# Living Waters

## *December/January*

St. Paul's Anglican Church

*Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace*


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# St. Paul's Information



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## Sunday service

**Our 10 a.m. Sunday Services can be shared in-person or online (live streamed on our website and YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCldxfHv5pFYST--j8as1GVg)**
**To access Services on our website, please click on the Sermon tab in the top right-hand corner of the home page).**

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Ingrid Bolton

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### Worship Ministries
**Soundboard** - Murray Skyes
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**Sidespeople** – Suzanne Wray
**Prayer Team** – Dinah Breu
**Envelope Secretary** – Debra Brisbin
**Counters**— Roxie Hall

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**Greeters** – Roxie Hall
**Coffee Time** – Hospitality
**Ladies' Luncheon** - Gloria Ford
**Men's Breakfast** - Paul Bourgeois
**Secret Friends** – Julie Wilson

### Christian Education
**Nursery** - Vacant
**Youth** - Cheryl Scott
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**Sunday School Co-ordinator** – Onyinye Oyeka

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**Pastoral Care Team** – Betty Nadurak
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**Home Visiting** – Clergy & Pastoral Care Team
**Casserole Ministry** – vacant
**Prayer Group** – Dinah Breu
**Prayer Chain** – Dinah Breu
**Father Lacombe Care Centre Sunday Eucharist**—Kathleen Robinson
**Card Ministry** – Pauline Payne
**Grief Support Group** – Laura Anne Fink
**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Laura Anne Fink

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**Outreach Committee** – John L'Ecuyer
(Age Care Seton, Food Bank, CAWST, Mainsprings, Veteran Association Food Bank etc.
**Living Waters** – Chizoba Ezeani

**Traditional Land Acknowledgement: Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.**



The Rev'd Tony Hilling

## INCUMBENT'S MESSAGE

# CHRISTMAS CAROL

Christmas carols are some of the best vehicles for expressing the Gospel. One of my favourites is Christina Rossetti's "In the Bleak Mid Winter." I would like to comment on these beautiful lines.

***"In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,***
***Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;***
***Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,***
***In the bleak midwinter, long ago."***

She writes with such profound simplicity of the Fall of humanity, seen in ice, cold stone and iron. This has spoken to me strongly in the past, as a student in north England, in a junior seminary. We had there a boys' choir: soprano, alto, tenor and bass. And we would go out to hospitals during the pre-Christmas season, singing of our Saviour in the local hospitals. This statement of the coldness and enduring hardness of sin haunted me even as a young person.

***"Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;***
***Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.***
***In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed***
***The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ."***

Yet the remedy comes with such power. In my boy's eyes and mind, I saw this first line of the stanza as meaning that the angels and Old Testament saints were trying to stop Jesus from becoming a man; because of what we sinners would do to Him. I took "hold" as indicating hold back. The poet is actually saying that neither earth of heaven could contain such a Godhead.

***"Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,***
***Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;***
***Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,***
***The ox and ass and camel which adore."***

This is the only stanza that I had not read; Rossetti seems to be meditating on the traditional statues in the crib or creche.

***"Angels and archangels may have gathered there,***
***Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;***
***But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,***
***Worshipped the beloved with a kiss."***

Then Rossetti seems to comment on what she cannot see: angels all surrounding, and his mother giving the new born Saviour a worshiping kiss.

***"What can I give Him, poor as I am?***
***If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;***
***If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;***
***Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart."***

And the last stanza is the clincher. She clearly expresses her faith as an evangelical. Ultimately, the only present we can give our Saviour, whether it be at Christmas or any other time of the year, is our heart.

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*Fr. Tony*









# FUN-raising

## ... there was winter greenery, a silent auction, tea & treats, a bake sale and more













**That tower of treats, above, was as good as it looks. It was a busy day on Saturday, Nov. 21, with people picking up winter greenery orders, stopping for in a festive tea, checking out the bake sale table, and of course bidding on the silent auction. Thank you to Abby and her wonderful volunteers for making it all happen.**




# Thank you to SILENT AUCTION DONORS
# Winter Tea & Christmas Fundraiser 2026

## WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE, WE RECOGNIZE OUR GENEROUS DONORS

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Your generosity makes a difference! Thank you for supporting our church & wider community.
May God bless you abundantly! St. Paul's Anglican Church Hospitality Group.




# Ladies CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Please sign up:** See the list in the hall or RSVP to Julie by November 29 at
403 630-1533
or by email at jthompsonwilson@shaw.ca

**Potluck Dinner:**
Please sign up on the list in the parish hall to let Julie know if you are bringing either a Savoury or Sweet dish.

**Gift Exchange:** Please bring a wrapped "Christmas Themed" gift. $25 limit. Need ideas? Christmas Markets & Craft Fairs. Shop Local. *(Participation Optional.)*

**Secret Friends:** If you'd like to be a Secret Friend, please fill out a form and bring it to the party. Forms available at the Church or by email from Julie.

# What is the Secret Friend Ministry?

*St. Paul's Secret Friend Ministry is open to all women of our parish. It is designed to bring the women closer together through the blessings of a "Secret Friend."*
*A secret friend will take time to try and get to know their new secret friend. They will lift them up in prayer and bless them with regular correspondence and perhaps a small gift for special occasions, all secretly, of course.*
*The Secret Friend reveal and choosing of a new Secret Friend for the following year will take place at our annual Ladies Christmas Party.*

*This year's party is on Thursday, Dec. 3rd.*
*All the women of our parish are invited.*
*You do not have to be a Secret Friend to attend. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Julie by Sunday, Nov. 29th.*
*We look forward to another wonderful year of Secret Blessings!*
*For more information and to receive a Secret Friend Questionnaire form, please contact Julie Wilson at 403 630-1533 or by email at jthompsonwilson@shaw.ca.*

# St. Paul's Christmas Dinner

## Saturday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m.



Enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings and some additional surprises. See Abby for tickets.

**Tickets: $15 age 13 and over**
**$10 for age 12 and under.**

## Talent show & carols – open to all

There will be Christmas carols & a talent show starting at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. You do not need dinner tickets to attend the entertainment.

Sign up for the talent show in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed for the dinner. Please sign up to help out in the parish hall.

# Roster for Services (10 a.m. unless noted otherwise)

| DATE | OBSERVATION | PRESIDING | PREACHING | ASSISTING | SPECIAL THEMES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. 6 | 2nd Sunday of Advent | Tony | Tony | Betty | Birthdays & anniversaries<br>BCP rites |
| Dec. 13 | 3rd Sunday of Advent | Tony | Tony | Betty | BCP rites |
| Dec. 20 | 4th Sunday of Advent | Tony | Tony | Betty | Lessons & Carols + Pageant |
| Dec. 20 | Lessons & Carols | Betty | Betty | Betty | @ the Midnapore Chapel |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve 6 p.m. | Bishop Greg | Bishop Greg | Betty | 15 minutes of carols pre service |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve 10 p.m. | Tony | Tony | Betty | 15 minutes of carols pre service |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas Day 10 a.m. | Tony | Tony | Betty | |
| Dec. 27 | 1st Sunday after Christmas | Tony | Tony | Betty | No Sunday School<br>12 Days of Christmas Song |
| Jan. 3 | 2nd Sunday after Christmas | Tony | Tony | Betty | Birthdays & Anniversaries |
| Jan. 10 | The Baptism of the Lord | Tony | Tony | Tony | AMP announcement |
| Jan. 17 | 2nd Second after the Epiphany | Tony | Tony | Betty | AMP announcement |
| Jan. 24 | 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany | Sean | Sean | Betty | AMP after Service |
| Jan. 31 | 4th Sunday after the Epiphany | Tony | Tony | Betty | Traditional BCP rite |



# UPCOMING EVENTS




**Advent Devotionals:** The booklets are available at both the North or South entrance. Please take only one per family.

**Ladies Christmas Party:** The fun begins at 6 p.m. on **Dec. 3** with a potluck, games and karaoke. All ladies are welcome. There is an optional gift exchange. See Page 4 for information on the Secret Friends Ministry.

**Blue Christmas:** A time of sharing and support will be held Saturday, **Dec. 5 at 1 p.m.** for anyone feeling a sense of loss.

**Prayer & Praise:** A time of prayer and praise will be held on Saturday, **Dec. 5 & Jan. 30 from 7 – 8 p.m.** led by Father Tony.

**Christmas Dinner:** A traditional Christmas dinner will be held **Dec. 12**. Doors open at 5 p.m. Christmas carols & talent show begin at 7 p.m. You do not need a dinner ticket to attend the entertainment. Volunteers are needed for the talent show as well as before, during and after the dinner. See signup sheets in the Parish Hall. See Abby for tickets.

**Hand Chimes Perform**: There will be preservice music by the Hand Chimes on **Dec. 13** starting at 9:30 a.m. and then again on **Dec. 24** prior to the 5:45 p.m. carol sing.



**Angel Tree Christmas:** Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program helps kids with a parent in jail get a Christmas gift from their mom or dad. Help put a gift under each child's tree. Donate by e-transfer (add "Angel Tree" in comments), or help shop, wrap or deliver gifts. Sign up in the parish hall or see Brenda.

**Emotional Support Chickens:** To get one of these knitted comfort companions from the St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry, please see Laura Anne, but please first confirm the recipient would like to receive it.

**AMP Reports:** All ministry leaders should prepare and submit a report in preparation for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Please email reports to the parish office on or before **Jan. 6**.

**Notice of Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held in the parish hall on Sunday, **Jan. 24**, after the 10 a.m. service. Lunch will be served to those attending.

**Living Waters: Jan. 20** is the February/March issue deadline. Submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca

**Men's Breakfast:** This group next meets **Jan. 16** at St. Paul's at 8:30 a.m. Men 13+ are invited to join great food and fellowship.

**Ladies' Luncheon:** The next date is Saturday, **Jan. 23** at 11:20 p.m. Bring your own lunch. The theme is names and their meaning.



**2027 Canadian Church calendars:** Calendars are available for $8 (cash) in the parish hall.

**Coffee House:** The St. Paul's Stringers Coffee House will be Friday, **Jan. 15** at 7 p.m. Come enjoy our own house band, open mic and snacks. This is a family friendly event.

**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Time. The preference is to simply provide cookies. The focus is spending time together as a parish family.

**Christian Education:** St. Paul's has three weekly Bible studies: Wednesdays in-person at 10:30 a.m.; Foundation Bible Class in-person Wednesdays 7 – 8 p.m., and Thursdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

**Walking Group:** Join this group for a walk on Mondays at **1 p.m.** through a local park. Group will be cancelled if temperature is below -15C. See a schedule of locations on the website under Events.

## Christmas Services

**Dec. 20 10 a.m. Lessons & Carols & Children's Pageant**

**Dec. 24 6 p.m. Christmas Eve 1st Service**

(pre-service carols begin at 5:45 p.m.)

**Dec. 24 10 p.m. - Christmas Eve 2nd Service**

(pre-service carols begin at 9:45 p.m.)

**Dec. 25 10 a.m. - Christmas Day Service**

# Regular Activities at St. Paul's:

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| **Sunday** | **Holy Eucharist:** 10 a.m.<br>**Hand Chimes Practice:** 11:30 –12:30 p.m.<br>**Word to World Ministries Canada:** 2 - 3 p.m.<br>**Philippines Independent Church (IFI):** 4 p.m. |
| **Monday** | **Walking Group:** 1 p.m. (see the St. Paul's website under Events for locations)<br>**Trex/Girl Guides:** 6:30 – 8 p.m.<br>**St. Paul's Stringers Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m.<br>**Prayer Group - meetings** held both in person and online: 1:30 p.m. (2nd Monday of the month in-person) 7:30 p.m. (4th Mondays of the month via Zoom) |
| **Tuesday** | **Girl Guides:** 6:30 – 8 p.m.<br>**Parish Council:** 7 p.m. (usually 2nd Tuesday of the month) **(Next date is Dec. 8).** |
| **Wednesday** | **Morning Prayer:** 9:30 a.m.<br>**Morning Bible Study:** 10:30 a.m.<br>**Hunger for Healing:** 11:30 a.m. (in the Chapel)<br>**Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 p.m.** (1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month)<br>**Foundation Bible Class:** 7 p.m. in-person.<br>**Choir Practice: 7 p.m.** If you'd like to join Choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois. |
| **Thursday** | **Grief Support Group:** (See Laura Anne if you are interested.)<br>**TOPS (Taking off Pounds Sensibly):** 6:00 p.m.<br>**Evening Bible Study:** 7 p.m. via Zoom. |
| **Friday** | **Hand Chimes Practice:** 1 - 2 p.m.<br>**Coffee House:** 7 p.m. second Friday on alternate months. **(Next date is Jan. 15).** |
| **Saturday** | **Ladies' Luncheon: 11:20 a.m.** – 4th Saturday each month. (**Next date is Jan. 23).**<br>**Men's Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. -** 3rd Saturdays (at St. Peter's alternate months. Check website to confirm location). **(Next date: Jan. 16 at St. Paul's.)**<br>**Prayer & Praise: 7-8 p.m.** (the last Saturday of each month.) **(Next date revised to Dec. 5)** |

# Welcome to all newcomers



This is a list the names of anyone who has officially joined the parish recently by completing one of forms in the pews that asks if you would like to make St. Paul's your Parish Home. These are the names added since the last publication of Living Waters.

If there are any errors or omissions, please contact Chizoba at office@stpaulscalgary.ca

- **Nikki Huynh**
- **Cameron Maynard**
- **Femi & Tosin Adebola; Solape; Folabomi; Folakunmi**
- **Elmer Nnaji & Lilian Ifemeludike; Zimifekachim Nnaji**
- **Juliana Ifemeludike**
- **Micah Chaeman**
- **Charles Olagbuji**
- **Loretta Okoh**
- **Abby Adeyinka; Mayode Ogunaike**
- **Joy & Edet Edem; Elora; Evan; Ethan**



## *Welcome Zimifekachim*

**Baby Zimifekachim Nnaji was baptized on Nov. 1 by Father Tony, assisted by Deacon Betty. Congratulations to the proud parents & sponsors on this joyous occasion.**

# PRAYER AND PRAISE

A time of Prayer and Praise will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5 and Jan. 30 from 7 - 8 p.m. led by Father Tony.



## Blue Christmas Reflection & Service

**This is a time for those who find themselves processing grief and loss amidst the presumably "merry" Christmas season.**

**Join us on Saturday, December 5 at 1 p.m.**

**There will be a time of reflection, sharing, support and healing. All are welcome.**




# PACKED WITH JOY

Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION
Christmas Child





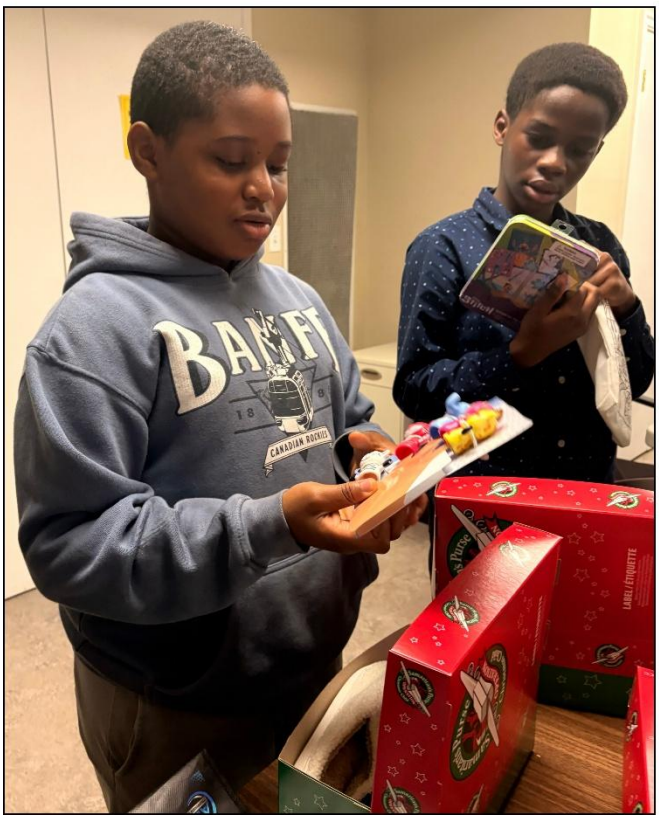











**This year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox campaign was organized by Laure, above. Forty boxes were filled with toys, school supplies and personal items. They will be given to children around the world, along with a message of God's love.**





# OUTSTANDING OUTREACH




A variety of St. Paul's Outreach initiatives in October and November received outstanding support. At left, a driver from the Veterans Assoc. Food Bank loads up two overflowing boxes of non-perishable donations. Below, Alpha House had to make two separate trips to pick up all the donated coats.








Above, Pat prepares to gather up donations from the overflowing Mittens Basket. It had to be emptied repeatedly to make more room. Below, is a photo snapped by John, who heads the St. Paul's Outreach Ministry, of the perishable donations from Thanksgiving that he delivered to a food bank. Thanks John for organizing all of this Outreach!




# Alongside Hope shares God's love worldwide

Alongside Hope

Through Advent we light candles for Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, and, this year, it probably seems they are much needed gifts.

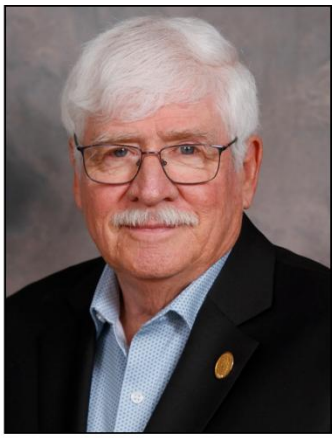
Alongside Hope works with its partners around the world, and in Canada, to help more people experience these blessings. By our support of Alongside Hope we help people like the woman who said: "This is the happiest day of my life," because, on that day, her family had enough to eat.

Helping with the effort to bring about a more just, peaceful, and secure world is surely an appropriate act of love in response to God's great gift of love at Christmas, and then, in Epiphany, we remember that the holy family were refugees in Egypt, and supporting refugees is also part of the work of Alongside Hope.

Won't you make a special gift to Alongside Hope this Christmas? Every gift helps. Together we can really make a difference.

*- from Alongside Hope Parish Rep Doreen Peters*

# Notes from your People's Warden



Paul Bourgeois

First, it appears that we have had a smooth transition with our new Parking Lot rules. I have noticed fewer unauthorized vehicles in our parking lot, so it looks like the new rules are having the desired outcome. I would like to remind everyone that the parking lot beside our main doors is for the exclusive use of Sundance on the Green visitors. People attending events at St. Paul's are not permitted to use that parking lot. Please use our main parking lot or park on the street by the south door of the church.

**Be mindful of those renting our facility**

Next, I have a reminder to all parishioners that our facility is used for much more than St. Paul's services and activities. Other church congregations and groups rent our facility every week, so it is important to be mindful of what you leave in the sanctuary, church hall or other areas of the church. Our renters contribute over $25,000 per year in income to help us maintain our facility. That's almost 10 percent of our annual budget so please respect our rental clients and leave them an uncluttered space for their respective activities.

**Watch for survey on additional service**

As Father Tony mentioned recently, we are considering offering two worship services on Sundays sometime in the new year. We will be looking for input from parishioners on whether a second service would be of interest, whether you would attend an alternate service and what type of service that should be - Morning Prayer, Eucharist service (Book of Common Prayer or Book of Alternative Services), and with or without music. If we offered a second service, should it be an early morning service (say 8 a.m.) or an evening service (say 7 p.m.)? Please make sure you complete the new service survey coming out before year end, so we can understand your interests.

**How to check your donations to date**

Finally, a word about your donations for 2026. As we approach the end of the year, you may be interested in knowing how much you have donated so far. Maybe you would like to top up your donations for your 2026 income tax receipt. If you are interested, please let our envelope secretary (Deb Brisbin) know or contact the parish office and we will arrange to email a current statement of your 2026 donations to you.

If you have any comments or concerns, please let me know.

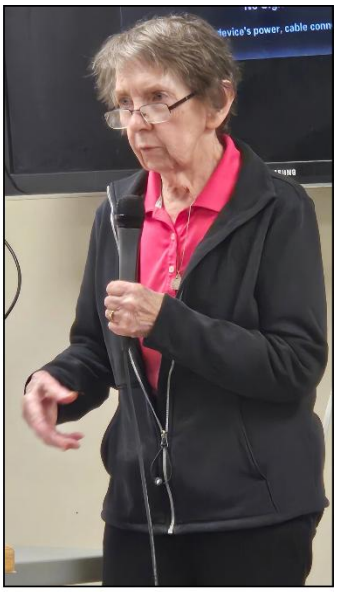
# Welcome - we're so glad you joined us!

**It was a joyous day on Nov. 1 with both a baptism and our semi-annual Newcomers welcome. There were 25 adults and 14 children newly registered as congregation members since the previous celebration on June 7. To join St. Paul's, see Gloria Ford, pictured at far left - the Newcomers representative on Parish Council, call the parish office, or scan the QR code below.**



# LIFE AMONG INDIGENOUS A STORY OF SHARED LOVE

**Love the Lord with all your heart and your neighbour as yourself**
***- from Matthew 22: 37-40***



**Judith MacDowall**

*This is a summary of Judith MacDowall's message shared at the October Ladies' Lunch.*

When Garry and I served the Lord in Indigenous parishes in Caledonia Diocese, we just loved the people.

It was a time of great sharing. They shared their food - more salmon than we could use - their customs and their ways.

We shared our love and teachings. They were welcomed in our home and as we had two children born to us there, they shared them. Our babies were passed among them in church - the first white child many had held.

We were formally adopted into a Native family with a great feast and given names.

We lived in Port Edward three years when we were given a newborn Native child, whom we raised. Love was shared by all - them and us.

That was God's will for all.

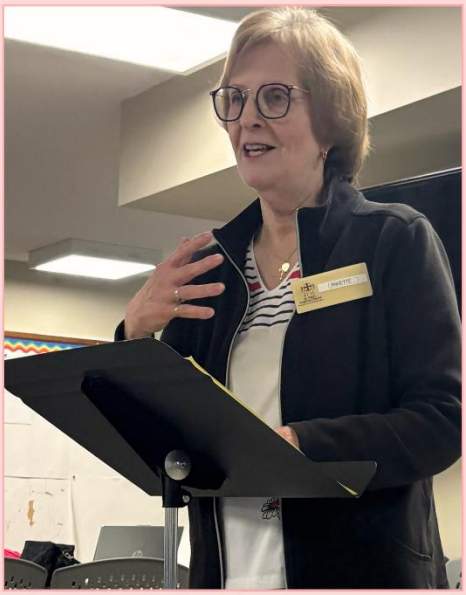


## One step at a time

***Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.***
**- Psalm 119: 105**

**Annette Pingott shared how this Bible verse has shaped her life at the October Ladies' Lunch. While there were stories from throughout her life, 2026 has been a particularly challenging year with health issues and lightning hitting her home and causing a major fire. Despite it all, faith helps light her pathway forward.**





# What's with the knitted Chickens?



Emotional Support Chickens are all the rage in knitting circles around the globe, and St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry is onboard.

Laura Anne Fink, who heads the ministry, says the knitted chickens originated with a woman working with children in hospital. She had the kids colour drawings of chickens, and then she knitted them chickens to match what they had coloured.

The St. Paul's ministry - as its name suggests - focuses on knitting prayer shawls ... as a way of giving people a way to literally wrap themselves in God's love. But the Emotional Support Chickens have become a surprise hit. They range from minis to ones about the size of a throw pillow.

"It's taken off. It's all over the world," Laura Anne told the congregation on Nov. 15. "So it's something we decided we would do also. To me, these are hugs. It's us - as your parish family - giving you a hug ... or your friend a hug. Anyone who needs comfort.

"Even on joyous occasions we give them out. We give them out to graduates who will be heading off to university and away from home, so they have something to wrap their arms around when things are getting rough.

"To me, it's very important. I started doing this when my sister was very sick and I made her one. So it means a lot to me.

"I want people to know you can get one of these just by asking myself, any of the clergy, or Julie (Wilson) will help you.

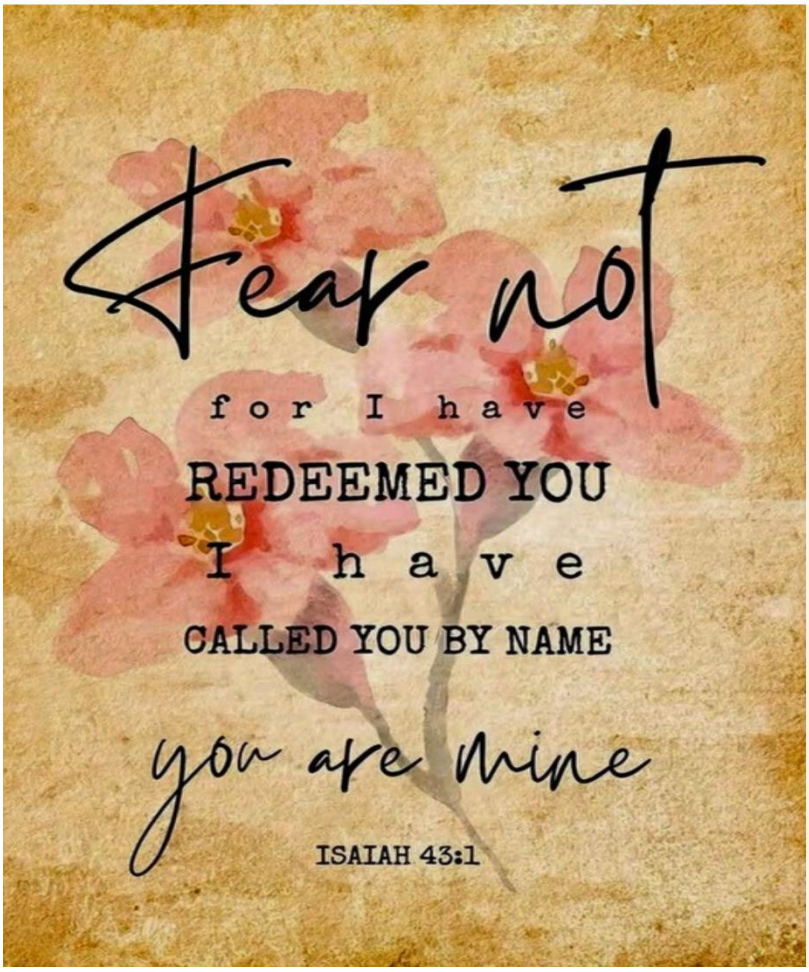
"It's for anybody. They don't have to be in this parish. So if you have a friend or a relative who you want to give one to, please come and talk to us.

"The one thing we ask is that you ask them first, because some people do not want to receive it. So it's important that you ask them first."

The St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in-person on the first & third Wednesdays of each month at 1 p.m.

Contact Laura Anne if you would like to join the group or know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a shawl or chicken.

Everyone is invited to join the group. No experience is necessary.




## LADIES' LUNCHEON
## Jan. 23 2027

**Everyone of us is known, loved and chosen by our Loving Heavenly Father. Join in a time of sharing, laughing, and cherishing the preciousness of each one of us as revealed in our NAMES.**

**Reflection Questions**
**How were you named? What does your name mean? Do you have a nickname? How do you choose names for loved ones? What does it mean to you that God calls you by name?**

**Bring a small lunch to St Paul's on Saturday, Jan. 23 2027 @ 11:20 am.**

**Bring a Friend! Meet a Friend! Make a Friend!**





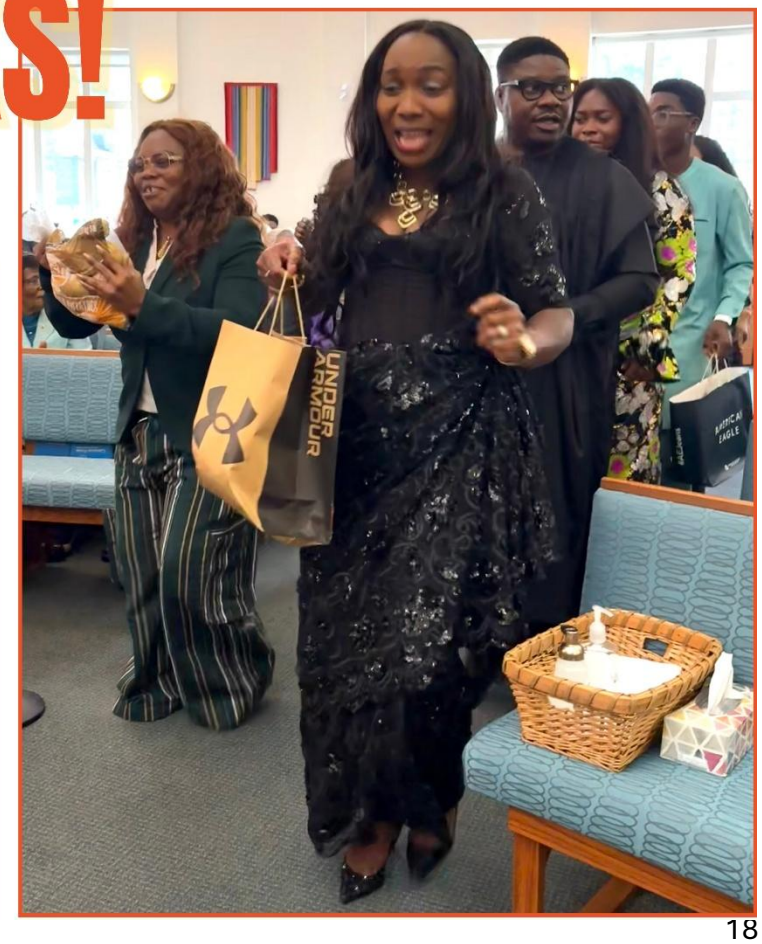




# GIVING THANKS!

**A colourful array of offerings were gathered on Thanksgiving Sunday. Thank you to everyone who contributed.**







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# St. Paul's Anglican Church
# Income Statement January 1, 2026 to Oct. 31, 2026

| Income | | Jan-Aug 26 | Jan-Aug 25 | Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Interest Income | 1, 074 | 7,879 | 0 |
| | Offerings | 194, 428 | 192, 019 | 219,978 |
| | Other Income | 25, 765 | 17,564 | 22,935 |
| Total Income | | 221, 267 | 217,462 | 242,913 |
| Expense | | | | |
| | Administration | 56,502 | 56,099 | 56,666 |
| | Apportionment | 21,090 | 20,990 | 21,088 |
| | Christian Education | 1,568 | 2,952 | 3,334 |
| | General Maintenance | 28,127 | 31,894 | 22,916 |
| | Hospitality/Fellowship | 2,153 | 1,826 | 2,500 |
| | Insurance | 5,294 | 4,833 | 6,084 |
| | Ministerial | 89,053 | 84,154 | 88,916 |
| | Newcomers | 0 | 236 | 100 |
| | Outreach | 2,087 | 19,020 | 20,834 |
| | Pastoral Care | 0 | 43 | 84 |
| | Utilities | 11,503 | 12,017 | 13,000 |
| | Worship | 7,807 | 8,302 | 8,750 |
| Total Expense | | 225,184 | 242,366 | 244,272 |
| Net Income | | -3,917 | -24,904 | -1,359 |

**Our deficit at the end of October was $3,917. Thank you to everyone for helping support our mission financially in these challenging times.**

To make a donation, you can use envelopes provided by the Envelope Secretary.

To donate electronically, the preferred method is by **e-transfer.**

**Please use the email gift@stpaulscalgary.ca**

No password is needed.

To help our Envelope Secretary, please include your envelope number in the message, or your name and address. You can also donate via our website (https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/donate). This is completely secure, with the highest level of PCI compliance.

You can also set up direct deposit. For the form, go to our website, type "Donation" in the search box, and click on "Pre Authorized Donations."



## Online giving

**Scan this QR code to donate securely from your phone.**

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**Thank you for your generosity!**

# *Plenty* Good Room

## A Christmas Reflection

On Christmas Day, we gather to celebrate the astonishing truth that God's Word became flesh and made a home among us. In a manger - humble, crowded, unexpected - God revealed that there is plenty good room for all. The angels announced good news of great joy "for all people." Shepherds left their flocks, wise travellers crossed borders, and Mary treasured each wonder in her heart.

The Spiritual Plenty Good Room echoes the song of that holy night: there is space enough in God's kingdom for every person, every story, every gift. The miracle of Christmas is not only that God came into the world, but that God came in a way that widened the circle of belonging. No palace gates, no locked doors, just an open stable, where all who were willing could draw near.

Christmas confronts our fears of not having enough. Scarcity told Bethlehem there was no room at the inn; yet God showed that even in a manger, grace overflows. Scarcity tells us our gifts are too small, our faith too weak, our offerings too limited. But God delights in what we bring—whether gold, frankincense, myrrh, or the simple generosity of hearts that say yes to love.

The Incarnation teaches us that God's abundance is not measured in wealth or grandeur, but in love that makes room. Christ is born not in seclusion but in solidarity, not for some but for all. This is the same abundance we are called to live into as stewards of the Church: making space, setting the table, sharing freely what God has given us.

As we kneel again at the manger, may we hear the invitation of both the Gospel and the song: "Just choose your seat and sit down." Let us respond with joy, offering our prayers, our resources, and our lives so that our church may continue to proclaim Christ's welcome. There is plenty good room – for you, for me, for everyone who longs to encounter the living God.

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,*
*and peace to all on earth!"* — Luke 2:14

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### Questions for Reflection:

How do you make room for the unexpected in your life? How does this create an awareness of Generosity for you?



J. Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and believes in God's all-inclusive invitation to find Love when we are gathered together. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.

THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

# St. Paul's Anglican Church

# ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (AMP)

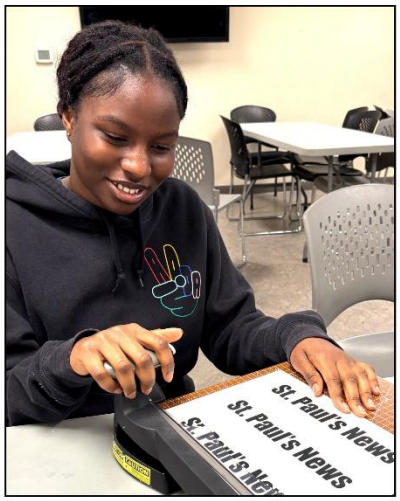
**DATE: JANUARY 24, 2027**

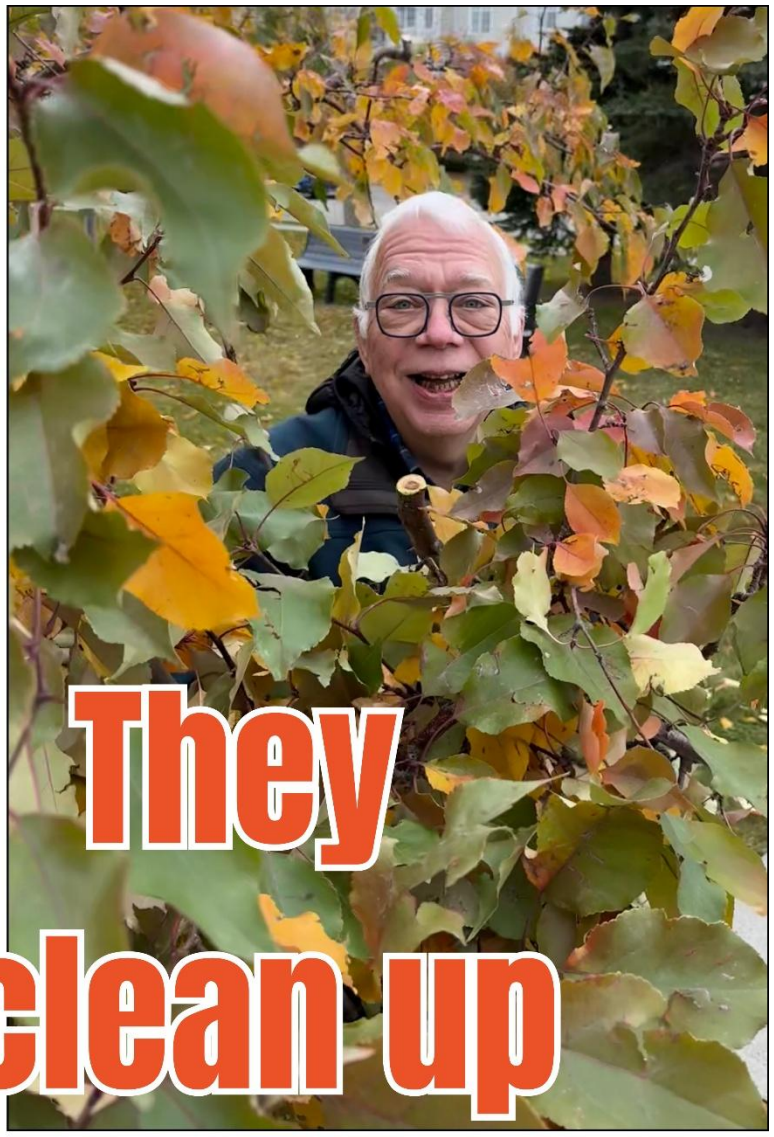
**TIME: FOLLOWING THE 10 A.M. SERVICE**




**Lunch will be served before the meeting.**
**If you are in charge of any ministry or group, please submit your report for the AMP to the church office, preferably by email, on or before Wednesday Jan. 6, 2027.**



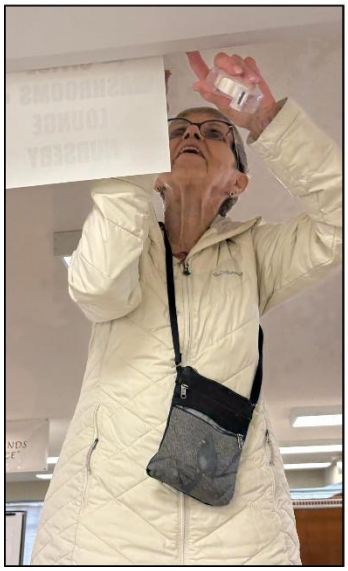


# They clean up nicely

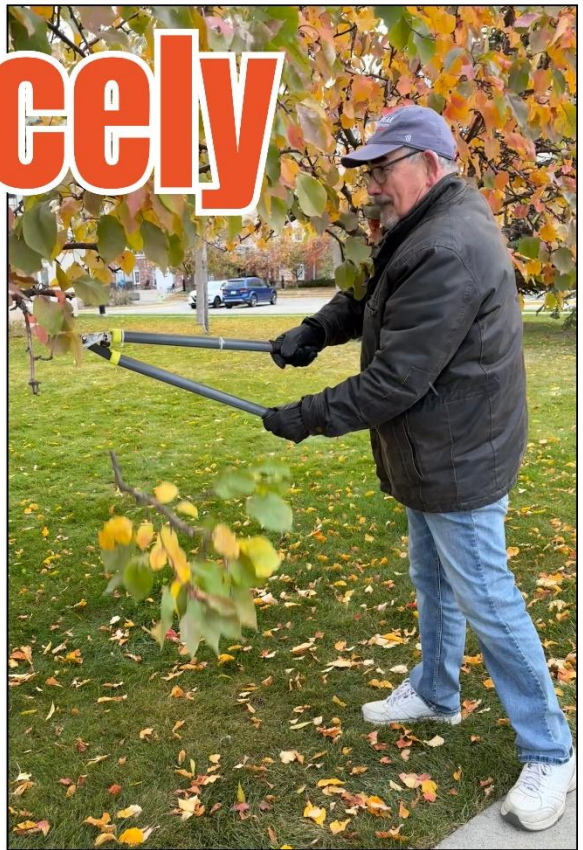








**Indoors and out, St. Paul's was cleaning up on Oct. 10. Thanks to everyone who pitched in on tasks that make our parish home organized and beautiful.**





# Men's Breakfast

**All men age 13 and up are invited.**
**If possible, let us know if you plan to attend so we know how many to expect.**

## Jan. 16 at St. Paul's ... at 8:30 a.m.



## St. Paul's Adult Christian Education

Check out opportunities:

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.**

**Foundation Bible Class, Wednesdays 7 – 8 p.m.**

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study by Zoom 7 p.m.**

Watch the bulletins for holiday or other schedule changes.

St. Paul's Stringers

# COFFEE HOUSE



THE NEXT COFFEE HOUSE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JAN. 15 AT 7 P.M. OPEN MIC!

## ALL WELCOME!



# Prayers

## Collected and shared by Dinah




***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jes Phil. 4:6-7***

### PRAYER IS THE ROOT OF A THOUSAND BLESSINGS

Saint John Chrysostom (349–407) wrote, "Prayer is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessing. The potency of prayer has subdued the strength of fire, it has bridled the rage of lions extinguished wars, appeased the elements, expelled demons, burst the chains of death, expanded the gates of heaven, assuaged diseases rescued cities from destruction and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt."

### PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

"When we pray, we come into the presence of God."
-N. Gumbe

### WHEN EXHAUSTED

***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28***

Father, I thank you that when I am weak, you are strong. That you promise to renew my strength when I am exhausted and feel that I don't have the strength I need to keep going. Remind me to lift my eyes to the heavens. To see that you are greater than my problems. To remember that you are the Creator of heaven and earth, how you can do more than I could ever ask or imagine. Show me how to find rest in your presence. To trust you through the hard, long, dark seasons. You are faithful to bring us through the valley by your grace. AMEN - Crosswalk

### WHEN ANXIOUS

***"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7***

Heavenly Father, thank you for always taking care of me, even when I can't see it. Thank you for all the times that you have answered my prayers and met my needs, just as you do with all of your children whom you love. Thank you for noticing and making time for me in the midst of the entire universe that you have to sustain. Help me to let go of my anxiety and worry because it never helps or adds to my life. Help me trust that you, who are going through the fires of life with me, understand full well what I'm going through in the midst of my problems. Not only that, thank you for actually helping. Thank you for being my provider, my protector, and my sustainer. In Jesus' name - AMEN Crosswalk

### WHEN LONELY

"God sets the lonely in families…." Ps. 68:6
Father God, thank you for sending Jesus, Your perfect Son, who never changes but is the same yesterday, today, and forever. As well, my heart is grateful to you for sending Your Holy Spirit to live inside me here on earth. Because of you, I am never alone or have to feel lonely. In times when I may forget this, Lord, feeling sorry for myself, please nudge me with Your Spirit, so that I remember you are here with me. Fill my heart and lips with a sacrifice of praise to You, to remember that you are present with me all the days of my life. AMEN -source unknown

### ENCOURAGING SCRIPTURES

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." - Lamentations 3:22–24

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too." 2 Cor. 1:3-5

### A PRAYER IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

We pray for the peoples of the world and their leaders. We lift up to you all countries in crisis - whether it be wars, political unrest, or natural disasters. We pray for all those who are now without homes, those who have been injured and those who have lost family members. We give thanks for all who work in so many ways to bring relief. In these uncertain times, give to all peoples a desire for righteousness and peace, with the will to work together in trust, to seek the common good and to share with justice the resources of the earth .Give wisdom and discernment to those in authority in every land. We pray for our country, Canada, for our Prime Minister and all who lead us, that you give them a double portion of wisdom and discernment as decisions are made. AMEN -D.B.

### ADVENT

"Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our hearts."
Our heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer; that we may reflect on the wonder of your love and allow

the story of the Saviour's birth to penetrate our hearts and minds. So may our joy be deeper, our worship more real, and our lives worthier of all that you have done for us through the coming of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Frank Colquhoun



"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him;
My soul looks for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning. Psalm 130:5-6

"Therefore, the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:28

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our heart to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." - 2 Corinthians 4:6

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**"Glory to God in the highest! And on earth peace, good will towards all." Luke 2:14**

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father Prince of Peace."
- Isaiah 9:6

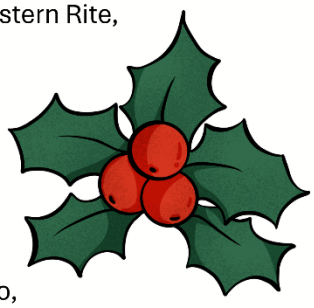
Blessed be God who in his love stooped to redeem mankind.
Blessed be the king who made himself poor to enrich the needy.
Blessed be the Holy Child who was born of the Virgin Mary.
Blessed be the eternal Word who was made flesh for us.
Blessed be Jesus, our Saviour and Lord, now and for evermore.
AMEN - source unknown

## CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

O God, who made this most hallowed night resplendent with the glory of the true Light; grant that we who have known the mysteries of that Light on earth, may enter into the fullness of his joys in heaven. AMEN - Ancient Western Rite,

## CHRISTMAS MORNING



Jesus, Son of God, now that we have heard the angels sing,may we not lose our sense of the joy of heaven; now that we have been with the shepherds to Bethlehem, make us witnesses of the wonder of the love we have seen. Fill us with the quiet joy of Mary, so that we, too, may keep all these things and ponder them in our hearts.
AMEN -Angela Ashwin

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ-child be God's gift to us and to people everywhere this Christmas time. And may the blessing of the Christ-child be upon us always.
AMEN -The Promise of His Glory

## OTHER SEASONAL PRAYERS

### World AIDS Day - Dec. 1

Lord Jesus, you reached out to touch the leper and the outcast; reach out in love to those with HIV and AIDS, and those who love them. Give courage to their doctors, nurses, family and friends, so that their touch may be a channel for your healing and strengthening grace. Lord Jesus, you were brought to the cross by hostility and prejudice: open our eyes to the challenge of HIV and AIDS. Make us ready to learn before we speak; may our words dispel hatred and build up compassion; and may we serve your spirit of truth and your kingdom of goodness.
AMEN - Newcastle Churches' Aids Awareness

### St. Nicholas Dec. 6

Eternal God, in your great love you gave to your servant Nicholas a perpetual name for deeds of kindness on land and sea. Grant that your Church may never cease to work for the happiness of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor and the help of those who are tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
AMEN - Collect from "For All The Saints"

### St. Stephen the Martyr Dec. 26




Fill us, O God, with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth and Charity, so that like St. Stephen, the first martyr, we may contend earnestly and fearlessly for the faith of the gospel and ray with hearts of love for those that ill-use us. AMEN (adapted)

### St. John the Evangelist Dec. 27

Almighty God, you have revealed to us the mystery of the Word made flesh through the Apostle John. Keep us steadfast in the faith that the Son of God has come; that believing in him we may have life through his name. AMEN (adapted)

### Holy Innocents December 28

***"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:10***

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate all evil designs, and establish your rule of justice, love and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN (adapted)

### NEW YEAR




"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" says the Lord. (Isaiah 43:19)
"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year; "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".
And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.
- Part of poem by M. Haskins
quoted by King George VI, Christmas speech 1939.

**Let this New Year be the beginning of a new life In each of us wherein "old things are passed away." Let all blessed old things stay, but let the clutter of our heads and hearts be removed, that new inspirations and new affections may come in and enter our lives.**
**AMEN - Chester Burge Emerson**

For all the possibilities ahead in this new year, make us thankful, O Lord. Give us wisdom, courage and discernment in the face of so much chaos, despair and fear. Help us to see how, in our circumstances, we can contribute towards peace, faith and love. And give us the will to translate our desires into actions.
AMEN - Brother John Charles, SSF

## The Naming of Jesus Jan. 1

"God spoke of old by the prophets; but in these last days, he has spoken to us by a Son." Hebrews 1: 1-2 BAS p. 277
We praise you, heavenly Father, that you gave your incarnate Son the name of Jesus, for it is the name of our salvation.
May it be to us, and to all your people, the name that is above every name, the name to be honoured, trusted and adored, now and forever more. AMEN - Frank Colquhoun

## The Epiphany of The Lord Jan. 6

**"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." - Matthew 2:2**

Jesus, we offer you the gold of our desire to love, even though our hearts are often cold. We offer you the incense of our longing to pray, although our spirits can be lukewarm. We offer you the myrrh of our frustrations and troubles, even when self-pity and bitterness creep in. Receive and make good our gifts out of your great love for us, and grant that we, like the wise men, may find some kneeling space at Bethlehem. AMEN - Angela Ashwin

## The Baptism of the Lord Jan. 12

"And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Matt. 3:17
Almighty God, who proclaimed Jesus to be your beloved Son when the Holy Spirit came down on him at his baptism in the Jordan, grant that we who have been baptized in his name may rejoice in being your children and servants of all, through Christ our Lord. AMEN - A Christian's Prayer Book



Heavenly Father, who sent the Holy Spirit on your Son at his baptism to anoint him for the service of your human family, send your spirit now to us who have been made your children by adoption and grace, that we may follow in his steps and work for the coming of his kingdom, to the glory of his name.
AMEN - adapted

## As We Begin The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18

We pray, O Lord, for the Church which is one in the greatness of your love, but divided by the littleness of our own. May we be less occupied with the things that divide us, and more with those we hold in common, and the love that enfolds us all.
AMEN -USPG "Network" Winter/78




## The Confession of St. Peter Jan. 18

*"Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." - Matt. 16:16*
God of grace, your church is built on Peter's faith;
Grant that we, like him, forgiven and restored, may overcome our weaknesses and serve you without wavering, now and forever. AMEN - A New Zealand Prayer Book

## The Conversion of St. Paul Jan. 25

**"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it." - Acts 2:32**

Convert us, Jesus the persecuted, as you converted Paul and sent him as apostle to the world. May our love, our prayers, our suffering carry your gospel at whatever cost to all who wait to hear it. AMEN - A New Zealand Prayer Book

## Prayers For Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners

*(A period of silence is needed after offering the following prayer:)*

Go deep, Lord, to the point beneath our thinking, discussing and planning, so that, in the stillness beneath all words we may open our hearts to you, and be soaked in your love, from which all wisdom springs. Go deep, Lord, as we remain quiet before you, and offer our gathering to you.
AMEN - Angela Ashwin

Almighty God, we come together in the service of your Church to remember with thanksgiving all that you have been able to do through us in this parish during the past year, and to seek your guidance in all decisions that will be made on this day. We pray that this may be something much more than just a business meeting, but rather an occasion when we receive fresh encouragement in our work, catch a wider vision of your purpose and rededicate ourselves to your service.
We ask this in the name of him who came to this world not to be served but to serve, and gave his life as a ransom for many, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN - Michael Botting

## St. Paul's Parish Prayer

Our God of infinite grace, we give you thanks and praise for calling our congregation into being, and then continuing in loving relationship with us, in great faithfulness over the years, to bless, transform, and guide. At St. Paul's, you have given us a mission that will never change with time, to live out your love as revealed in Jesus Christ. It is your will that, with your help, we shall discover your Presence in Word and Sacrament; deepen our sense of Christian community; share your Word; nurture your people; encourage congregational and personal growth on our shared journey; act on your call for peace and justice; and build the foundation for tomorrow's Church. Help us to respond to your love by dedicating ourselves with joy as a Parish family to this mission. Pour out your Spirit upon us, and work mightily in our midst to bring about its accomplishment. Fulfill your vision of opening hearts and minds to your grace, in us, and through us, now and for evermore. This we ask for the glory and in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## A BLESSING

God be your comfort, your strength; God be your hope and support; God be your light and your way; And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life, remain with you now and forever. AMEN - A New Zealand Prayer Book

# Bless 'em all!



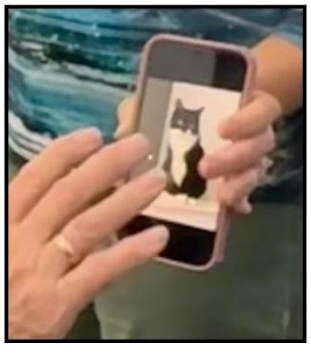









Father Tony - assisted by Deacon Betty - had fun sprinkling holy water on a variety of pets to bless them all in October.



There were smiles, and perhaps one look of shock as Lorraine met Izzy the lizard, bottom right, when St. Paul's members had their pet companions blessed.


















**St. Paul's annual Remembrance Day service was held on Nov. 6, honouring those who gave their lives in service to their country. The ceremony includes two minutes of silence between a bugle playing the Last Post and The Rouse. The Act of Remembrance concludes with the promise: "We will remember them."**

# OPEN HEARTS, OPEN HANDS

## *Growing a Life of Prayer Together*

The **Anglican Fellowship of Prayer** invites you to a monthly gathering to deepen our life of prayer, through teaching, reflection, discussion and guided prayer.

**Join us as we cultivate rhythms of prayer that shape everyday life, strengthen faith and renew the Church.**

***One-hour Zoom gatherings are held on the first Monday of each month at 1 p.m. Eastern time. Visit www.anglicanprayer.org or follow us on Facebook for details and link***

**Session 3 Dec. 7 Daily Rhythms of Prayer**
Exploring the joys and challenges of praying throughout our day.

**Session 4 Jan. 4 Intercessions & Praying with and for Others**
Standing in the gap for the Church, community, and the world. Examining intercessory prayer, corporate prayer and the Prayers of the People.

**Session 5 Feb. 1 Prayer with Imagination**
Learning to rest in God's presence and listen for God's voice. Exploring praying with the imagination, silence, stillness and the contemplative stream within the Anglican spirituality.

**Session 6 March 1 Prayer in Times of Grief, Suffering and Discernment**
Praying through grief, uncertainty, healing and waiting. Engaging in honest prayer, pastoral care, discernment and hope in difficult seasons.

**Session 7 April 5 Praying While Moving~Movement as the Prayer**
We will be learning about the different ways in which motion (both indoors and outside) are incorporated into our times of prayer.

**Session 8 May 3 Prayer, Mission and Revival**
Prayer as the bedrock of evangelism, renewal and spiritual revival. How prayer strengthens the Church and transforms communities through the work of the Holy Spirit.

***See Dinah Breu for more information***

# DECEMBER 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Holy Eucharist is in person and also lived streamed on our website https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/** | | **1**<br>**6:30 - 8 p.m.** Guides | **2**<br>**9:30 a.m.** Morning Prayer<br>**10:30 a.m.** Bible Study<br>**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hunger for Healing<br>**12 p.m.** Set up/Ladies party<br>**1 p.m.** Prayer Shawl<br>**7 p.m.** Choir Practice<br>**7 p.m.** Foundation Bible Class | **3**<br>**6 p.m. Ladies Christmas Party**<br>**6 - 7:30 p.m.** TOPS<br>**7 p.m.** Evening Bible Study by Zoom | **4**<br>**1 - 2 p.m.** Hand Chimes Practice | **5**<br>**1 - 2 p.m.** Blue Christmas Service<br>**7 p.m.** Prayer & Praise |
| **6**<br>**10 a.m.** Holy Eucharist<br>**11:30 a.m.** Hand Chimes Practice<br>**2 p.m.** Word to World Ministries<br>**4 p.m.** Philippines Church | **7**<br>**1 p.m.** Walking Group<br>**6:30 - 8 p.m.** Guides<br>**7:30 p.m.** Stringers Rehearsal | **8**<br>**6:30 - 8 p.m.** Guides<br>**7 p.m.** Parish Council | **9**<br>**9:30 a.m.** Morning Prayer<br>**10:30 a.m.** Bible Study<br>**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hunger for Healing<br>**1 p.m.** Prayer Shawl<br>**7 p.m.** Choir Practice<br>**7 p.m.** Foundation Bible Class | **10**<br>**6 - 7:30 p.m.** TOPS<br>**7 p.m.** Evening Bible Study by Zoom | **11**<br>**1 - 2 p.m.** Hand Chimes Practice | **12**<br>**5 p.m.** St. Paul's Christmas Dinner<br>**7 p.m.** Christmas Carols & Talent Show |
| **13**<br>**9:30 a.m.**<br>**Hand Chimes perform preservice**<br>**10 a.m.** Holy Eucharist<br>**2 p.m.** Word to World Ministries<br>**4 p.m.** Philippines Church | **14**<br>**1 p.m.** Walking Group<br>**1:30 p.m.** Prayer Group in person<br>**6:30 - 8 p.m.** Guides<br>**7:30 p.m.** Stringers Rehearsal | **15**<br>**6:30 - 8 p.m.** Guides | **16**<br>**9:30 a.m.** Morning Prayer<br>**10:30 a.m.** Bible Study<br>**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hunger for Healing<br>**7 p.m.** Foundation Bible Class | **17**<br>**6 - 7:30 p.m.** TOPS<br>**7 p.m.** Evening Bible Study by Zoom | **18**<br>**1 - 2 p.m.** Hand Chimes Practice | **19** |
| **20**<br>**10 a.m.** Holy Eucharist **Pageant + Lessons & Carols**<br>**11:30 a.m.** Hand Chimes Practice<br>**2 p.m.** Word to World Ministries<br>**4 p.m. Lessons & Carols @ Midnapore Chapel**<br>**4 p.m.** Philippines Church | **21**<br>**1 p.m.** Walking Group<br>**6:30 - 8 p.m.** Guides<br>**7:30 p.m.** Stringers Rehearsal | **22**<br>**6:30 - 8 p.m.** Guides | **23**<br>**9:30 a.m.** Morning Prayer<br>**10:30 a.m.** Bible Study<br>**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hunger for Healing<br>**1 p.m.** Prayer Shawl | **24**<br>Hand Chimes perform<br>**5:45 p.m.** Preservice Carols<br>**6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Bishop Greg**<br>**9:45 p.m.** Preservice Carols<br>**10 p.m. Christmas Eve Service** | **25**<br>**10 a.m. Christmas Day Service** | **26** |
| **27**<br>**10 a.m.** Holy Eucharist<br>**2 p.m.** Word to World Ministries<br>**4 p.m.** Philippines Church | **28**<br>**1 p.m.** Walking Group<br>**6:30 - 8 p.m.** Guides<br>**7:30 p.m.** Stringers Rehearsal | **29**<br>**6:30 - 8 p.m.** Guides | **30**<br>**9:30 a.m.** Morning Prayer<br>**10:30 a.m.** Bible Study<br>**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hunger for Healing<br>**7 p.m.** Choir Practice | **31**<br>**6 - 7:30 p.m.** TOPS | **Jan. 1** | **2** |

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| **3**<br>**10 a.m**. Holy Eucharist<br>**2 p.m.** Word to World Ministries<br>**4 p.m.** Philippines Church | **4**<br>**1 p.m.** Walking Group<br>**6:30 p.m.** Guides<br>**7:30 p.m.** Stringers Rehearsal | **5**<br>**6:30 p.m.** Guides | **6**<br>**9:30 a.m.** Morning Prayer<br>**10:30 a.m.** Bible Study<br>**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hunger for Healing<br>**1 p.m.** Prayer Shawl<br>**7 p.m.** Choir Practice<br>**7 p.m.** Foundation Bible Class | **7**<br>**6 - 7:30 p.m.** TOPS<br>**7 p.m.** Evening Bible Study | **8**<br>**1 - 2 p.m.** Hand Chimes Practice | **9** |
| **10**<br>**10 a.m**. Holy Eucharist<br>**11:30 p.m.** Hand Chimes Practice<br>**2 p.m.** Word to World Ministries<br>**2:30 p.m**. Eucharist @ Father Lacombe Centre<br>**4 p.m.** Philippines Church | **11**<br>**1 p.m.** Walking Group<br>**1:30 p.m.** Prayer Group in person<br>**6:30 p.m.** Guides<br>**7:30 p.m.** Stringers Rehearsal | **12**<br>**6:30 p.m.** Guides<br>**7 p.m.** Parish Council | **13**<br>**9:30 a.m.** Morning Prayer<br>**10:30 a.m.** Bible Study<br>**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hunger for Healing<br>**7 p.m.** Choir Practice<br>**7 p.m.** Foundation Bible Class | **14**<br>**6 - 7:30 p.m.** TOPS<br>**7 p.m.** Evening Bible Study | **15**<br>**1 - 2 p.m.** Hand Chimes Practice<br>**7 p.m.** Coffee House | **16**<br>**8:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast @ St. Paul's |
| **17**<br>**10 a.m.** Holy Eucharist<br>**11:30 a.m.** Hand Chimes Practice<br>**2 p.m.** Word to World Ministries<br>**4 p.m.** Philippines Church | **18**<br>**1 p.m.** Walking Group<br>**6:30 p.m.** Guides<br>**7:30 p.m.** Stringers Rehearsal | **19**<br>**6:30 p.m.** Guides | **20**<br>**9:30 a.m.** Morning Prayer<br>**10:30 a.m.** Bible Study<br>**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hunger for Healing<br>**1 p.m.** Prayer Shawl<br>**7 p.m.** Choir Practice<br>**7 p.m.** Foundation Bible Class | **21**<br>**6 - 7:30 p.m.** TOPS<br>**7 p.m.** Evening Bible Study | **22**<br>**1 - 2 p.m.** Hand Chimes Practice | **23**<br>**11:20 a.m.** Ladies' Luncheon |
| **24**<br>**10 a.m.** Holy Eucharist followed by **Annual Meeting of Parishioners**<br>**2 p.m.** Word to World Ministries<br>**4 p.m.** Philippines Church | **25**<br>**1 p.m.** Walking Group<br>**6:30 p.m.** Guides<br>**7:30 p.m.** Stringers Rehearsal<br>**7:30 p.m.** Prayer Group via Zoom | **26**<br>**6:30 p.m.** Guides | **27**<br>**9:30 a.m.** Morning Prayer<br>**10:30 a.m.** Bible Study<br>**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hunger for Healing<br>**7 p.m.** Choir Practice<br>**7 p.m.** Foundation Bible Class | **28**<br>**6 - 7:30 p.m.** TOPS<br>**7 p.m.** Evening Bible Study | **29**<br>**1 - 2 p.m.** Hand Chimes Practice | **30**<br>**7 p.m.** Prayer & Praise |
| **31**<br>**10 a.m.** Holy Eucharist<br>**11:30 a.m.** Hand Chimes Practice<br>**2 p.m.** Word to World Ministries<br>**4 p.m.** Philippines Church | | | | | | |

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