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## **Notices for August 27th, 2023 - Pentecost 13**

Readings for this Sunday: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20  
Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

**Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am**

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**Please note that the office will be closed on Monday September 4th for Labor Day**

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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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### **Rally Sunday - September 10**

**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.  
- Rev. Brandon Witwer**

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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 one another 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.

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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**Praying together: Strength amidst fire**  
with Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls  
Sunday, August 27, 5pm

[Please click here](#)

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## Outreach Update

### Gratitude

New jobs, driving lessons and licenses. Stampede jobs and volunteering, counselling and one home purchase.

We continue to be in close contact with our families who have had a good summer with lots of positive opportunities and news.

Our next Outreach meeting will be mid September. If you are interested in assisting with this fulfilling work please contact [outreachcc@shaw.ca](mailto:outreachcc@shaw.ca)

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**5th annual Citywide Pride Gathering!**



## Pride Parade

Christ Church, as a member of the Affirming Network of Faith Communities, has been accepted as a participant in the Pride Parade Sunday, September 3rd. If you would like to walk with other members of Christ Church and other affirming faith groups please contact Brandon for more details at [brandon@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:brandon@christchurchcalgary.org)

Affirming Connections and the Affirming Network of Calgary present:

# Citywide Pride

An Interfaith Gathering

Special Guest  
**Emmet Michael**

**AUG 27**  
7pm  
Sunday

@ Beth Tzedec  
Congregation  
Calgary

A stylized illustration of a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is holding a light blue gift box with a pink and white striped ribbon. He has a thoughtful expression, with his hand resting on his chin. The background consists of vertical stripes in various colors: purple, pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.

Affirming Connections and Calgary's Network of Affirming Faith Communities warmly invite you and your community to the 5th annual Citywide Pride Gathering!

Join us for interfaith reflections, celebrations of queer identities, with storytelling and music from Edmonton based singer-songwriter Emmet Michael!

Emmet Michael is a musician who was built on his trials. Turning to music in his darkest times, he found solace in his ability to share his heart with others through his lyrics.



Drawing on his experience of embracing his transgender identity, living with mental illness, and battling addiction, his songs carry a tone of desperation and sorrow. With soulful melodies and heart wrenching lyrics, his music conveys a message that is both powerful and vulnerable.

Hosted at the beautiful Beth Tzedec Congregation in Calgary and streamed live online for anyone to join us.

Join our Facebook event [Event](#)

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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  
remembering those whom I have  
loved by Ruth Sigurdson*



*The flowers at the Chapel are given  
to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of Katherine Shaddick by  
Carolyn Lee*

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

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