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## Notices for September 10th, 2023 - Pentecost 15

Readings for this Sunday: Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20  
Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 14:19-31; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew: 18:21-35

### Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

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Dear Friends,

Here we are in September and the beginning of a new program-year at Christ Church. I hope you all found space for play and refreshment over the summer.

Many of our ministries are re-launching after a summer break, and others that kept going through the summer will have an injection of new life as people return from holidays to a consistent schedule.

This Sunday is our Rally Sunday where we bless backpacks for our kids as they return to school, and our Choir returns. Thank you to our soloists and organists whose offerings enriched our worship through the summer.

We are very excited to welcome our new Director of Music, Paul Grindlay. We were expecting to welcome Jim Picken as a co-Director of Music with Paul, but after a time of reflection, and recognizing that Christ Church has two fine organists in Colin Redekop and John Bouz, Jim (himself an organist) felt that his gifts could be put to better use elsewhere, and has decided to offer his service in a church where there is a greater need. We are sorry not to have Jim with us, but we are excited for the gifts, expertise, and passion Paul brings. Paul will be commissioned at the 10:30am service.

You will see a notice below about a celebration for Margie Newman, our outgoing Director of Music. We cannot say enough how grateful we are for her ministry.

As we look forward to what lies ahead this year, the Doxology that we say together at the end of every service keeps resonating in my soul:

*Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Yours in Christ,  
Brandon+

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### Weekly Events at Christ Church

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation in the Sitting Room

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The Diocese Office is writing regarding assisting two situations where housing is needed:

### **Situation #1**

We have an Anglican Dominican who has been evacuated from Yellowknife with his wife and baby to Calgary. They are in need of somewhere to stay for a few weeks. Would you reach out to your contacts to see if anyone in your parish may have somewhere they could stay? The office would put whomever it is in touch with this person once we have some possibilities.

### **Situation #2**

Secondly the Rev. Daniel Joseph is really struggling to find a rental for he and his wife. She is suffering from stage 4 cancer and the need is for a main level location with few stairs and for it to be within 5-10 minutes of an Emergency Department.

- He has already moved twice since being here.
- He is currently living in a visiting room (one room and bathroom) in one of our clergy's condos. That only lasts until end of September. If there is anyone you know who knows someone this situation is pretty critical. Rental needed Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you would kindly fan out this request to anyone who may have a rental property/spare space, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

*Pilar+*

*The Ven. Dr. Pilar Gateman*

Executive Officer

Archdeacon of Calgary

Phone: 587-320-1342 (direct line)

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## **Rally Sunday - September 10**

Kids, bring your backpacks!!!

**As we return from summer vacations we Kick off the new program year at Christ Church on Rally Sunday with a blessing of the backpacks for our kids going back to school and a ministry fair in the Crump Room following the 10:30am service where you can learn about all of our various ministries and find ways to get involved in the worship, fellowship and mission Christ has called us to.**

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## **Annual General Meeting**

**NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be**



held on the 17th day of September, 2023, at 12 o'clock PM, in the Crump Room at which time all baptized persons regularly attending Services of worship in this Parish and receiving communion or otherwise regularly receiving the administrations of the clergy of this Parish are entitled to attend. DATED this 25th day of August, 2023.

A light lunch will be provided.

- Rev. Brandon Witwer

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## Bible Study resumes September 14th

Join us for our Fall relaunch of Bible Study, Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Crump Room. We will have an introductory get together on the 14<sup>th</sup> and then on September 21<sup>st</sup> we begin a four-week study called *Philippians: Living With Limits*. We will explore Paul's joyous and hopeful letter to the church in Philippi, written from a prison cell.

Just like for Paul, we will discover how the limits that we struggle with in our own lives are not a hindrance to our calling in Christ, but actually the place in which that calling is lived out. No registration required. Email Adam for more information.

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Messy Church is a revolutionary event for families of all ages first started in the UK in 2004. Hosted in the Crump Room the first Saturday of each month, we at Christ Church continue its tradition and invitation: to play, to celebrate life & God, and to be family to new people as we have a meal (when did we last sit together at the dinner table?). No church experience is required, every age and body is welcome.

*..and the point is to invite someone who has not experienced God's playfulness and love or Messy Church before. Please challenge yourself to invite those around you!*

Messy Church will be on Saturday, September 9, 4:00-6:00pm. Future Dates: Oct. 7, Nov. 4

We need YOUR help. Sign up to cook, decorate, stack chairs, or lead an activity (who's bringing the karaoke machine?) Let our family ministry pastor know you're interested by emailing him at [gary@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:gary@christchurchcalgary.org)

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Come celebrate with us

Mark your calendars! Sunday October 29, 2023.  
12:00-3:00 pm.

We will be holding a Celebration lunch to honour  
53 years of musical service by Margie Newman.  
The event will be held directly after the 10:30  
service in our Parish Hall.  
This is a family friendly event. Lunch will be  
served.



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## Outreach Update

The Outreach Network will meet on Tuesday Sept 12 at 3:30 pm in the Crump Room. We meet socially at 3:30 pm and then begin our meeting at 4:00 pm sharp. All are welcome to join us.

Pressure on the resources of the Food Bank continue to be intense. Their wish list includes baby formula, nut free snack items, canned meat and toys



for birthday bags. Monetary donations are always welcome as a donation of \$1 has the purchase power of \$3.50 in food items. You can contribute online, by phone, mail or in person. Food items brought to the church will be delivered to the Food Bank.

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**From the Belfry - Can you help us please?**

With so many new ringers in the tower we would like to be able to silence one of the bells to use as a teaching tool. In order to do this, we require a Windows 10 laptop.

If anyone has one to donate to the Belfry it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Ruth at 403-239-1070 or email [rmlund@telusplanet.net](mailto:rmlund@telusplanet.net)

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**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 Forbes Newman from the family*

*The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roy, Beverley and*



# Andrew Bushell, by Cheyne Parkinson and family

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## The Power of Prayer

### Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for August/September/October 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](mailto: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](mailto:barbcrobinson@gmail.com) if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.



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