

# Linking St. Leonard's on the Hill

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The Anglican Church of St. Leonard's on the Hill is a Christian Community committed to building a Christ like family of disciples through worship, prayer, study fellowship and service".



## November 2025 Issue



### Highlights

ACW Winter Wonderland—Saturday,  
November 1st, 9 am - Noon

ACW Meeting—Monday, November 10th at 10 am

Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family/White Gifts—Due  
back to the office on Thursday, December 4th  
before Noon.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes Due—Thursday,  
November 13th

Clergy Retreat—November 17th-20th

St. Lenny's Talent Show—Saturday,  
November 22nd from 3-5 pm

Advent Holden Evening Prayer— starts on  
Wednesday, Nov 26th @ 7 pm locations TBD

ACW Ladies Social: November 29th, 1-3 pm

Nativity Display: December 2nd to 6th at  
St. Leonard's. (See Poster)

**Time Change - November 1st- Turn Back Your Clocks**

**Usual Sunday Service Times:**

10:00 am Eucharist Service (BAS)

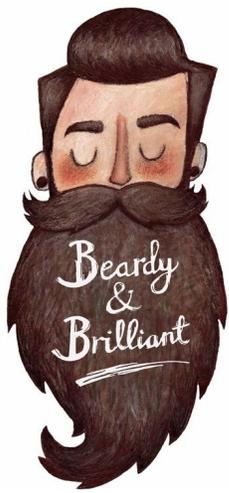
9:30 am Morning Prayer—Monday and Friday online by Zoom.

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Midweek Eucharist Service

**Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Midnight, Saturday, November 1st, 2025**

# November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  ACW Winter Wonderland 9 am - Noon
2  Time Change  10:00 am Eucharist Service (All Saints)	3 9:30 am Morning Prayer by Zoom	4	5 9:30 am Midweek Service	6 Choir 10 am Aspen Ridge Services 1:30 pm	7 9:30 am Morning Prayer by Zoom  Ink Blots Group in the Lounge 1- 3 pm	8
9 10:00 am Eucharist Service	10 10:00 am ACW Meeting  Krista is away from the office	11  Remembrance Day Office Closed	12 9:30 am Midweek Service  Krista is away from the office	13 10 am Choir 1:30 pm Aspen Ridge Services	14 9:30 am Morning Prayer by Zoom  Guess Who's Coming for Dinner 6 pm	15  Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am
16 10:00 am Eucharist	17 9:30 am Morning Prayer by Zoom  Chris away from the Office for Clergy Retreat	18 Inglewood Service at 3:15 pm  Chris away from the office for Clergy Retreat	19 9:30 am Midweek Service  Chris away from the Office for Clergy Retreat	20 10 am Choir The Hamlets Service at 10:30 am  1:30 pm Aspen Ridge Services  Chris away from the Office for Clergy Retreat	21 9:30 am Morning Prayer by Zoom	22  Talent Show Night @ 3-5pm
23/30 10:00 am Eucharist	24/31 9:30 am Morning Prayer by Zoom  Link Articles Due—24th	25 Rev. Chris away from the Office for a Prayer Day  4 pm Corporation Meeting  6:30 pm Parish Council	26 9:30 am Midweek Service  Advent Holden Evening Prayer Service TBD at 7 pm	27 10 am Choir 1:30 pm Aspen Ridge Services	28 9:30 am Morning Prayer by Zoom	29 1-3 pm ACW Ladies Christmas Social



## BEHIND THE BEARD

*Within the Anglican Communion there is a group called GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference) which was established in 2008. This group arose in response to theological disputes happening in the Anglican Communion.*

*Many of the members of GAFCON are from Africa, Asia, and South America. The largest numbers come from Nigeria, Uganda, and Kenya. They represent around half of global Anglicans, which are more traditional in their belief than North America and the UK. Two of the major issues that have been tested the global communion has been sexuality and female ordination (especially female bishops). GAFCON is much more in line with Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy regarding these issues.*

*Bp. Sarah Mullally has been selected to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. The position of the Archbishop of Canterbury is not one of authority, the way we might think of the Pope as having authority over all Roman Catholics. Instead, the Archbishop of Canterbury functions as the "first among equals" (among the Primates). The position is meant to be a symbol of unity for Anglicans worldwide, while not holding authority over any of those primates or bishops. In the Anglican Church of Canada, the highest position of authority is a diocesan bishop.*

*To select a woman who is in favour of same sex marriage was perceived by GAFCON as rejecting their position in the communion. They have recently declared their distancing from the leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury (and those in communion with the position of the Archbishop of Canterbury) and have declared themselves a separate entity- "The Global Anglican Communion". Essentially, they are declaring themselves the true Anglican communion, since they believe themselves to be in continuity with historic Anglicanism and they represent the majority of global Anglicans (they probably represent 57% of Anglicans).*

### **I will include their public letter below:**

"To our dear Anglican brothers and sisters in Christ.

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, on the Commemoration of the martyrdom of Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley.

The first Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) gathered in 2008 in Jerusalem to prayerfully respond to the abandonment of the Scriptures by some of the most senior leaders of the Anglican Communion, and to seek their repentance.

In the absence of such repentance, we have been prayerfully advancing towards a future for faithful Anglicans, where the Bible is restored to the heart of the Communion. Today, that future has arrived. Our Gafcon Primates gathered this hour to fulfil our mandate to reform the Anglican Communion, as expressed in the Jerusalem Statement of 2008.

We resolved to reorder the Anglican Communion as follows:

1. We declare that the Anglican Communion will be reordered, with only one foundation of communion, namely the Holy Bible, "translated, read, preached, taught and obeyed in its plain and canonical sense, respectful of the church's historic and consensual reading" (Jerusalem Declaration, Article II), which reflects Article VI of the 39 Articles of Religion.
2. We reject the so-called Instruments of Communion, namely the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), and the Primates Meeting, which have failed to uphold the doctrine and discipline of the Anglican Communion.
3. We cannot continue to have communion with those who advocate the revisionist agenda, which has abandoned the inerrant word of God as the final authority and overturned Resolution I.10, of the 1998 Lambeth Conference.
4. Therefore, Gafcon has re-ordered the Anglican Communion by restoring its original structure as a fellowship of autonomous provinces bound together by the Formularies of the Reformation, as reflected at the first Lambeth Conference in 1867, and we are now the Global Anglican Communion.
5. Provinces of the Global Anglican Communion shall not participate in meetings called by the Archbishop of Canterbury, including the ACC, and shall not make any monetary contribution to the ACC, nor receive any monetary contribution from the ACC or its networks.
6. Provinces, which have yet to do so, are encouraged to amend their constitution to remove any reference to being in communion with the See of Canterbury and the Church of England.
7. To be a member of the Global Anglican Communion, a province or a diocese must assent to the Jerusalem Declaration of 2008, the contemporary standard for Anglican identity.

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## BEHIND THE BEARD CONT'D...



8. We shall form a Council of Primates of all member provinces to elect a Chairman, as primus inter pares ('first amongst equals'), to preside over the Council as it continues "to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

As I declared in my statement two weeks ago, "the reset of our beloved Communion is now uniquely in the hands of Gafcon, and we are ready to take the lead." Today, Gafcon is leading the Global Anglican Communion. As has been the case from the very beginning, we have not left the Anglican Communion; we are the Anglican Communion. At our upcoming G26 Bishops Conference in Abuja, Nigeria from 3 to 6 March 2026, we will confer and celebrate the Global Anglican Communion.

Please pray that we will lead our Communion in prayerful submission to the Holy Spirit as we hear the voice of Jesus in his wondrous Scriptures, to the glory of God.

Yours in Christ,  
The Most Revd Dr Laurent Mbanda  
Chairman, Gafcon Primates' Council  
Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Rwanda (Thursday 16th October, 2025)

### **The new Canadian Primate responded with this pastoral letter:**

"In recent days, primates of the Global Anglican Future Conference announced their decisions to leave the Anglican Communion. In response to this, we, the Primate and the Metropolitans of the Anglican Church of Canada, reaffirm the Solemn Declaration of 1893 found in the (Canadian) Book of Common Prayer:

We declare this Church to be, and desire that it shall continue, in full communion with the Church of England throughout the world, as an integral portion of the One Body of Christ composed of Churches which, united under the One Divine Head and in the fellowship of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, hold the One Faith revealed in Holy Writ, and defined in the Creeds. (BCP 1959/1962, viii)

We reaffirm the four Instruments of Communion: the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council, the Primates' Meeting, and the primatial See of Canterbury with its people, clergy, and its Archbishop.

We reaffirm the historic Anglican appeal to Scripture, Reason, and Tradition.

The practical and theological question before us is this: Can communion with the Risen Christ contain conflict, so that conflict and disagreement lose their power to divide? We believe the answer to this question is a resounding "YES" because this has been borne out many times in Anglican experience and intuition from the Reformation to the present time.

The Anglican Church of Canada looks forward to participating in the next gathering of the Primates' Meeting, the next meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council, and the next Lambeth Conference. We rejoice in the appointment of Bishop Sarah Mullally as the next Archbishop of Canterbury and will warmly welcome her to Canada after she is installed in 2026.

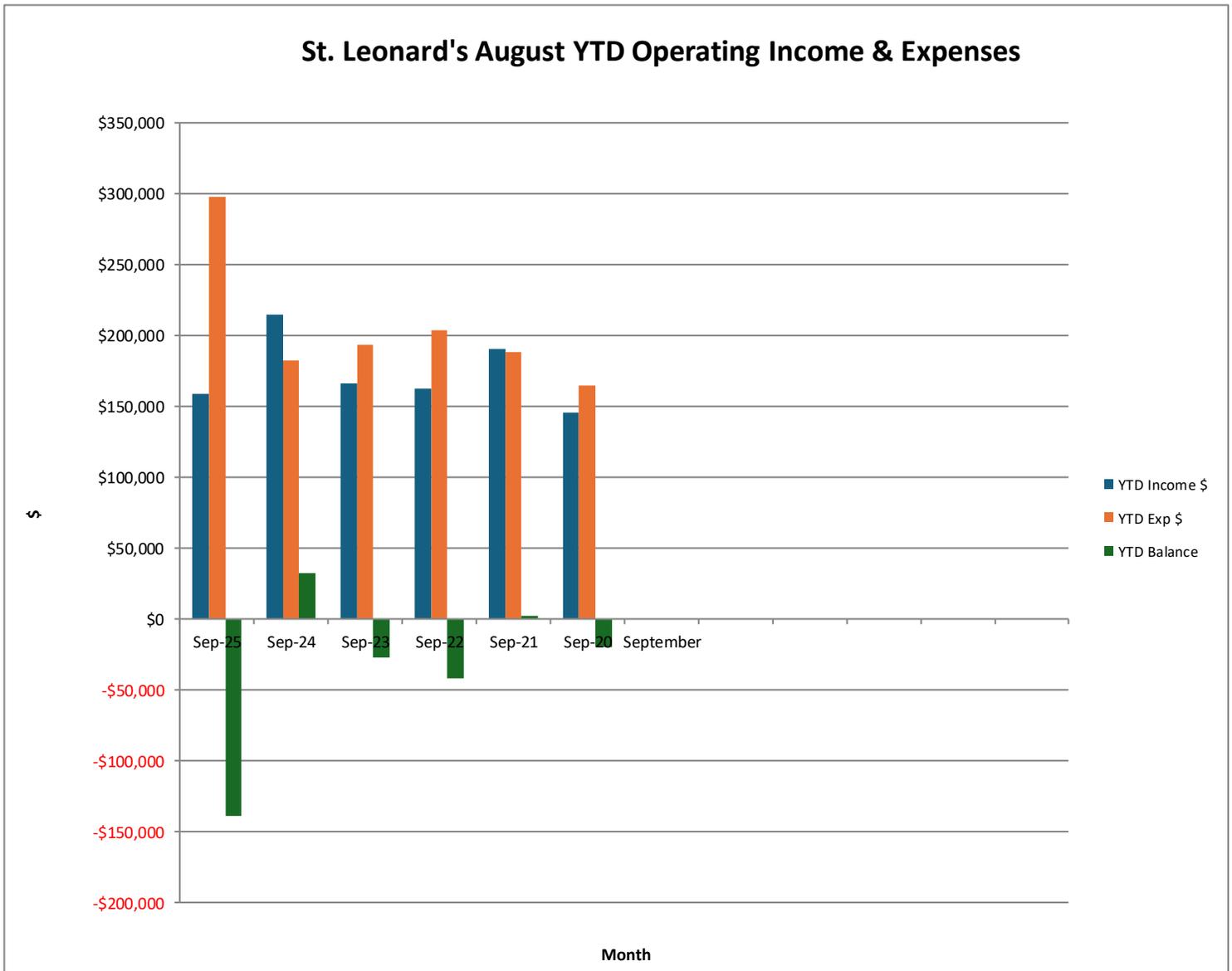
With steadfast faith and joyful hope,  
The Most Reverend Shane Parker, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada  
The Most Reverend David Edwards, Metropolitan of Canada  
The Most Reverend Anne Germond, Metropolitan of Ontario  
The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of Northern Lights  
The Most Reverend John Stephens, Metropolitan of British Columbia and Yukon".

*Many have seen this split as inevitable as the West has continued to embrace Progressive ideas. There are a variety of responses to GAFCON's decision, and it will take time to see what effect this will have. GAFCON has drawn a line in the sand. Some are impatient with them making this decision, thinking that we have had other disagreements in the communion before and are calling for patience. This raises questions about how diverse we can be while still remaining unified. The Anglican communion has always faced divisions. At the time of Queen Elizabeth, the tensions between Puritan and Catholic were threatening to tear Anglicanism apart. The Elizabethan Settlement allowed them to be Catholic in appearance, but Protestant in doctrine.*

*The temptation of some in the West is to dismiss GAFCON as being "less advanced" than the West, or as dealing with colonial residue (which diminishes their agency). Their dissent from Western norms is sometimes interpreted as regressive by those in the West, rather than as principled or prophetic. These are our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are seeking to faithfully follow Christ, sometimes in dangerous circumstances, and sometimes experiencing incredible growth. They have an important voice for us to listen to. Unity and healing will require humility, prayer, patience, discernment, and listening.*

Peace,  
Rev. Chris Roth

## St. Leonard's August YTD Operating Income & Expenses



### September YTD

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>
2025	\$158,747	\$297,687	(\$138,941)
2024	\$214,469	\$181,896	\$32,574
2023	\$166,382	\$193,332	(\$26,950)
2022	\$162,130	\$203,852	(\$41,722)
2021	\$190,235	\$188,141	\$2,094
2020	\$145,228	\$164,725	(\$19,497)

### **Comments:**

Our Year to Date Income for September 2025 shows a deficit of (\$138,941). The September 2025 Cheque Log was reviewed and approved at the Corporation Meeting. We will be sitting at a deficit of approximately (\$240,000) after all the bills have been processed for the maintenance projects. We have paid all maintenance out of our cash in the bank account. At month end in October 2025, we will be sitting at \$44,000 in our Church bank account. We need to replenish our Bank Account. We continue to be good stewards of the gifts received and are still very conscious of the current climate and continue to hold back from completing any unnecessary projects.

Please don't hesitate to contact Krista, or myself, if you have any questions relating to St. Leonard's financial status or any suggestions or comments you may have regarding the Financial reports.

Marg Marrett  
Parish Treasurer

**Thank you to our Veterans**



### **SNIPPETS FROM COUNCIL**

1. Christian Education – Confirmation Classes began on Wednesday, October 22nd with St. Luke's. Rev. Ralph will help with classes and Rev. Grace will perhaps assist.
2. Symposium – The feedback has been positive.
3. Talent Night— organization is underway.
4. Maintenance – The majority of our big projects have been completed. There are a few small things that need to be finished. The windows that were missed on the North side of the building have been ordered and will be installed at a later date. Thank you, Randy, for taking the lead on these massive maintenance projects.
5. Stewardship—discussions ongoing.
6. Hillsdown Cemetery—Discussion ensued. More information to follow.
7. St. Leonard's Life Booklet – This booklet has been updated. It includes information about the St. Leonard's groups. It was suggested placing them in the Pews, on the shelves of the North Hall Library, in the Narthex and, in future, in the Welcome Bags.
8. Rectors Report – Chris emailed his Report and it is also printed. He spoke about GAFCON in his Report and how they have been impatient with the UK/West, and have, in essence, rejected unity. Some of these nations have felt they have been treated as backwards. GAFCON is saying that they no longer want to be part of the West/UK Anglican Communion. They represent 57% of Anglicans worldwide. We have yet to see where we go from here.
9. Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 25th, 2025 @ 6:30 pm. The Corporation Meeting will be held the same day at an earlier time.



Check us out at St. Leonard's on the Hill Anglican Church.

 The Calgary Cursillo Movement



### **CURSILLO EVENTS**

Women's Cursillo Weekend 2025

Thursday, November 6th at 7 pm to Sunday, November 9th at 5 pm. This takes place at the Entheos Retreat & Conference Centre.

If you are interested in joining the Men's or Women's Cursillo weekend, please let Cheryl Shea know.



### **Deepest Sympathy**

Our deepest sympathy to Carol McAllister on the death of her mother, Alice, who is also Rev. Chris's Oma. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

### **LAST OUT??**

If you are last out of the Church, please remember to set the alarm when you are leaving and turn off any lights.



When entering the Church via the parking lot door, please ensure that the door is firmly closed.



### **SCENT FREE CHURCH**

**Our Church is Attempting to be a Scent Free Space and we continue to try to honour this.**

We are asking those who are donating Church Altar floral arrangements on Sunday to refrain from adding lilies. We have several Church family members who react to the scent of lilies. **At the same time**, please be conscious about shampoo and conditioners, hairsprays, deodorants, colognes and aftershaves fragrances and perfumes, lotions and creams, potpourri, industrial and household chemicals, soaps, cosmetics, air fresheners and deodorizers essential oils, candles, diapers, some types of garbage bags, laundry fragrance enhancers and dryer sheets.

It is important to remember some products which claim to be scent free may have only masked the scent by use of an additional chemical. Be sure to research the product carefully if using scented products around those who are sensitive.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

St. Leonard's Parish Council

**LESSONS IN LIFE #213**  
**Advent**

Into the bleakest winters of our souls, Lord, you are tiptoeing on tiny Infant feet to find us, hold our hands.

May we drop whatever it is we are so busy about these days to accept this gesture, so small that it may get overlooked in our frantic search for something massive and overwhelming.

Remind us that it is not You who demands large, lavish celebrations and enormous strobe-lit displays of faith.

Rather, You ask only that we have the faith of a mustard seed and willingness to let a small hand take ours.

We are ready.

*(Margaret Anne Huffman and Gary Wilde)*



**Legion Remembrance Day 2025**

The Red Deer Legion Branch #35 will be hosting a Remembrance Day Service at the Servus Arena in the Pidherney Centre located at 4D, 4725-43 Street.

The Legion are asking that everyone attending please be seated by 10:30 am.

For any additional inquires please contact the Red Deer Legion at (403) 342-0035.

**Paperless Donations**

Help the environment...go paperless. St. Leonard's is offering an easy way to donate to the Church. Instead of using envelopes, you can fill out Pre-Authorization forms to donate. Forms can be requested by emailing [stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com) or by leaving a voicemail on the Church office phone at 403-346-6769.

E-Transfers are available as well to donate. You can send an E-Transfer to [stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com)



**God answers kneel-mail!**



**Memorial Christmas Poinsettias**

To order your 2025 Memorial Poinsettias please drop off an envelope containing your \$17 in the Church Mail Box or e-transfer to the Office at [stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com) before Monday, December 8th.

Please include the names of those whom you wish to honor.





## The Mustard Seed Report for November 2025

The Mustard Seed is in need of these donations:

Water Bottles; Bottled Water; Backpacks; Sleeping Bags; Men and Women's Underwear; Warm Socks; Blankets; Winter Coats; Gloves; Mitts; Scarves.

Hygiene Items: Travel size Shampoo and Conditioner; Deodorant; Body Soap; Toothpaste; Toothbrush; Feminine Hygiene Products; Individual packs of Tissues; Throat Lozenges.

School Lunch Program: Deli meat, canned foods, carrots, celery, cucumbers, oranges, apples, granola bars and other wrapped snacks.

There are many opportunities for volunteering, from baking cookies to washing dishes to serving coffee. Please connect with me on a Sunday if you would like to explore where you could help out. (Even for just 1 hour a week or month would be helpful).

Thank you for your prayers, donations and your time to help our most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you,  
Pearl Franz

## HILLSDOWN

Rev. Chris held a Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Hillstown on Sunday, October 19th at 2 pm. More Seasonal Services will be held. Please watch for more information in upcoming announcements, emails, Facebook, on the Church Website and in the Link.



## Collection Plate

Please ensure the amount of your donation is listed clearly on the front of your Offertory Envelope. Thank you.



## St. Leonard's on the Hill Mission Statement

**"The Anglican Church of St. Leonard's on-the-Hill is a Christian Community committed to building a Christ-like family of disciples through worship, prayer, study, fellowship and service".**



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES



The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Boxes can be picked up in the North Hall of the Church. All boxes must be back at St. Leonard's before Thursday, November 13th. Blessing of the Shoeboxes will take place on Sunday, November 16th and from there they will be delivered to CrossRoads Church.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Mary McCambley

## JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY



The Library is in the South Hall, puzzles are in the brown shelving unit. Take one and enjoy, return and take another.





## ACORN GROUP

I've been asked the question, "What is ACORN?" Here's a brief reflection/ explanation. ACORN Groups are an initiative of the Diocese of Calgary. Michael Harvey, of the UK, initiated the practice and has come here (as well as many other places in the world) to teach it. Michael is also the initiator of "Back to Church, Sunday."

ACORN is an evangelistic spiritual practice which emphasizes listening and connecting with God and others.

### **Daily:**

**ASK:** "Lord, today is there someone you want me to connect with outside the church?"

**CALL:** We listen for the voice of the Spirit. Does someone come to mind? We pay attention throughout the day. Is there someone God is asking us to help? eg. The person in the grocery line?

**OBEY:** We make a connection. "How are you?" and if the answer is fine: "How are you really?" And we listen. We listen very carefully. We listen to the person in front of us and the voice of God. Sometimes these conversations are limited. Sometimes they grow into something more. Monthly (some groups in the Diocese meet more often).

**REPORT** (Testimony): we get together as a group and tell our faith stories. What has happened in the past month as we connected with others?

**NOTICE:** the others in the group listen intently and notice and magnify the work of God they become aware of.

I personally am drawn to ACORN because I am constantly reminded that I need to slow down and listen. This practice helps me do that.

ACORN Groups meet each month on the last Tuesday (on Zoom at 7PM; the link is the regular Sunday link) and Friday (in person at 10AM in the Charles Hive lounge at St. Leonard's). Feel free to join.

Blessings,  
Grace



## THE CLEANING CREW

The Cleaning Crew is looking for a few people to help out specifically with cleaning the bathrooms at St. Leonard's. You can choose what day and time works best for you. Please contact Mary McCambley or Ioney Hays if you are interested.

## PASTORAL CARE



It is so important for families to pull together and support each other. It is the same with our St. Leonard's Church family and this became more apparent during the COVID Pandemic.

St. Leonard's has a number of ways of reaching out to each other. Please contact the Office at 403-346- 6769 if you are in need of help or if you are aware of any parishioner needing assistance of some kind.

If you are on St. Leonard's Parish List then your name will be connected to someone on Parish Council. This is the Official Parish List not the ACW List or the Men's Breakfast List but the actual Parish List – if you would like to be on this List please contact the Office.

We have a number of other ways of caring for each other:

We have someone who does hospital visiting. If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Office (403-346-6769) or Krista's cell phone number 403-598-7776. That is the only way we can know of this need.

ACW Card Ministry: If you know of someone who could use a little boost of caring please contact the Office and this Ministry will send out an appropriate card (Thinking of you. Glad you're feeling better, or a sympathy card).

Pastoral Care Team: Along with all of these other caring groups, St. Leonard's does have a Pastoral Care Team. This Group will do home visits to parishioners who, for various reasons, need to be personally contacted. If you are aware of someone needing a bit of extra care, please contact the Office.

Krista will direct the information to the right person (it might even be Chris (and/or Barb) as they are very much part of this Team). And again for various reasons it is not always feasible to actually visit some parishioners so they are sent —"Thinking of you" type cards throughout the year.

Thank you for being part of our caring Church family.

Marg Marrett 403-346-9215  
and  
Margaret Roome 403-347-5500

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Happy 48th Wedding Anniversary to Janice and Brian Besner.



Happy 101st Birthday to Ruth Moore on November 17th, 2025.

There will be a celebration of Rev. Ralph Warnock's Retirement on Sunday, December 7th after the Church Service.



Giovanni Mazucca walked in the annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" fundraiser.

(Love those shoes, Gio!)

The Outreach Centre hosted its annual Walk A Mile in Her Shoes in downtown Red Deer on Friday, Sept. 12. (Photo by Sean McIntosh/Advocate staff)

## RELAX

If we weren't meant to keep starting over... would God have granted us Monday?



## SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Now that Winter is practically upon us, the Snow Removal Sign Up Sheet will be posted by the door in the North Hall.



All help is greatly appreciated during the Winter months.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2026



Please let Krista know if you would like Offertory Envelopes for 2026. They can be provided upon request.

## 2025 DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT

Clergy Retreat



The Retreat will take place from November 17th to the 20th. Rev. Chris will be away from the Office.

## THANK YOU

Congratulations to Bob Duce and Maurice Paul for all your hard work and dedication for making the Audio/Visual Booth such a success.





### Red Deer Food Bank Society

Dear Friends in Faith and Service.

For more than four decades, the Red Deer Food Bank has partnered with Churches to ensure that no one in Central Alberta goes hungry.

In recent years, the struggle to keep food on our shelves has grown more severe. In just four years the need has more than doubled.

In 2025, we are once again more deeply concerned. Our food stocks are dangerously low, and our operating accounts are precariously thin.

If you would like more information please contact us at 403-342-5355 or [admin@reddeerfoodbank.com](mailto:admin@reddeerfoodbank.com) or take a look at the letter on the Bulletin Board in the North Hall.



### Always Remember

When you're lonely,  
... we wish you LOVE.  
When you're down,  
... we wish you JOY.  
When you're troubled,  
... we wish you PEACE.  
When things look empty,  
... we wish you HOPE.

*Source Unknown*

### Prayer Ministry at St. Leonard's

The Prayer Chain is looking for people who feel called to pray for those in need. Those praying will pray at home at a time of their choosing. If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Susan Robertson ([susn381@gmail.com](mailto:susn381@gmail.com)) or Laura May Doran ([ddoran@shaw.ca](mailto:ddoran@shaw.ca)).

Those requesting prayer for themselves, or for another, may contact the Church Office 403-346-6769 or [stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com) or fill out a Prayer Request slip and place it in the Prayer Box at the back of the Church or in the Offertory Plate.



### SHARING SHELVES



St. Luke's Anglican Church will partner with us in keeping our shelves stocked. Marg Marrett-Julian will be the conduit with Judy Ewart and Joan Williams at St. Luke's as supplies are needed. God's work continues to grow. God Bless you all for your generosity. This has allowed us to maintain the Sharing Shelves Outreach Ministry for over 15 years.

Please check the dates on the food items before you donate to the Sharing Shelves. A lengthy best before date would be appreciated.

Here is a list of much needed items: canned fruit, plain pasta (spaghetti, penne, etc..) pasta sauce, coffee, plain granola bars, peanut butter, fruit cups, paper towel, toilet paper and cleaning products.

We appreciate all your help. Brent and Carol McAllister continue to sort and keep the shelves organized.

Please contact Marg at 403-346-9215, or Krista at the Church Office, if you are able to help. God Bless, and thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Krista Kusmire and Marg Marrett

### Men's Breakfast Group



Our next Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th at 8:30 am in the North Hall.

All men in our Parish are encouraged to attend. These gatherings provide a great opportunity to get to know one another better and to discuss how we, as a group, can help support St. Leonard's.

### Newcomers to St. Leonard's

If you are a newcomer to St. Leonard's and would like your name added to the Parish List, please email [stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com) or call the Office (403-346-6769).





## White Gift Program Adopt-a-Family



St. Leonard's will be reaching out to help our community by taking part in the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family Program as in previous years. All tags can be found in the North Hall on the bulletin board on Sunday, November 9th.

There have been some changes to the Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family program. Due to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) regulations we can not give one family a direct sponsorship, so your gifts will be put in the options of gifts for parents of multiple families to choose from.

"Did the donor ask for the gift to be directed to a specific person, family, or other non-qualified donee. A donor can not choose a specific beneficiary for their gift or ask the qualified donee to give the gift to another non-qualified donee. However, a donor can ask that their gift be used in a particular program of the qualified donee as long as there is no benefit to the donor or anyone not at arm's length to the donor. The qualified donee must be able to use the gift within the particular program as it sees fit. If the donor retains control, the donation is no longer considered a gift at law and a receipt cannot be issued."

The gifts you donate will go into our Gift Room, where parents will personally select presents for their children. This means your donation may help one or several families, depending on the needs. Please do not wrap gifts.

We will not be assigned a specific family as in previous years. This means we will not receive a designated family number. Instead, we will be provided recommendations on the areas where help is most needed, along with a comprehensive list of toy and gift suggestions based on what parents and children have requested.

In addition, we will be looking after a few families within our own Church community, who we call our White Gift Families. We are asking for Gift Cards for families. This makes it much easier for our sorters and allows our families who are being adopted more freedom to be able to purchase items for themselves. All Gifts and Gift Cards must be returned to the Church by Thursday, December 4th.

If you are not able to go out and purchase gift cards or gifts, you may donate money and note on the memo line of your envelope or e-transfer. Krista will shop for you, please let her know if you want to purchase an item or gift card for the White Gifts Families or the Salvation Army Families.

Please drop off your Gift Cards in an envelope in the Church mailbox or in the Offertory Plate on Sundays. This will allow Krista time to sort and organize for the blessing on Sunday, December 7th and the delivery of the items on Thursday, December 11th. Please watch for more information via email, Facebook and the Church Website.

The Salvation Army will issue tax receipts for Gift Cards **over \$20** in total bought for the Salvation Army families. If you are interested in a tax receipt, please contact Krista.

For further information on this program please contact the Church Office at 403-346-6769 or email [stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com)





### **Audio/Visual Booth Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the Audio/Visual Booth. We are looking for 4 more volunteers who are comfortable working with one another. These volunteers would help out in the booth once or twice a month.

Volunteers would be trained so that they would feel comfortable in the booth.

Please contact Krista at 403-598-7776 if you are interested in learning how to become an Audio/Visual Volunteer.



### **CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Church Office Administrator (Krista) will be away on Monday, November 10th and Wednesday, November 12th.



Remembrance Day



Alongside Hope

### **ALONGSIDE HOPE (PRIMATES WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND)**

Christmas Cards have been delayed due to the Canada Post Strike. We are not sure if



Choose from two designs

### **"BETWEEN FRIENDS" MINISTRY**



Are you aware that some small tasks are very difficult or impossible to do for some of our Parish members either because of mobility limitations or recent surgeries?

We are compiling a list of the names of Parish members who would be willing to perform small tasks, either on a one-time or short-term basis, for another Parish member. (e.g. change higher light bulbs, small sewing needs, vacuuming, moving a heavy chair etc., etc., etc.— the list is long for some of our parishioners). If this Ministry is one you feel called to take part in please give your name to Brenda Clark at 403-346-3021 or [clarkwbc@telusplanet.net](mailto:clarkwbc@telusplanet.net).

We have been asked to put together a list of recommended tradespeople (ones that you have used and have been satisfied) - eg plumber, electrician, roofer, painter, lawn care /snow removal, housekeeping, hairdresser, furnace repair etc. If you can think of other services you would like to have on the list, please see me after Church. "BETWEEN FRIENDS"

Sincerely, Brenda Clark

**Please note: A 2nd year apprentice electrician is seeking employment. (Please talk to Brenda if you can help)**



Time change November 2nd.

### **Christmas Day Dinner—December 25th, 2025**

Caroleanne Berger will be hosting her Annual Christmas Dinner for those Parishioners who find themselves alone on Christmas Day. **Dinner begins at 2 pm sharp at St. Leonard's Church.** (Snacks are welcome).

Please don't sit home alone on such a Blessed Day, come and enjoy a wonderful dinner and the warmth of friends.

Please RSVP to Caroleanne Berger at 403-348-1757 by Monday, December 15th, 2025.



## **NATIVITY PROJECT**

We plan to present our Nativity Project again beginning Tuesday, December 2nd to Saturday, December 6th.

We will again ask the Congregation to lend us their Nativity Scenes that they are comfortable putting on public display. We will be asking that they be brought to the Church mid November.

Please label your container and pieces well. Last year was a huge success and we had about 74 scenes on display.

We will set up the displays Monday, December 1st from 9 am until completed.

The Church will be open for viewing:

Tuesday, December 2nd—1-6 pm  
Wednesday, December 3rd—1-6 pm  
Thursday, December 4th—1-6 pm  
Friday, December 5th—1-6 pm  
Saturday, December 6th from 1 pm—4 pm.

Please bring a friend to share the true meaning of "The Reason for the Season". Last year we had visitors from 8 different Churches.

Thank you,  
Val Duce  
403-343-3925



## **Readers and Intercessors**

Please contact us if you are interested in these Ministries and we will fill you in on the duties. Remember—many hands make light work.



Marney Holmes and Mary McCambley

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**



Like a tiny pebble that, dropped into a pool, spreads its gentle ripples far and wide; like a tiny acorn that, planted in the soil, flourishes into a mighty oak – the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Leonard's started as a simple, humble idea. It has grown into a powerful manifestation of God's power, might, love and warmth!

Our dedicated Craft Club at St. Leonard's started knitting prayer shawls years ago— knit three, purl three – as a symbol of the blanket love provided by the Trinity. Each lovingly crafted stitch incorporates our Lord's promise to always take care of us – His children.

These shawls are there for anyone who wishes to remind a loved one of God's promise as they battle illness or any of life's valleys and troughs. This ministry has now spread from the Craft Club and is being supported by other members of our Parish! The ripples continue!

Each Shawl comes with a prayer card. Then they are blessed by the Minister.

May God continue to bless and guide this growing ripple as it continues to cover not only the growing pairs of hands that craft these shawls, but also the growing number of those who receive their warmth and love.

## **Primate congratulates Archbishop of Canterbury-Sarah Mullally**

Dear Sarah+,  
I write on behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada to extend warm congratulations, many blessings and strong support to you as you take on vital ministry as the Archbishop of Canterbury. We rejoice with you!

Be certain of the steadfast prayers of Canadian Anglicans from coast to coast to coast and know that our friendship is solid and hearty—in all good spiritual and practical ways.

Deep peace and inner calm to you in the days ahead, and much wisdom and compassion to you in the years to come.

With kindness and respect,  
Your brother in Christ,

The Most Reverend Shane Parker  
Primate of the Anglican Church  
of Canada



Time change Saturday,  
November 1st at  
Midnight. Don't forget  
to turn your clocks back  
an hour.

## **SADIE AND JIM LAMPARD**

In a recent Red Deer Advocate, the Red Deer Eye Care Centre celebrated 85 years in business. The owners were Drs. Sadie and Jim Lampard, who later became St. Leonard's Parishioners.

They were also very committed to the Red Deer Community at large and they certainly had an impact on the St. Leonard's Community. Sadie (and the late Marion Hives) belonged to Chi Rho, a Young Peoples Group at St. Luke's, that raised the money to buy the property on which St. Leonard's was built.

Jim was very involved in many City-wide endeavours e.g. Red Deer Athletic Association (now the Red Deer Recreation Centre), restarting the Scout Movement, the Canadian Club, the Curling Club, the Kinsmen Club, Hospital Board, Police Commission, etc. On top of all these commitments, he was a Church Warden at both St. Luke's and St. Leonard's plus participated in all the varied Church activities.

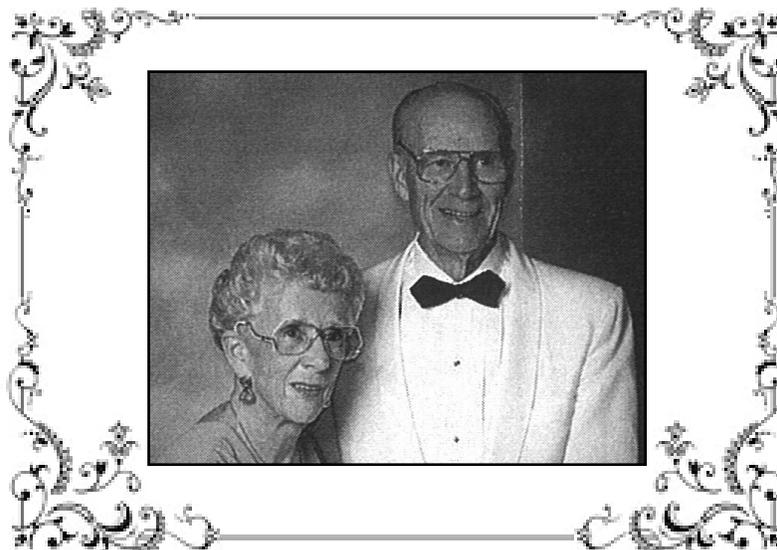
Sadie was Alberta's FIRST FEMALE OPTOMETRIST. She was very involved in Beta Phi Kappa (Lady of the Year 1992), Soroptometrist Centennial Silent Angel Award (2005), The Red Cross, Westerner, DTRH Palliative Care Program and the Red Deer Hospice. She was very philanthropically-minded and was dedicated to many worthwhile programs including her beloved St. Leonard's.

Within St. Leonard's, Sadie taught Sunday School, was very involved at all levels of the W.A. (now ACW) and she became the FIRST FEMALE member of Vestry (now Parish Council). As an aside, Sadie even learned how to rollerblade at 80!!

Many Church items were also donated in memory of family members e.g. the Stained Glass Cross Box near the front door, the Pulpit, and the Epiphany and Nativity Stained Glass Windows just to name a few.

It was a pleasure to be able to give you a very small snapshot into the lives of two very dynamic parishioners who certainly made a difference at St. Leonard's.

Sandra Robertson





**St. Leonard's Church**  
**4241 - 44 Street**

# **Winter Wonderland**

**Coffee & Bake Sale**

**Saturday, November 1st**

*9am till Noon*



*Admission by Donation -*

*Includes Beverage & Muffins*



*Gluten-free available - Wheelchair friendly*

# Guess Who's Coming

Friday, November 14th, 2025 at 6 pm



**Sign Up Sheets are in the Narthex of the Church. All forms must be back into the office by Monday, November 10th at noon. For more information please contact Mary or Krista**



*The Talent*

# SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

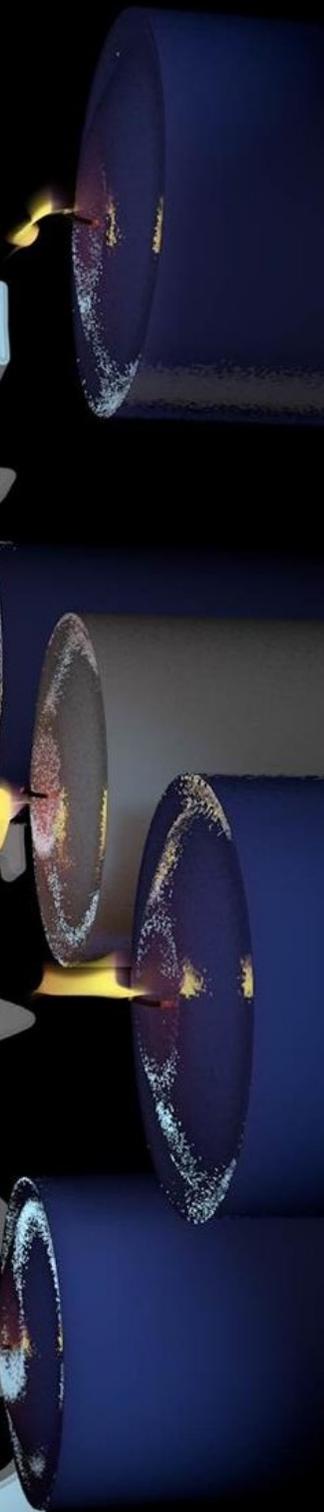
Come One, Come All!!!  
Bring family and friends to a relaxing afternoon,  
showcasing talents galore!  
Light refreshments will be served.

**MORE INFORMATION**

403-373-1648  
margmarrett4@gmail.com  
St. Leonard's Anglican Church  
4241-44<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Deer, AB  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Sign-up sheet in the North Hall

Lutheran & Anglican Joint Mid-Week Services

# ADVENT



*Holden Evening Prayer*  
Wednesday Evenings @ 7pm

Nov 26th—TBD

Dec 10th—TBD

Dec 3rd—TBD

Dec 17th—TBD

(Blue Christmas)



## ACW CHRISTMAS GATHERING

**To all ladies attending St. Leonard's:**

You are invited to an afternoon of fun and fellowship on Saturday, November 29th, 2025.

What: ACW Christmas Gathering/Potluck Lunch/ Gift Exchange

When: Saturday, November 29th, 2025

Where: St. Leonard's Church - North Hall

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Potluck Lunch: If possible please bring a potluck finger food – hot or cold, sweet or savory

Gift Exchange: If possible please bring a wrapped consumable gift of not more than \$10.00. A consumable gift would be **something that can be used up**. Some examples are: canning (jams, jellies, etc.) baking, chocolates/candies, sugar/cooking oil, tea/coffee, eggs, soap, even toilet paper.

Remember this is a fun activity. Let's see what great gift ideas we can come up with this year!

If, however, you are uncomfortable with this gift exchange please come for the fun and fellowship and let me know and your name will not be put in the gift exchange activity.

Hope to see you on Saturday, November 29th, at 1 pm. Please contact me if you have questions.

Take care,

Margaret Roome

403.347.5500

[mroome@shaw.ca](mailto:mroome@shaw.ca)



Giving Hope Today

# Volunteers Needed

*Our Christmas Kettle Campaign is coming soon*

**Are you looking for a rewarding experience this Holiday Season?**

Become a Christmas Kettle volunteer—it's a great way to give back to your community.

- Flexible shifts with no long-term commitment
- You pick your hours and your days
- Do it with a friend, family members or co-workers
- Easy, fun and rewarding

**Kettle Volunteer Shifts available in Red Deer & Sylvan Lake.  
For more information, please contact Norman at 403-346-2251,  
403-304-7426, or email [kettles.reddeer@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:kettles.reddeer@salvationarmy.ca)**

# St. Leonard's Anglican Church



THE CHURCH IS OPEN for a quiet time of reflection, with more than 70 Nativity Scenes from around the world. A wonderful way to add peace to your soul, at this busy time of year. Please drop by.

## HOURS

Dec. 2 to Dec. 5 from 1 to 6 pm  
and Saturday, Dec. 6 from 1 to 4 pm

We're in Grandview and wheelchair friendly! 4241 - 44 Street, RED DEER

**White Gift Families/**  
**Salvation Army**  
**Adopt-a-Families**

**All gifts/gift cards are to be brought in before Thursday, December 4th. Gifts can be placed into the correctly labelled bins. All gifts cards are to be brought directly into the office. Please don't place gift cards in the bins.**

**Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family receipts need to be brought into the office before Thursday, December 4th.**

# Diocesan Advent Study

## How Beautiful Are The Feet: Receiving and Proclaiming the Good News



**“How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of those who bring good news!”**

Join with other members of the Diocese through Advent as we discuss what it means to receive and share the Good News. We will look at four passages of scripture and hear from the Prophet Isaiah, the Angels, Jesus himself, and Paul’s message to us, Christ’s Disciples. Each week a different facilitator will lead our reflection and discussion.

**Tuesdays, December 2 to December 23, at 7:00 pm**

**On Zoom**

Contact [blabrecque@calgary.anglican.ca](mailto:blabrecque@calgary.anglican.ca) to register and get the Link

## *In Flanders Fields*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

