



Notices March 23rd, 2025 - Lent 3

Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
Next Sunday's Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

March 23rd - Evensong - 4.30pm

Weekly Events at Christ Church

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation
Thursdays 10.30am - Bible Study

Baptism Sunday | April 27, 10:30 am

There is still time to sign up for baptisms. Speak with Brandon or Adam about getting registered and about our upcoming baptism class.

****Room bookings at Christ Church****

Please note that if you are planning any meetings/events at Christ Church, it is imperative that you contact Cynthia in the office first to avoid any conflicts

Thank You

January and February 2025 Tax Receipts

The January and February 2025 tax receipts were sent by email on Thursday. Unfortunately, due to a glitch in the software, they were sent twice, so if you received your tax receipts by email, you will have received two copies of the same thing. Please only use one on your tax returns.

Please make sure you keep these receipts. You can use them on your 2024 tax return or you can hold them to use on your 2025 tax return. This ruling is new this year because the federal government changed the rules for claiming charitable donations for 2024 to include donations made in January and February 2025. This one time change was made to allow for the postal strike in December which may have delayed receipt of donations by charities.

The next tax receipts, to be issued in February 2026, will only include donations made in March through December 2025. They will not include the donations on the tax receipts being issued now. So, keep a copy of the tax receipt issued now.

Please call Deborah Ambrose at 587-439-2211 with any questions.

Revive Spiritual Formation Program

Feel like your prayer life is in a rut?

Feel like you give and give and give to the church and you need to receive?

Looking to deepen your relationship with God?

The Revive Spiritual Formation Program might be for you.

The program runs in three six-week modules over the course of one year,

the first module (Communicating with God) running on **Tuesday evenings this Lent** (March 11 - April 15), the second module (Engaging in Scripture) in the fall and the third module (Called for Ministry) during Lent 2026.

In our sessions this spring we will explore:

- What prayer is and why it can feel hard.
- When God does and doesn't answer prayer
- Meditation and Contemplation
- Our image of God - who is this God we pray to?

And we will try out a number of prayer practices.

Reach out to Brandon to register or if you have any questions.

Introductory video [here](#) (the creator of the program envisioned it for lay leaders in parishes, but it is an excellent program whether you consider yourself a leader or not)

Feasting With the Saints | Friday March 28, 7 pm



As St. Patrick's Day approaches, we couldn't resist bringing him in for our Feasting with the Saints this month. Join us in the Crump Room as we look at the life and legacy of the ancient Irish saint, with themed appetizers and some saintly drinks (I wonder if you can guess which drinks). This casual gathering is a fantastic opportunity to invite your friends to check out Christ Church. For more information contact Adam.

Outreach Update

“Stuff a Basket, Fill a Heart”
40-Day Challenge

Every day during Lent you and your Family can support another Calgary Family leaving domestic violence.

Sign out a Basket in the Loggia!

You will receive a laundry hamper, a list of needed items, and a tax receipt form to include with your receipts.

Return your hamper to the Loggia by Easter Sunday!

If filling a whole basket is too much, you can support with individual items included below.

Highest Need items right now are Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash/Soap and Body Lotion!

Household Ideas (NEW items only)

Twin Bedding* Double Bedding (Gender and Age Neutral)

Shower Curtain/Rug Towels

Dishes, Cutlery, Glassware

Pots and Pans Tupperware

Gift Cards for food and activities (Walmart, Cineplex)

Toiletries Ideas:

Shampoo/Conditioner Body Wash/ Lotion

Feminine Hygiene Products

Toys/Crafts Ideas:*

Scissors, Glue, Tape Construction Paper, Colouring Supplies

Books, Board Games/Puzzles, LEGO's

*Toys and Crafts for teens are often forgotten-please consider teens!

If you are donating Gift cards, please include your name, address for a tax receipt and put them in the Collection plate or take to the Office!

Questions? Contact Solange, solangedunn@gmail.com



Altar Guild

Once again the Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Easter with lilies, hydrangeas and spring flowers. If you would like to help in beautifying the church , and remember a loved one , glorify God or in thanksgiving please let Cynthia know. The cost is \$25.00, a list of memorials and thanksgivings will be published in the bulletin for Easter Sunday.

Palm Crosses



Please join us on Saturday April 12th at 9.30am in the Crump

Room to make palm crosses. We are one of the few congregations still making palm crosses by hand to give out on Palm Sunday. This is an intergenerational event. Instructions are provided as are refreshments. We make 300 crosses for the two services. We welcome all. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and conversation.

History and Archives Update

Prof. Kyle Jantzen, Ambrose University has encouraged me to send this out. His students are focusing on Christ Church this semester.

As you may be aware the History and Archives Committee is offering prizes for the best essay written on Christ Church which closes the end of April. We have three essays already submitted (a total of six), but these are the first to be publicly presented.

The Annual Ambrose Research Conference (ARC) takes place on Wednesday, March 26.

The History 380 students are presenting on their Christ Church Anglican research at 9:00 am. It would be lovely if parish members could attend. The panel on Christ Church is entitled:

Local Church Histories: Christ Church Anglican (Elbow Park)
(Moderator: Dr. Kyle Jantzen)

Emily Eisses, "A History of Women's Organizations at Christ Church Anglican"

Jake Brost, "Faith and Patriotism: Christ Church Anglican and the First World War"

Nathan Snow, "Praise from the Pipes: The Pipe Organ as a Character in Worship at Christ Church Anglican"

Here is the link to register: <https://ambrose.edu/form/register-for-arc>

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

March 23rd, 2025 Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter Chapman and Craig Chapman, the gift of Paul and Kathy Chapman

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew and Margaret Robson by the family

The flowers at the Font are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Munro Parry, from her friends

The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for February, March and 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](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 Alicia Hampshire, Adam Bedford 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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