



Notices February 11th, 2024 - Transfiguration

Readings for this Sunday: 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

Ash Wednesday - February 14th - 11am and 7.30pm

The blessing of the new Memorial Remembrance Book is delayed. A new date will be announced in the coming weeks

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

New Office hours

Please note that the new office hours will be

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm

Friday 9am to 2pm

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.

Lenten Study

Tuesdays at 6:30pm - February 27, March 5, 12, 19
Join Rev. Brandon for an exploration of the spiritual life
as we dig into the practices and beliefs that shape us to
follow in the way of Christ.

Quarterly Financial Update

"For the 6 months ended December 31 2023, offerings continue to fall behind budget. Designated donations are behind budget, mostly due to timing of receipt of History & Archives grants. These grants are still expected and this revenue source should catch up in the rest of the year. Two bequests have come in sooner than budgeted but the total expected for the year has not changed. Expenses are being very closely monitored and are slightly less than budgeted. For the first 6 months, a slight deficit was incurred, better than budget.

Looking forward to year end, if donations come in on budget, which they haven't so far, we would expect a \$16,000 shortfall in revenues. On the other hand, some significant expenses are yet to be incurred and our rolling forecast shows expenses coming in over \$23,000 higher than budgeted. As a result, our deficit for the year is forecast to be just over \$46,000, much worse than budget. As the year progresses, all efforts will continue to be made to control expenses and to find ways of offsetting this significant forecast deficit."

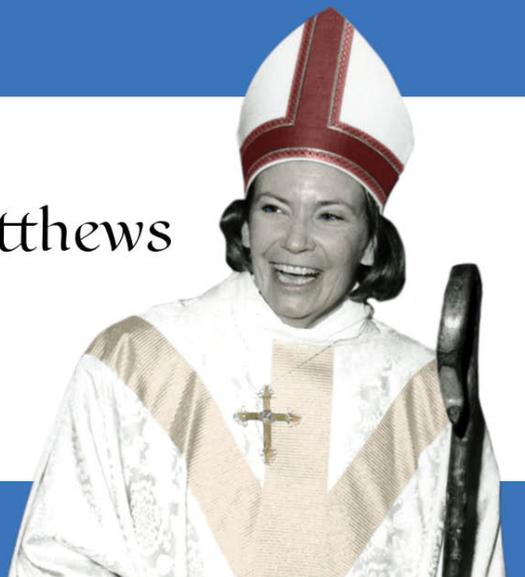
The Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Elbow Park

6 Month 2023 - 2024 Results

	6 Month 2023/24 Actual	6 Month 2023/24 Budget	Full Year 2023/24 Forecast	Full Year 2023/24 Budget
REVENUE				
Offerings	404,943	416,656	748,117	759,827
Designated Donations & Fund Transfers	32,249	51,236	68,509	76,203
Diocese Donation	2,000		5,000	
Bequests Received	30,004		40,004	40,000
Endowment Tr./Rectory Tr. Fund Income	24		71,024	71,000
Rental Income	21,627	25,534	49,611	51,864
TOTAL REVENUE	490,847	493,426	982,265	998,894
EXPENSES				
Controllable Expenses				
Personnel	213,544	213,474	461,117	432,695
Facilities	88,711	88,248	190,251	190,652
Office & Administration	28,590	24,124	58,336	51,870
Worship Committee	7,514	6,760	17,252	16,497
Music Committee	20,227	20,085	46,532	46,390
Christian Education	28,990	35,362	36,462	42,830
Pastoral Care	1,693	2,052	2,995	4,104
Stewardship	734	5,050	734	5,050
Hospitality	2,680	5,275	4,830	7,425
Total Controllable Expenses	392,685	400,430	818,510	797,514
Diocesan Apportionment	76,016	73,242	152,407	150,144
TOTAL EXPENSES	468,701	473,672	970,917	947,658
SURPLUS/DEFICIT PRIOR TO TRANSFERS	22,145	19,754	11,348	51,236
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS				
Outreach	6,944	8,748	17,504	17,500
Property Preservation Fund	20,000	20,000	40,000	40,000
Endowment Trust	0	0	0	0
TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	26,944	28,748	57,504	57,500
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(4,799)	(8,994)	(46,156)	(6,264)
OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT, beginning of year	334	334	334	334
OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(4,465)	(8,660)	(5,930)	(5,930)

Honouring Bishop Victoria Matthews

and celebrating women in
episcopal ministry



ONLINE CONFERENCE
on FEBRUARY 26, 2024

Join us in honoring the 30th anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Victoria Matthews, the first woman to be ordained bishop in the Anglican Church of Canada. In an interactive webinar on Monday February 26, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Eastern Time, we will hear from a panel of women bishops about the joys and challenges of their ministry and their dreams for women in episcopal leadership. There will also be opportunities to reflect and ask questions.

Our panelists will be:

- Bishop Victoria Matthews, episcopal administrator with the Diocese of Moosonee, who has served as suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Toronto, as Bishop of Edmonton in Alberta and as Bishop of Christchurch in New Zealand
- Bishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London, England
- Bishop Riscylla Shaw, suffragan bishop, Diocese of Toronto
- Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, Archbishop of Perth, Anglican Church of Australia

[Register now on Zoom](#)

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

Springtime Care and Wear

Outreach at Christ Church is launching a Lenten initiative to help out the students at Glenbrook Elementary School. This K-6 CBE school has a large population of students from all over the world who are at various stages of “fitting in” to life in a SW Calgary school. We have provided gift cards, clothing and shoes for them in the past and this year the need is greatest for:

Grocery/gas gift cards at Safeway and Co-Op
Indoor running shoes
Jogging/stretchy pants
Spring Jackets.

Please follow this link **Click** to sign up and see size details or the table in the loggia.

Letter from Inn from the Cold

Dear members of Christ Church,

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of everyone at Inn from the Cold and the families we serve, I want to thank you for your generous combined donation of \$6100.00 during Advent.

Your generosity is making a meaningful impact in providing wraparound support to families. Thanks to your contribution, we can continue to work towards a community where every child and family has a safe and stable place to call home.

Your kindness has touched the lives of many, creating a ripple effect of hope and positivity within our community. We are truly grateful for partners like you who share our commitment to making a difference.

Because of compassionate individuals like you, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of those seeking refuge at Inn from the Cold.

Thank you once again for your support!

Warm regards,
Sabrina

Music Notes for February 9/24

I apologize for not posting these notes as regularly as I'd like, so would like to begin with a quick look back to last Sunday's music. The anthem was Franz Joseph Haydn's "The Heavens are Telling," a particularly exuberant chorus from his best-known oratorio, *The Creation* (1798), which takes us musically through the biblical story of creation found in Genesis. Haydn (1732-1809) was an Austrian composer of the Classical Period, who is known for his large output of instrumental and orchestral music. Most of this music was written in the service of the wealthy Esterhazy family in what is now Eisenstadt, Germany. An influential musician, he was a friend and mentor of Mozart and one of Beethoven's teachers. The motet was "Angel Voices ever Singing" by Dmitry Bortniansky (1751-1825), also known as his "Cherubic Hymn." Bortniansky was a Russian Imperial composer of Ukrainian Cossack descent who worked in the court of Catherine the Great. Another influential musician, he is claimed today by both Russia and Ukraine.

This Sunday we will present "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings" from the German Requiem by Romantic composer, Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). I have very fond memories of directing "The London Version" of Brahms' Requiem in a collaboration involving the choirs of Christ Church and Knox Presbyterian some years ago. The London Version is in English, with two pianists instead of the original German version with full orchestra. The motet will be "Be Thou my Vision" by English composer Bob Chilcott (b.1955). Bob is a bit of a rock star of British choral music, having also been a longtime member of "The King's Singers." We will return to the Community Mass by John Barnard, which is hopefully starting to become familiar to our congregation. We invite you to join us in singing the music printed in the service bulletin.

Sincerely,
Paul Grindlay
Music Director

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

1946 Film Screening Event

We would like to invite you to a local screening of the film documentary "1946" about how the word "homosexual" came to be in the English Bible for the first time in 1946. Free registration is required at the qr code link below. Complementary pizza and refreshments will be provided. We invite you to bring a pie to share, if you wish, as this is our super early version of a P.I.E. Sunday event! (P.I.E. stands for being public, intentional and explicit in our welcome of queer folks.) We hope you will join us to share this film, pizza, desserts, and conversation together!

This event is on Feb 11 at 5:30-8pm at 4612 Varsity Dr NW and is co-hosted by The Road Church and Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church with the support of [The Hesed Project](#).

1946 film trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJnWNnRfjhs>

Please feel free to share this invitation and to bring a friend!

NOTE: We recommend this event for ages 13+. Currently, our small congregations do not have the personnel resources to offer child-minding during this event. If there are any faith spaces with vetted volunteers that feel inspired to collaborate with us by supplying child-minding volunteers, we would welcome a conversation (email jess@theroadchurch.ca) in order to make this event more widely accessible.



LOST AND FOUND

In case many of you are not aware we have a lost and found cupboard in the Narthex that is clearly marked. . If you think you may have lost any of your personal items, please feel free to go through and check. We will also make it a point to display lost items on a table every month or so in case people forget.



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

February 11th, 2024 Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God

and in loving memory of Bill
and Ruth Kennedy from Bill,
Kit, William and Wendy

The flowers at the Chapel are
given to the glory of God and in
loving memory of Christine
from Janice Dicken and Frits
Pannekoek

The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for February/March/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 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")

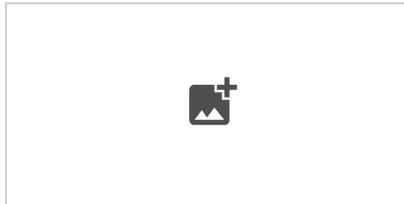
Each of our shawls , handmade by the members of this ministry includes the
prayers of the shawl maker as it is made, receives a special blessing, then is
available to be given to offer peace, and comfort to someone in need. Shawls
are always available here. Please contact Cynthia at the office: 403-243-
4680, or Barbara Robinson: barbrobinson@gmail.com if you know of
someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.



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