Day

Weekly Events at Christ Church

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation in the Sitting Room

The Diocese Office is writing to those of you in Calgary (but including everyone in case you have contacts in Calgary) regarding assisting two situations where housing is needed:

Situation #1

We have an Anglican Dominican who has been evacuated from Yellowknife with his wife and baby to Calgary. They are in need of somewhere to stay for a few weeks. Would you reach out to your contacts to see if anyone in your parish may have somewhere they could stay? The office would put whomever it is in touch with this person once we have some possibilities.

Situation #2

Secondly the Rev. Daniel Joseph is really struggling to find a rental for he and his wife. She is suffering from stage 4 cancer and the need is for a main level location with few stairs and for it to be within 5-10 minutes of an Emergency Department.

- He has already moved twice since being here.
 - He is currently living in a visiting room (one room and bathroom) in one of our clergy's condos. That only lasts until end of September.
- If there is anyone you know who knows someone this situation is pretty critical. Rental needed Oct. 1st.

If you would kindly fan out this request to anyone who may have a rental property/spare space, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Pilar+
The Ven. Dr. Pilar Gateman
Executive Officer
Archdeacon of Calgary
Phone: 587-320-1342 (direct line)

Rally Sunday - September 10

As we return from summer vacations we Kick off the new program year at Christ Church on Rally Sunday with a blessing of the backpacks for our kids going back to school and a ministry fair in the Crump Room following the 10:30am service where you can learn about all of our various ministries and find ways to get involved in the worship, fellowship and mission Christ has called us to.

Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held on the 17th day of September, 2023, at 12 o'clock PM, in the Crump Room at which time all baptized persons regularly attending Services of worship in this Parish and receiving communion or otherwise regularly receiving the administrations of the clergy of this Parish are entitled to attend. DATED this 25th day of August, 2023.
- Rev. Brandon Witwer

Bible Study resumes September 14th

Join us for our Fall relaunch of Bible Study, Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Crump Room. We will have an introductory get together on the 14th and then on September 21st we begin a four-week study called *Philippians: Living With Limits*. We will explore Paul's joyous and hopeful letter to the church in Philippi, written from a prison cell. Just like for Paul, we will discover how the limits that we struggle with in our own lives are not a hindrance to our calling in Christ, but actually the place in which that calling is lived out. No registration required. Email Adam for more information.



Messy Church is a revolutionary event for families of all ages first started in the UK in 2004. Hosted in the Crump Room the first Saturday of each month, we at Christ Church continue its tradition and invitation: to play, to celebrate life & God, and to be family to new people as we have a meal (when did we last sit together at the dinner table?). No church experience is required, every age and body is welcome.

..and the point is to invite someone who has not experienced God's playfulness and love or Messy Church before. Please challenge yourself to invite those around you!

Messy Church will be on Saturday, September 9, 4:00-6:00pm. Future Dates: Oct. 7, Nov. 4

We need YOUR help. Sign up to cook, decorate, stack chairs, or lead an activity (who's bringing the karaoke machine?) Let our family ministry pastor know you're interested by emailing him at gary@christchurchcalgary.org

Outreach Update

Members of the Outreach Network organized a lovely picnic with the Merzaiee family in Kananaskis this week. A great time was had by all!

Household furniture and items are still in high demand by people moving into housing in Calgary. Please email OutreachCC@shaw.ca if you are downsizing.



From the Belfry - Can you help us please?

With so many new ringers in the tower we would like to be able to silence one of the bells to use as a teaching tool. In order to do this, we require a Windows 10 laptop.

If anyone has one to donate to the Belfry it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Ruth at 403-239-1070 or email rmlund@telusplanet.net

5th annual Citywide Pride Gathering!

Pride Parade

Christ Church, as a member of the Affirming Network of Faith Communities, has been accepted as a participant in the Pride Parade Sunday, September 3rd. If you would like to walk with other members of Christ Church and other affirming faith groups please contact Brandon for more details at brandon@christchurchcalgary.org



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 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
Thanksgiving for family by Richard
and Susan McCowan

The flowers at the Chapel are given
to the glory of God and in loving
memory of Henry Norman &
Gladys E.W. Bennett by the
Bennett family

The flowers at the Font are given
to the glory of God and in loving
memory of Raymond and Melinda
Wilson by the Aiken family

The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for August/September/October 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](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: barbcrobinson@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!

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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