



# Christ Church Cathedral

Vancouver, BC | Anglican Church of Canada

Christ Church : Vancouver.

Detail of Nave Roof  
1/2" scale.

July 31, 1897.



Note. For heights follow 1/4" scale contract detail. This drawing shows jointing more clearly. All bolt heads to be easily accessible for the purpose of tightening up when timber shrinks. Arrange purlins so that they will be at the same level in nave & transepts.

## Rates & Bookings

Nave floor

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## *bout Christ Church Cathedral*

Christ Church Cathedral, located literally in the heart of downtown Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada is the city's oldest surviving church building. Founded as a parish church on land sold to the founders by the Canadian Pacific Railroad in 1888, the current building was constructed in 1894. Christ Church was designated Cathedral (home of the Bishop's chair) of the Diocese of New Westminster, in January 1929.

While no longer visible from the waterfront, this stone church was once one of the tallest buildings and "the light on the hill" to mariners entering the harbour. Since that time the Cathedral has represented an oasis of calm and stability amidst the fast pace of urban life, a home for the soul of the city.

Throughout its history, this place has been a key location for the City of Vancouver to gather together in worship, celebration and sorrow. Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses, Archbishops, leaders of world religions, famous authors and artists, athletes, musicians and politicians have come to this church for Holy Communion, Evensong, Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, Memorials, convocations, concerts, plays, lectures, readings, political and theological debates or simply to prayerfully experience God's presence.

### *Our Vision*

Christ Church Anglican Cathedral is an inclusive community of disciples of Jesus Christ serving God in downtown Vancouver through worship, ministry and for outreach to near and far. The Cathedral is enriched and enlivened by the diversity of its community. It is a place where faith is nurtured and all age groups are welcomed. The performing and visual arts find a home here. This is a safe, welcoming and positive space for GLBT people, their friends and families.



*A Christ Church wedding,  
circa 1908.*



# T *he Restoration & Renewal*

The original Cathedral building was built in 1894, the first major renovation took place 15 years later in 1909 and since then the Cathedral has undergone six more renovations. The most recent renovation began in 1998 with an extensive face lift to the exterior, including: new custom designed exterior lighting, wheelchair ramps, construction of a plaza on the west side, new landscaping, a memorial garden, kiosks and banners. The church closed down for the first time in its history on April 22nd, 2003 to facilitate Phase II; extensive interior renovations and seismic upgrading. After a year of intense construction the Cathedral re-opened for worship April 4, 2004.

The most visible portion of this work is the restoration of the original cedar ceiling and Douglas fir flooring, hand built by skilled craftspeople (many from the shipbuilding trades) recapturing their original lustre after 50 years of hibernation under fibre board and linoleum, the legacy of earlier renovations. The custom designed and built tracker action pipe organ constructed on the new "floating" gallery soars dramatically to the apex of the ceiling and dominates the south end of the church.

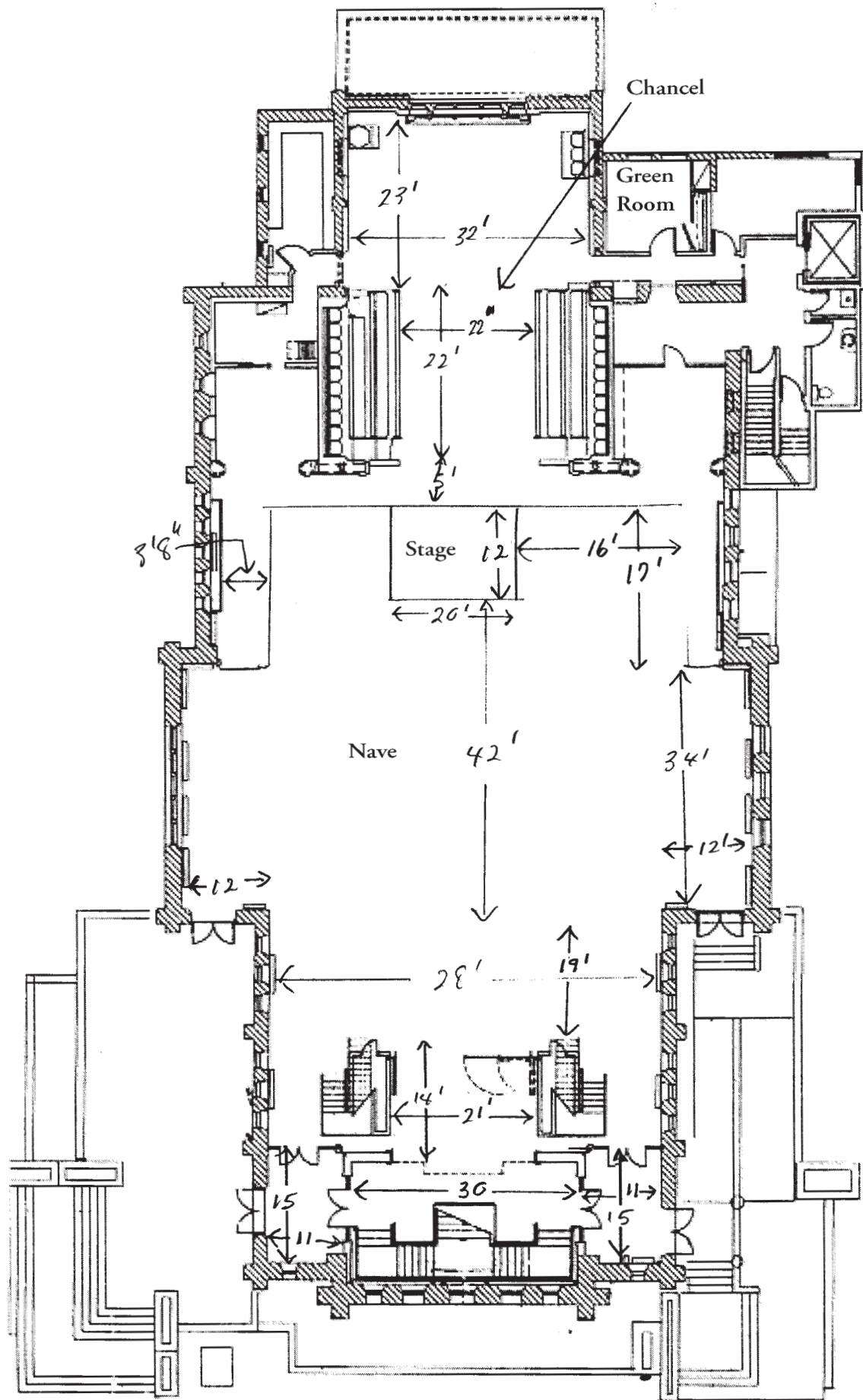
Spacious, modern washroom facilities are located on the lower level at the foot of the new double stairway. An elevator, wheelchair accessible washroom, stairway, vestry and storage space were built inside a new addition to the Cathedral's northeast corner, which opened in May of 2006.

For further details about the improvements to the building and the specifications of the Kenneth Jones Pipe Organ, please access our website. [www.cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca](http://www.cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca)



*The scaffolding needed to restore the original fir ceiling.*





# T *he Upper Level*

Easily accessible from the corner of Burrard and Georgia Streets, Christ Church Cathedral is uniquely positioned in the centre of Vancouver's business district. With seating for 450, and a potential capacity of 600, the upper level maintains the heritage beauty of antique stained glass windows and beautifully restored wood floor and ceiling with the latest in sound, lighting and climate control. The acoustic of the rejuvenated Cathedral space is the best it has ever been and with the addition of the Kenneth Jones tracker action pipe organ, music in the Cathedral will be heard and accompanied as never before.

The completely redesigned entrance area is the perfect place for receiving guests, registering delegates, selling merchandise and distributing programs and information. Full washroom facilities are available and extra rooms for dressing, staging and storage may be booked at an additional cost. A wheelchair accessible elevator and washroom are contained in the northeast addition, and the elevator is conveniently located at the rear entrance for ease of loading in and out. Detailed study of the upper level's sound and lighting needs went into the design of the custom built systems for Christ Church Cathedral. Full access to these systems including an in-house technician is included in the usage rate.

***Rates:*** \$2030.00 for a 1/2 day (4 hours)

\* Financial Assistance may be available, see page 8 for details.

## ***Extra Services & Equipment:***

Rehearsal Space = \$500.00 for a 1/2 day, \$750.00 for a full day

Additional Seating for 150 = \$ 400.00

Piano = \$300.00 + cost of tuning

Organ = \$500.00 + cost of tuning

Stage Risers = \$40.00 each (accommodates 16 persons per riser)



*The Savage God Performance Ensemble has been a resident partner since 1999.*



# T *he Park Room*

The entire north facing wall of the Park Room consists of large floor to ceiling windows looking out on the trees, plants and flowing waterfalls of Park Place Plaza.

Located a few feet from the lower level entrance on Burrard Street, the 700 square feet of the Park Room is the perfect place for a seminar group of 30 or less or up to 12 people seated at tables. The Park Room with its cool pastel colours and bright windows is ideally suited for discussion groups, workshops, education and board meetings.

Includes: Custodial staff: seating for 30, and 2 tables (6' x 3 " folding tables).

**Rates:** \$250.00 for a 1/2 day (4 hours), \$375.00 for a full day (8 hours).

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### *Extra Services & Equipment:*

Food & Beverage Assistance = \$160.00

Coffee Service = \$40.00 to \$75.00

Portable Sound System = \$50 + 200.00 deposit.

Digital Projector & Screen = \$30.00 + \$150.00 deposit.

TV & DVD Player = \$15.00 + \$75.00 deposit.

Flip Charts are free with room bookings, subject to availability.



*The Vancouver Children's Choir,  
has been a choir "in residence"  
since 1986.*



# The Parish Hall

Completely renovated and redecorated in the spring of 2004 the Parish Hall provides 2025 square feet of meeting and mingling space. Brightly lit and attractively appointed, The Parish Hall will comfortably seat 100 in a seminar format or 50 at individual tables.

The Parish Hall is ideal for meetings, workshops, seminars, receptions and lectures. The main washrooms are located a few yards down the hall, with a wheelchair accessible washroom a few feet away.

Includes: Custodial staff, seating for 100, and 6 tables (6'x 3" folding tables).

**Rates:** \$250.00 for a 1/2 day (4 hours), \$375.00 for a full day (8 hours).

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## *Extra Services & Equipment:*

Piano = \$115.00

Food & Beverage Assistance = \$160.00

Coffee Service = \$40.00 to \$75.00

Portable Sound System = \$50 + 200.00 deposit.

Digital Projector & Screen = \$30.00 + \$150.00 deposit.

TV & DVD Player = \$15.00 + \$75.00 deposit.

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*The Dalai Lama visited Christ Church Cathedral in 2004 for SFU's special convocation.*

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## Meeting Rooms

Meeting Rooms A and B are ideal for small meetings or as dressing and staging areas for performances in the upper level. Secure, private, and located close to main washroom facilities, with wheelchair accessible washroom nearby. The primary function of Meeting Room A is as a Children's Playroom, and Meeting Room B also functions as the Cathedral's Library.

**Meeting Rooms A & B:** Both are 160 Square feet, and seat approximately 10 people. Includes: Custodial staff; Chairs; Washroom Facilities.

**Rates:** \$80.00 for a 1/2 day (4 hours), \$120.00 for a full day (8 hours).

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### *Extra Services & Equipment:*

Coffee Service = \$40.00 to \$75.00

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# A

## Availability

The principal purpose of Christ Church Cathedral is to provide a space for the community to worship and minister through outreach to the "greater" community. The schedule of worship and programming at Christ Church Cathedral is very busy indeed and those needs must be met before other building uses can be considered.

Therefore, bookings fill up very quickly and need to be made well in advance. We have created this application process to ensure that we are able to gather all the information needed about your booking proposal. Please complete the following Information Form and send to: Building Usage Requests c/o Gordon Macdonald. Email [gordon@cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca](mailto:gordon@cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca) or fax 604.682.8377 or mail 690 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2L1, Canada.

More questions? We'd be pleased to give you a detailed tour; Please contact Randy Murray, Communications and Donor Development Associate at 604.682.3848 ext. 21, or at [randy@cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca](mailto:randy@cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca) to join a scheduled tour or to make an appointment.



*The Sandwich Project is part of Christ Church Cathedral's outreach to the greater community.*

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## ooking Information Form

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or Group Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you used the Cathedral for a previous event? \_\_\_\_\_

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Which space would you like to book?  The Upper Level

The Parish Hall

The Park Room

Meeting Room

Please describe your event: \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Persons Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment, or Services Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any special needs or requests? \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Financial Assistance*

Christ Church Cathedral welcomes the community with *Open Doors, Open Hearts, and Open Minds*, as such, we may be able to provide a discounted rate to non-profit groups or organizations who can demonstrate a financial need. If you feel that your event echoes Christ Church Cathedral's vision for serving the community, and you would like to apply for sponsorship, please provide the following information:

Overall Project or Event Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Other sources of Funding: \_\_\_\_\_

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Purpose of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

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How does your event serve the community? \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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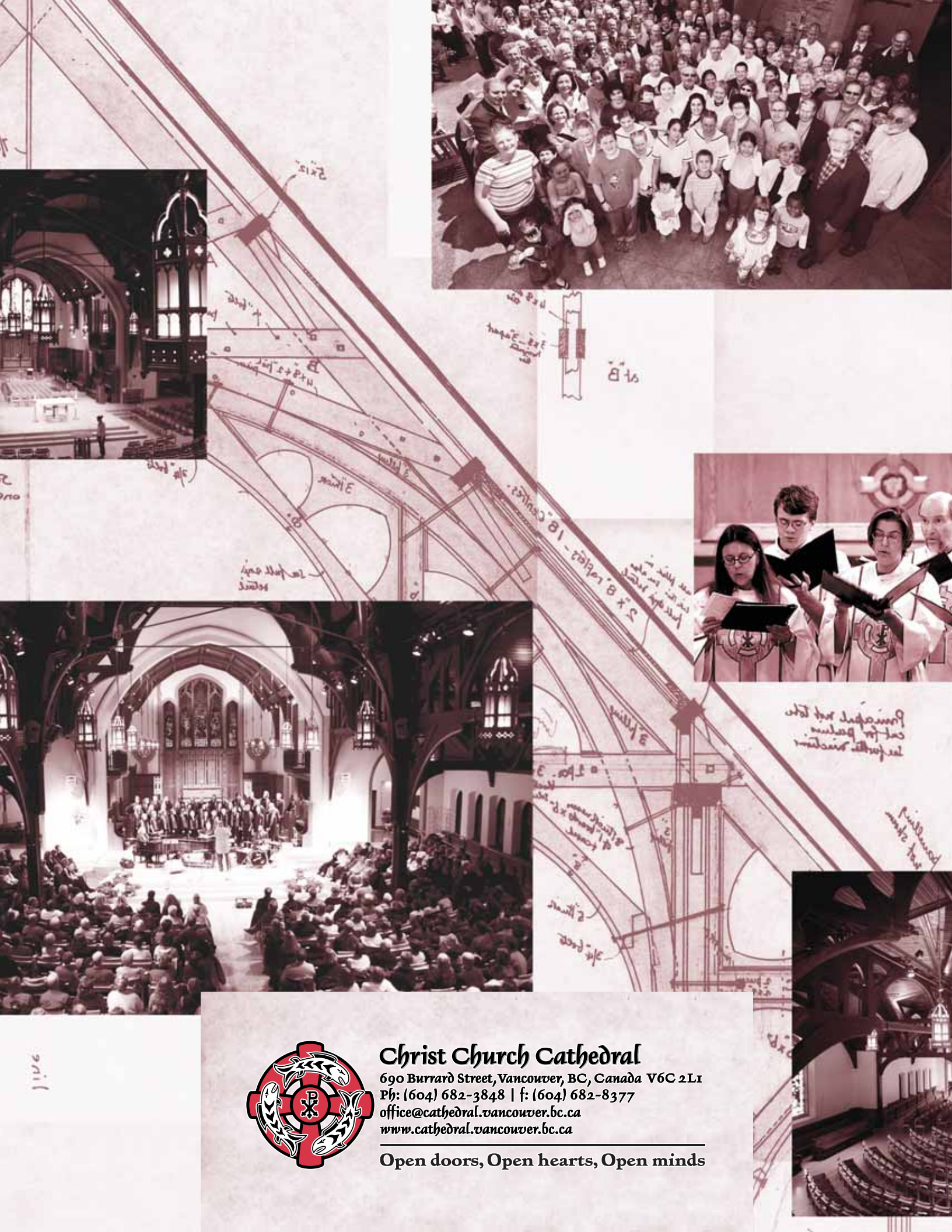
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## *Thank You*

Your request will be reviewed by the Building Usage Committee. We will contact you if we need further information and to confirm your date. Please note: bookings are first come, first served, and priority is given to events that reflect the Cathedral's vision for serving the community.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Gordon Macdonald at 604.682.3848 or at: [gordon@cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca](mailto:gordon@cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca)





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