

**Enews to the St. Mark's Pews**  
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***Hear the Good News! Hear the Good news!***

Yesterday—July 1—was my one month anniversary here at St. Mark's. It's been quite a month full of learning new names and faces, new streets and highways, new routines and a new house.

The house has been the biggest challenge since I've gone from an apartment all on one floor to a Victorian pile with both front and back stairs—to say nothing of a vast yard! But now that I am unpacked (more-or-less) I'm glad to say that the place is very quickly going from being a house to a home. I'm having a great deal of fun putting it all together, which is wonderful since living among packing boxes and packing paper isn't very good for one's emotional health.

Structure and routine are necessary parts of life. But too much routine leads to stagnation. This is why holidays are so important. Of course the word is derived from "holy day" and in the past, these were the only days people had (aside from Sundays) for recreation. For re-creation. Just as each night's sleep is a time of re-creation so is the time we spend on holidays idly doing not much of anything.

There's no doubt about it: the suffocating routine brought about by COVID-19 has begun to wear thin. But now we are able to be a little more free and travel. So I hope you'll take the opportunity to "get out of Dodge" - as it were - and find a place of true and healing recreation. For myself, it will be a time of more new experiences (like touring wineries going to Muskoka) as well as some familiar ones (like going to Nova Scotia.)

Don't forget that I am available for outdoor meet-and-greets on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. Call or email the office and Roxanne will give you a time.

Every blessing for the week ahead,  
Leighton

## **PARISH UPDATES**

### ***Migrant Farm Workers Ministry has two on going needs:***

- due to the pandemic more people are outside on their bikes, which is wonderful, but it has led to shortages for the Bike Ministry. We need repair parts, if anyone has an old bike that we could use for parts to repair newer bikes your donations would be greatly appreciated. And we will always accept used bikes we can refurbish for the Migrant Workers in our area, it is the most reliable transportation they have. Bikes can be dropped off at St. John's in Jordan, or at St. Alban's in Beamsville. If you need someone to pick up the bikes please phone either church and we will arrange for them to

be picked up or email Fr. Antonio. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about the Bike ministry please contact Fr. Antonio Illas at [migrantfarmworkers@niagaraanglican.ca](mailto:migrantfarmworkers@niagaraanglican.ca)

- the Grocery Bag Ministry for the Migrant Workers is in need of a few 'younger' volunteers who can help with the 'unloading' of cars, every Friday night for an hour, between 4-5 at St. John's in Jordan. If students are in need of volunteer hours we can fill out the paper work. Please contact Fr. Antonio to coordinate. [migrantfarmworkers@niagaraanglican.ca](mailto:migrantfarmworkers@niagaraanglican.ca)

### ***Keeping in Touch On-line***

*Our Sunday morning services are **streamed** on Facebook at 8:00 am. Simply go to St. Mark's Niagara-on-the-Lake Facebook page. The service will be uploaded to YouTube also by 8:00 in the morning. Please use these URLs to watch:*

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Anglican-Church-Niagara-on-the-Lake-235477056649804/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-vVgNf0GbuxrfljW4sOXzQ>

*Our Facebook and YouTube channels can also be accessed through our website: <https://stmarksnotl.org/>*

### **WARDEN'S LETTER**

A belated Happy Canada Day, like the past year plus it was different. Flags at half mast, no large celebrations. However it is our Canada. Many opinions about what we should be celebrating or not. Events of the past month have and are causing us to rethink some of the beliefs we have held close.

With a short week, the news is limited on all fronts. We know it is too hot everywhere, but then we complain about too cold and blustery. It is just our Canadian nature.

We do know that Rita Brown is celebrating a special birthday. Happy Birthday Rita and a safe trip to your son's home. Another parishioner who does not show her age!

A reminder that the Mens' Group is taking a break until September. Greg will have some great topics for our Fall session.

We still are restricted in many areas based on the latest Diocesan guidelines, but with a weekend of safe practices and more vaccine jabs there is hope about what we may be able to do in the late Fall.

Remind us to share a big fish story at a later date.

Enjoy your week-end, stay safe

**Called to Life – Compelled to Love**  
Your Wardens

### **WORSHIP:**

## Sunday Prayers with Bishop Susan

Every week, the Bishop continues to lead Sunday Prayers at 10:00 am on our [Facebook page](#). An order of service is posted on our online [diocesan COVID-19 resource hub](#) on the Friday before. Join a few minutes beforehand and say hello to friends from your church and across the diocese! Afterwards, the service is posted [on our YouTube channel](#) and the Bishop's homily is available on the resource hub.



### READINGS FOR SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

[Sunday, July 4, 2021- Sixth Sunday After Pentecost -LINK](#)

**2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10** David has become King of Judah, that is, of the southern tribes. In the north, Abner, once Saul's military commander, has made Ishbaal King of Israel, but recognizing a lost cause, he has switched to David's side. Ishbaal has been killed, leaving Israel without a leader.

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10** Paul continues to rebut his critics. He now answers another of their claims to superiority. He has written: "If I must boast, I will boast of things that show my weakness".

**Mark 6:1-13** Jesus has used parables to tell the crowds the word of God. He has commissioned and instructed the twelve, showing them that he has power over nature, sickness, and even death. Now Jesus leaves the place where he has healed the woman and Jairus' daughter.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Submitted by Tammy Zalepa)

We lift our prayers to you, O'Lord, for all people everywhere, those close to us and those far away.

We pray for those who minister and preach that they may never find themselves rejected out of hand as our Saviour, Jesus Christ, was in his hometown synagogue.

We pray for Canterbury Hills Camp, Camp Director Emily Lloyd, staff and campers in the Niagara Diocese, and in the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Athabasca, and the congregations of the southern area of the Saskatchewan Synod.

Guide us in our ministries and help us to respect the beliefs of others.

*O'Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for our families and friends.

We give thanks for the presence in this community of Charlotte Lewis, Ann Lindsay, and Richard

and Lynne Liptrap and pray for them and their families.  
*O'Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for the sick especially remembering Gillian MacKay, Terry, Don Dicarlo, Jan Brown, Lisa, Dorothy Walker, Sharon, Dick, Doug Garrett, Bev Garrett, Ross Tomlinson, Peter Ford, Jodey Porter, Sean, Gail, Jackie Johnson, and Joshua.  
And for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Joy Ormsby, Selina Appleby, and Joan Draper.  
We ask that your healing touch may be felt in their lives.  
*O'Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray also for those who have gone before us, Yvonne Playle, Mimi McEwan, and Sam Kingdon.  
May they rest in your eternal home.  
*O'Lord, hear our prayer.*

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
that what we do for the least of your children  
we do also for him.  
Give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died for us,  
but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hear now the words that Jesus taught us,

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**