



Notices March 16th, 2025 - Lent 2

Readings for this Sunday: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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.

If your receipt is to be printed and mailed, it will be available in the Narthex on Sunday. If it is not picked up on Sunday, it will be mailed on Monday.

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.

Stewardship Communication

Please follow the link to view the financial update [Click here](#)

Christ Church Café - March 16th at 9am - Crump Room

Fritz Pannekoek will be presenting The New Alberta History and how Christ Church fits into the innovation theme.

Please come and bring a friend. Breakfast snacks will be available

March Youth Group

It's Amazing Race Christ Church Edition!

Test your skill and wits in this fun challenge and scavenger hunt.

Teams of parents and youth will be assembled to overcome three fun and wacky challenges to earn riddle cards in search of important items. These items will be assembled to reveal a wondrous prize!

Be prepared to Pop! Wriggle! Chomp! And have fun!

Parents are welcome too.

March 14, 6:30pm in the Lower Hall

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 on Shrove Tuesday at the Pancake Supper! If you cannot make the Pancake Supper, you can pick up an empty 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 such as:

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!



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.



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

March 16th, 2025 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 Donald MacDougall, given by Barbara

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

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: barberobinson@gmail.com if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.

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