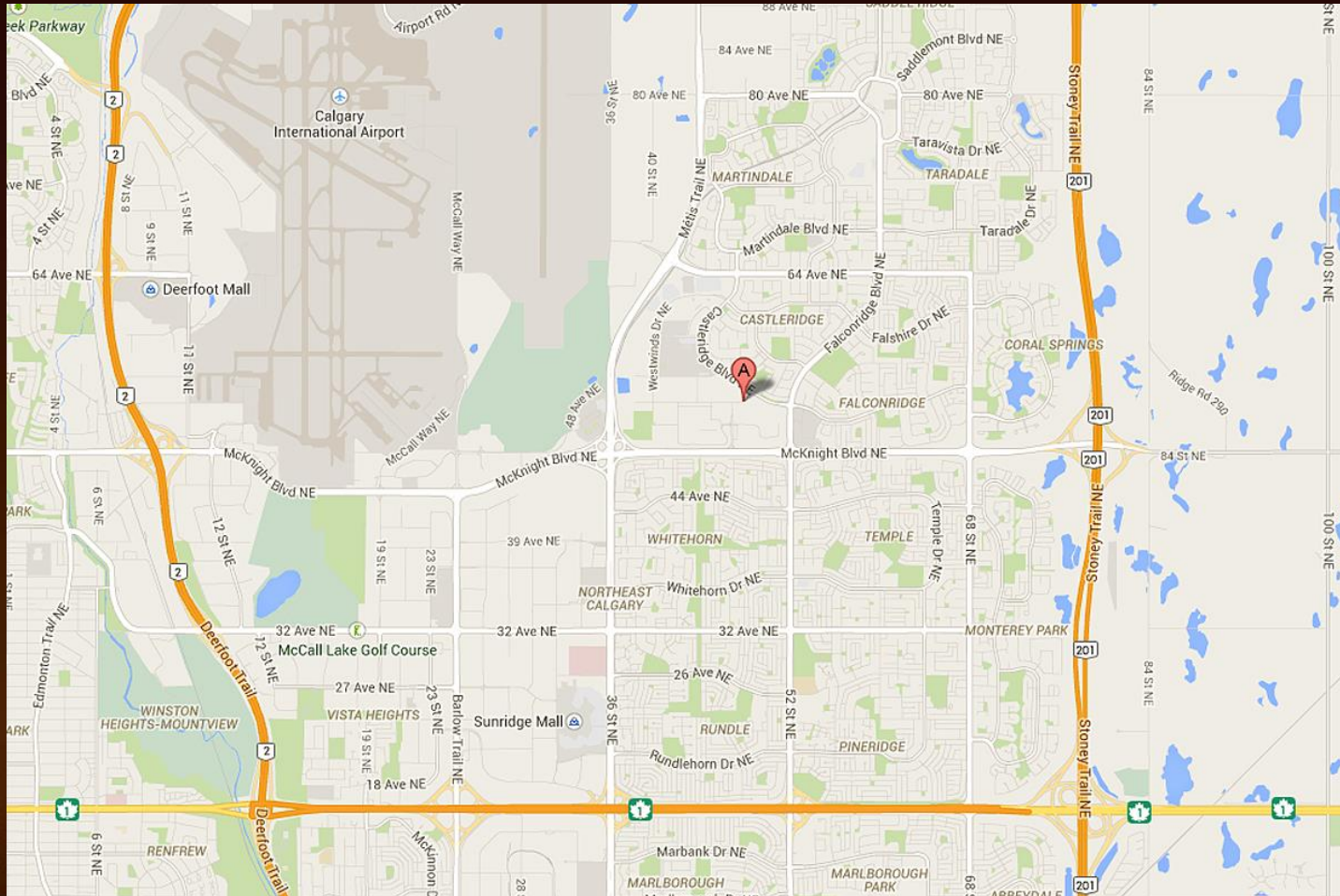


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History



- Started June 2013 by lay leaders – Rajiv & Anita Singh in house
- Found Calgary lacked an orthodox church for the growing Anglican South Asian community
- Many South Asians give up on church in Canada – but return home for vibrant church-centred Christmas season



About

- The Rev William John – came from the Middle East (in the dead of winter) to pastor this new church
- Currently average 15-18 at worship
- Worship in 3 languages: Urdu, Punjabi & Hindi
- Love to sing Psalms (“Zaboors”) and hymns (“Geet”)



Reaching out to...

- Targeting those from East India, Pakistan, Bangladesh & Sri Lanka (Indian sub-continent)
- Focusing on immigrants with Anglican roots; gathering Anglicans into a church community



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Future

- When ASA reaches 30-35, plan to launch:
 - Bible study
 - Women's fellowship
 - Children's Sunday school



Prayer for...

- Healthy congregational growth
- Return of those who have fallen away
- An end to the opposition from other churches
- The pastor
- Planned ministries



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