



Notices November 5th, 2023 - All Saints

Readings for this Sunday: Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
Next Sunday's Readings: Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew:25:1-13

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

**4.30 pm - November 5th - Choral Requiem &
Commemoration of the Dead**

**All Souls Day Labyrinth Walk: Sunday, November 5,
2023: 3:45 and 5:45 pm**

The labyrinth will be available for a guided walking meditation and prayer preceding and following the Choral Requiem & Commemoration of the Dead.

You are invited to walk the labyrinth in remembrance and thanksgiving of those who are no longer here on earth but who travel with you in your hearts. As you walk, you may wish to carry a photo or memento for your reflection.

This Sunday November 5th we are going to "fall back" one hour. Don't forget to set your clocks accordingly on Saturday November 4th before you head to bed.

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

Thank You

To everyone at Christ Church - thank you for the wonderful celebration on Sunday. It was a memorable event from the beginning of the service to the

end of the outstanding lunch in the beautifully decorated lower hall. Having many alumni choristers and our former Rector present for the service was a thrill and the whole day was an amazing finale to my time at the church. Many thanks go to Brandon, Cynthia Joni Mallabone and her Celebration Committee, including Russell Barnes and Jeff Reyes, who put in so many hours to ensure everything was perfectly organized and executed. I am so grateful to the whole church for the many years of friendship and support you have shown. Christ Church is synonymous with community and that was abundantly obvious on Sunday.

Margie

Financial Statements

The financial statements for the 3 months ended September 30, 2023 are completed. Offerings are 3% behind budget but expenses are 4% lower than budget. We received half of the bequests we were expecting, which receipt was not budgeted until June. While designated donations are significantly behind budget, the difference is also in timing. Overall, the deficit is well under what we had budgeted for this time. However, after adjusting for timing differences from budget, our forecast for the year is a deficit over twice as high as budgeted. We will be watching expenses very closely to try to make up this difference.

3 Month 2023 - 2024 Results

	3 Month 2023/24 Actual	3 Month 2023/24 Budget	Full Year 2023/24 Forecast	Full Year 2023/24 Budget
REVENUE				
Offerings	168,948	174,861	753,916	759,827
Designated Donations & Fund Transfers	15,253	28,228	76,852	76,203
Bequests Received	20,000		40,000	40,000
Endowment Tr./Rectory Tr. Fund Income	24		71,024	71,000
Rental Income	5,757	12,367	46,908	51,864
TOTAL REVENUE	209,982	215,456	988,700	998,894
EXPENSES				
Controllable Expenses				
Personnel	103,856	106,777	429,775	432,695
Facilities	40,172	41,346	189,479	190,652
Office & Administration	14,585	12,225	54,230	51,870
Worship Committee	3,191	2,498	17,191	16,497
Music Committee	5,974	7,460	44,904	46,390
Christian Education	15,520	24,576	41,385	42,830
Pastoral Care	799	1,026	3,877	4,104
Stewardship	648	650	5,048	5,050
Hospitality	2,274	2,050	7,649	7,425
Total Controllable Expenses	187,020	198,608	793,538	797,514
Diocesan Apportionment	38,008	36,621	151,531	150,144
TOTAL EXPENSES	225,028	235,229	945,069	947,658
SURPLUS/DEFICIT PRIOR TO TRANSFERS	(15,047)	(19,773)	43,631	51,236
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS				
Outreach	1,000	4,374	17,524	17,500
Property Preservation Fund	10,000	10,000	40,000	40,000
Endowment Trust	0	0	0	0
TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	11,000	14,374	57,524	57,500
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(26,047)	(34,147)	(13,893)	(6,264)
OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT, beginning of year	334	334	334	334
OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(25,713)	(33,813)	(13,559)	(5,930)

Music Notes

Nov 1/23

I will begin by saying what a pleasure it was to participate in Margie's celebration on Sunday, with so many returning alumni singers and friends. I feel incredibly fortunate to inherit and inhabit the rich legacy of Margie's amazing tenure at Christ Church. She is truly an inspiration. Looking forward to All Souls Sunday, November 5th, we will present music at both the 10:30 am Eucharist and a special All Souls Evensong at 4:30 pm, with the complete Requiem by English composer, John Rutter (b.1945). This Requiem was premiered in 1985 with full orchestra, so we are extremely grateful to John Bouz and Kathleen de

Caen for bringing it to life for us in a pared-down version for organ and cello. And I know you won't want to miss Hannah Pagenkopf singing the soprano solos! Rutter has set the usual Latin Missa pro defunctis (mass for the dead) texts - Requiem aeternam-Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei and Lux aeterna - but also adds in a couple of Psalms - Psalm 130 "Out of the Deep" and the well-known Psalm 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd." There are also sections of text from the Burial Service in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

Music for the morning Eucharist features the following works by Canadian composers and separate pieces for women's and men's voices:

"Missa Brevis" by Nancy Telfer (b.1950), for women's voices. Missa Brevis is Latin for a short and usually simple mass setting, although this one is not simple. My wife sang this piece with Elektra Women's Choir in Vancouver, "back in the day."

"The Souls of the Righteous" by Allan Bevan (b.1951), for men's voices. Allan was music director at Holy Cross Anglican Church in NW Calgary until a few years ago, when he moved back to Ontario. I have copies of the piece in my SuperSonic Men's Choir library at home.

"All shall be well" by Jane Perry (b.1971) with an uplifting text by Julian of Norwich (1342-c.1416). Julian(a) was an " anchoress" who lived in walled-in isolation at St. Julian's Church Norwich, where she wrote, prayed and received mystical visions. She is often credited as being the first known woman author in Britain. Jane Perry, Director Emeritus of the Calgary Renaissance Singers and Players, wrote the piece earlier this year, and I had the privilege of directing the first performance in concert on May 7/23. Here is the text:

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. For there is a force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go."

Amen!

Paul



Outreach Update

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE THIS ADVENT

The Outreach Network have received word that our application to Adopt a family at Christmas was successful. This family who are supported by the Radiance Society (formerly Sonshine Community Services) consists of a 13 year old girl, a 5 year old boy and their mom. Please stay tuned over the next couple of weeks as we post a link to their wish list. Parishioners will be given the opportunity to sign up to purchase one or more of the items. We are also awaiting word on whether we are able to adopt a family from Inn from the Cold.

This Advent, we will again be supporting Glenbrook School and are awaiting their wish list of items needed.



PWRDF - World of Gifts & Gaza Hospital

Please click on the link below for more information

[World of Gifts](#)

[al-Ahli Arab Hospital](#)



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 November 4th from 4:00-6:00pm.

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

Blessing of the Shawls

The next blessing of the Shawls will take place on Sunday, November 5, at the 10:30 service. Shawls are available to all members of our parish to be given to anyone who may need a bit of TLC, or to celebrate a special occasion, whether or not the recipient is a member of our parish. Please just contact the church office, or Barbara Robinson to make arrangements if you wish to give a shawl.

Important Notice Regarding Christmas Wreath Program

After almost 15 years, the Christ Church Choir has decided not to

continue with its Christmas Wreath Fund Raiser. The wreaths were a welcome tradition at Christ Church and joyfully marked the beginning of the Christmas season.

The wreaths are still a wonderful product, however, in recent years the program failed to yield a reasonable return on our efforts, and with costs rising more and more each year, we have decided to discontinue this offering.

We have contacted Delong Farms in Nova Scotia, and other providers of Christmas wreaths and in the upcoming weeks, we hope to provide parishioners with options to directly purchase wreaths for themselves, friends and family.

Rocco

Grief Recovery

A Grief Recovery course is offered beginning Tuesday 24th October at 7pm in the Coop room and continuing for eight weeks. It will be led by Betty Craigie, who has been doing this since 2009.

Grief is the natural response to loss of many kinds. Loss is the universal human experience but there are times when it can overwhelm us. The course follows a well set out series of steps leading to recovery and is designed by the Grief Recovery Institute in California. Unresolved grief is cumulative, sapping energy, resilience and the capacity for joy. We want to help people emerge from this state into the light again.

Logistics: This 8 week session began on Tuesday October 24th. Since Tuesday October 31st will be Hallowe'en we decided for several reasons not to meet then, but to resume on November 7th at 7pm. It is still possible to join the group. Please let Betty know through the office.



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

Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of June and Bill Tye and their son Howard, from Janice and family

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rubina and Hallett Moody, by Dorothy

The flowers at the Font are given to the glory of God and in remembrance and thanks for family, James and Laurie Kidd, Matthew and Bridget Kidd, and Christie (Kidd) and Scott, Adam and Anna Cebula

The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for November/December/January 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: barbcrobinson@gmail.com if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.



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