



Notices January 21st, 2024 - 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Readings for this Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

Next Evensong - January 28th at 4.30pm

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

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 are two slots available for Main Altar flowers on June 30th and October 27th. If you would like to purchase flowers on these dates please contact Cynthia in the office

Christ Church Café - Sunday, January 21 at 9am

Rabbi Ilana Krygier Lapidés will speak about her work from the perspective of a female rabbi. She is a non-denominational full-service Rabbi and educator, meeting people where they are in their Jewish journey with non-judgement, acceptance, and warmth. Her creative, whole-hearted practice focuses on inclusivity for all with focused outreach to the interfaith, unaffiliated, and LGBTQA+ communities. <https://www.rockymountainrabbi.com/>

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

We are pleased to give an update on the resounding success of our parish Outreach Advent Project.

The wishlist for our adopted family from Radiance Society was fulfilled and delivered

A total of \$6300.00 was donated to Inn from the Cold
7 cases of diapers were delivered to Highbank Society
Warm hats, gloves and mens underwear were delivered to the Mustard Seed

Emergency blankets were delivered to Alpha House
Hand and Toe warmers were delivered to the Drop Inn Centre
Each of 6 families that we have directly supported were given a Visa gift card to assist them in celebrating the season.

Thank you for your generous support!

Music Notes (January 18/24)

This Sunday we will sing his "O Sacrum Convivium" by French composer, Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992), and Ralph Vaughan William's "O Taste and See." We sang the latter in the fall, but it is a gem, and the combination of these two pieces in one service makes me chuckle, because Olivier Messiaen experienced a rare neurological crossover condition called "synaesthesia," where people can "taste" colours or, in Messiaen's case, "see" colours when listening to music (some people can even taste music!). The harmonies in "O Sacrum Convivium" are both colourful and complex, but as you know, we do have an amazing choir, and they will present this piece without the benefit of last week's rehearsal, which was cancelled for safety reasons during the depths of the polar-vortex deep-freeze. The translation is:

O sacred feast, in which Christ is received in memory of his passion. The mind is filled with grace, and we are given a promise of future glory. We hope to see you at evensong on January 28th at 4:30 pm, where we will offer "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A" by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), Responses by Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988) and "And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" by Karl Jenkins (b.1944). The latter piece, along with hymn choices, united by the theme of peace.

And I will put a plug in for the UCalgary's concert production of "Venus, Adonis and the Rest of Us," presented by Calgary Renaissance Singers and Players at 7:30 on Saturday, January 20th in the church. I am the artistic director of the CRSP, and we sometimes present concerts by other groups, choosing to showcase and encourage these talented young artists in seldom-heard stage music by English composers John Blow (c.1648-1708) and Henry Purcell (1659-95). Tickets are available at the door.

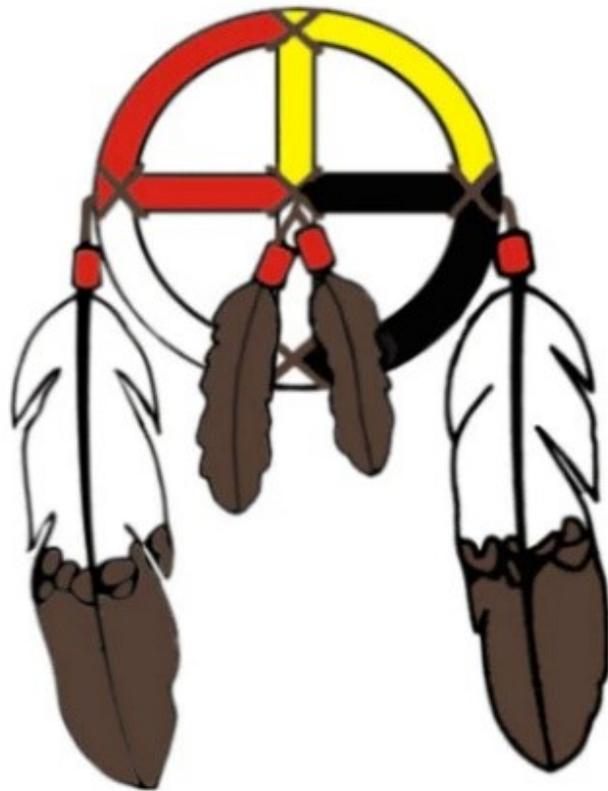
With warm wishes,
Paul

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



RECONCILIATION 102: “Next Steps” Speaker **Mizze Walker**,
2023 Evelyn Henry Reconciliation Scholarship Recipient
January 27, 2024 @ 2:00 - 4:00
P.M.

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Elbow Park
3602 8th Street SW, Calgary, AB

Mizze's ancestry comes from the Peace and Friendship Treaty of the Mi'kmaw First Nations. She has called Treaty 7 and Mohkinstsis (Calgary) home since the summer of 1995. Mizze's mission is to support all Canadians in the journey of reconciliation, so that, "we can walk along this parallel path together." Mizze is presently studying at the University of Calgary with a Major in Indigenous Studies.

Please come with an open heart, open mind, and the willingness to engage in this rich discussion.

Hosted by the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter F, Calgary and Outreach at Christ Church Calgary
RSVP and Information: kachappy@shaw.ca

Stained Glass Windows

With the recent release of Frits Pannekoek and Catherine Evamy's book on our stained glass windows, and coverage on CTV

(<https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/video/c2837141-book-documents-calgary-stained-glass-collection>), you have probably looked up and noticed that there are windows that still do not have stained glass in them.

There is in the oral history of Christ Church a feeling that there are parishioners who have reserved a window for future stained glass. However, despite our searching, we cannot find any record of anyone reserving a window for stained glass.

If you think you have a claim to a window, now is the time to act. In the famous words of the marriage service: speak now, or forever hold your peace.

Windows will be available on a first come, first serve basis.



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

January 21st, 2024 Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for family, the gift of Meredith and Pat Cashion

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 by Helen

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: 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!

Know a friend who'd appreciate getting these emails?

Just forward this to them, and...

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