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## Notices for January 8, 2023 - First Sunday after Epiphany

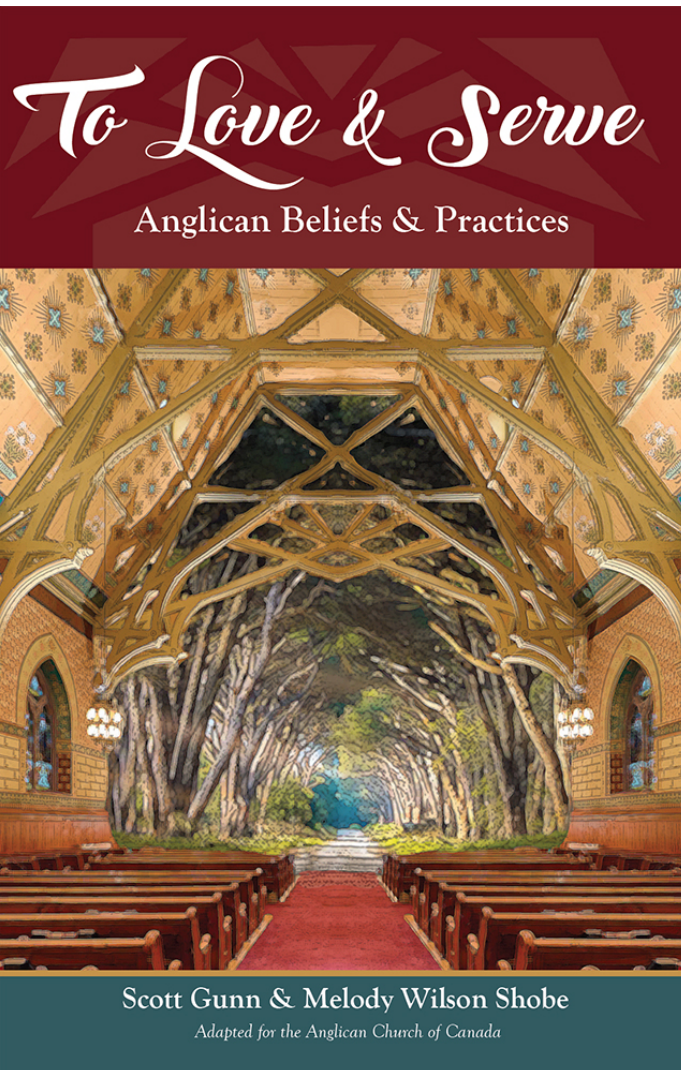
Readings for this Sunday: Matthew 3:1-17 - Jesus' Baptism: Matthew  
Next Sunday's Readings: Matthew 4:1-17 - Tempted in the Wilderness

**Sunday Services: 8am, 10.30am**

**Evensong - January 22nd at 4.30pm**

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**Adult Confirmation and Baptism - Anglican 101 Class**



Scott Gunn & Melody Wilson Shobe  
*Adapted for the Anglican Church of Canada*



Baptism is a rite of initiation into the faith and into the church - a beginning rather than a destination. While we most often see children and infants baptized, adult baptism is considered a normative practice in the church.

Confirmation is a mature affirmation of the vows made at our baptism and a commitment to try, with God's help, to live those promises. It can be a way to mark a season of particular spiritual growth.

**Anglican 101 classes are open to all, whether you want to be baptised or confirmed or not.**

**Classes will be held between Sunday services from 9-10am Dates: Jan. 29, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, Mar. 12, Mar. 26, Apr. 23**

Class will draw on the new book To Love & Serve

Click here for more info: <https://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/2635/to-love-and-serve.aspx>

If you would like to order a copy of the book, contact the office. We can get a discount on bulk orders.

If you are interested in being baptized or confirmed, please contact Rev. Brandon:

[brandon@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:brandon@christchurchcalgary.org)

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Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining"!

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## Outreach

Thank you for all your generosity during our Advent Project for Sonshine Family Services, Highbanks Society and Glenbrook School. All deliveries have been made and we received heartfelt thanks from each group. You have helped to make Christmas special for many families. Together we make such a difference in the lives of others.

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### New Assistant Priest on the Way

We look forward to welcoming our new part time Assistant, Adam Bedford, on January 16,



2023. Please pray for Adam as he prepares to begin ministry with us. He will be ordained a priest early in February.

Here is Adam's bio:

Adam is an ordained deacon in the Anglican Church of Canada and a full-time chaplain to individuals living in addiction and homelessness in downtown Calgary.

A born and raised Brit, Adam moved to Canada in 2014 following three years serving vulnerable communities in sub-Saharan Africa. Adam married his wife Emily in 2015 and they had their daughter, Maggie, in 2019. He's passionate about Jesus, justice, liturgy, and his dachshund, Wilbur.



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## Flower Memorials

Parishioners have been generously supporting the flower ministry for many years. It has been quite some time since we have had to adjust the cost of contributions for the memorial flowers in the chancel and on the chapel altar and baptismal font.

Rising costs dictate that we must increase the requested donations for the flowers, in order to maintain an appealing arrangement for each space.

Beginning January 1, 2023 the altar flowers will be \$125, the chapel flowers \$75 and the font flowers \$ 55.

We appreciate your understanding as we try to maintain quality without undue increases in the cost to parishioners arranging a floral memorial.

If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact Cynthia at the Church office and she will connect you to the flower coordinator.

Christ Church Altar Guild



And a voice from heaven said,  
"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."  
Matthew 3:17



*Saturday, January 7, 2023*

*The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer in the Diocese of Calgary invites you to join Jesus on his journey from Galilee to the Jordan River.*

*Beloved of God*

*A Day of Expectation, Hope, & Renewal*

Prayer: Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism and be disciples of the Anointed One. Amen.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023**

- 1) 9:30am - Registration & Refreshments
- 2) 10:00am-Noon - Worship, Discipleship Study, Sharing, and Prayer
- 3) Noon - 1:00pm - Lunch (freewill offering)
- 4) 1:00-3:30 - Worship; Healing Prayer; Holy Eucharist with Baptismal Renewal

Location: Holy Cross Anglican Parish 2828 19 Street NW Calgary AB T2M 3V8

Registration: [afpfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:afpfellowship@gmail.com)

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### **Weekly Events at Christ Church**

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel



Wednesdays 1pm - Seniors' Bridge & Other Games  
Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation  
Thursdays 10:30am - Bible Study - **Bible study resumes Jan. 19**

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## *The FCJ Centre*

### Upcoming Programs and Retreats

Vespers: Uncommon Prayers for Uncommon People. More information can be found [here](#).

January 11 – Silentio, contemplative prayer

February 8 – Taizé, musical prayers

March 8 – Stations of the cross, praying and walking with Jesus

April 12 – Mandalas, drawing prayers

May 10 – Labyrinth, walking prayer

June 14 – Eco Divina – praying in nature

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### **Ways to Give**

**There are several options for you to send your gifts :**

**Giving envelopes:** contact us to obtain yours

**Annual Pledge Form:** contact us or visit [christchurchcalgary.org](http://christchurchcalgary.org)

**eTransfer** to: [treasurer@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:treasurer@christchurchcalgary.org)

Please note: No password or security question is required

Add your name and any designation for your donation in the Memo/Notes area when you create the eTransfer.

**Credit/Debit Online** with <https://pushpay.com/g/christchurchcalgary>

Text the message 'Pushpay' to phone #77977

**Thank you for your support!!!**

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## *Flower Memorials*

*The flowers at the  
Altar are given to  
the glory of God and  
in loving memory of  
Gerald and Doris*



Poland by Michael,  
Carol, Rosamund  
and Bridget

The flowers at the  
Font are given to  
the glory of God and  
in Thanksgiving for  
the life of Rubina  
Moody, blessings for  
family and friends,  
from Dorothy and  
Myrna



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## The Power of Prayer

### Forward Day by Day

**Prayer books for November/December/January~No longer available**

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

Every Thursday morning 11 am Mtn time. Meet and hear from some of our



partners around the world, staff members and folk from churches across the country.

Email Kim Umbach to join. [kumbach@pwrdf.org](mailto:kumbach@pwrdf.org)

### **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](mailto:barbrobinson@gmail.com) if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.

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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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