

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

Dear Friends,

One of the most famous canons of St Paul's Cathedral in London was Sidney Smith. By the time he died in 1845, he was celebrated for his preaching, for his wit, and for being a great epicurean. He once speculated that heaven would be like eating foie gras to the sound of trumpets.

In the year of Smith's death, William Buckland, another extraordinary cleric, became Dean of Westminster. Like Smith, he had a prodigious appetite—although his tastes were much less orthodox. Buckland claimed to have eaten his way through the animal kingdom; he declared a handful of horseflies to be "horrible." A descendant of the British Ambassador to Paris during the Revolution once gave a dinner party and Dean Buckland was among the guests. After the French Royal tombs were despoiled, the host's ancestor had been given the heart of Louis XIV in a silk handkerchief. At the conclusion of the dinner in question, this family heirloom was passed round the table. It was nothing more than powder and when the powdery bundle reached Buckland, he solemnly unwrapped it and licked up some of the royal dust. "Behold," he said. "I am eating the heart of le roi soleil before whom all of Europe trembled."

My friend Corey and I often laugh about the obituary The Telegraph ran for Brian Brindley, who started out as an Anglican priest and wound up as a Roman Catholic layman. Father Brindley was the grandest eccentric ever produced by the Anglo-Catholic wing of the Church of England. His obituary says "[He] was incapable of enjoying even a simple quiche without smothering it in double cream 'to make it less rich.'" And it ends dryly: "He died surrounded by a dozen of his closest friends, celebrating his 70th birthday at a seven-course dinner at the Athanaeum, he suffered a heart attack between the dressed crab and the boeuf en croûte." What a way to go.

Ever since reading that, I searched in vain for old-fashioned Dressed Crab. My search ended the last time I was in London. A friend, who knows well my weakness for stuffy grandeur, invited me to luncheon at his club—which is White's. Now, White's is the *sine qua non* of the London clubs full of doddering toffs with pukka accents. I came into the dining room and on the table where certain traditional

dishes are laid out buffet-style, there it was: Dressed Crab. I had it as a first course. And then I had grilled Dover Sole—just to make luncheon a little less rich!

I love cooking and food. Many of us do. There's something deeply satisfying in planning a menu, sourcing ingredients, and taking time to properly prepare a meal. None of you will be surprised to learn that my culinary preference is classically French—the more elaborate the better.

I guess being an Anglican priest goes hand in hand with being a lover of fine cuisine. And although I can't say that I've ever eaten the heart of a king, I have had chicken hearts. They're not "horrible" like Buckland's flies but I must say I prefer *ris de veau* or *rognons d'agneau*. And it's undeniably true that I went through a phase in my early twenties when I ate foie gras every chance I could—though never to the sound of trumpets. Let's hope I don't have that particular gastronomic experience for a good long while.

Every blessing

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.

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## ***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-vVgNf0GbuxrfjW4sOXzQ>

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

### **WARDEN'S LETTER**

The news from the Diocese received Thursday is encouraging. Improvement in vaccine distribution and cases dropping is cause for us to be a little more positive as to a Church opening no later than September 12. There will be the necessary planning, registering, distancing and sanitizing, but we have done that previously with a great team. We should be able to announce more specific information in the next two weeks.

With Roxanne on vacation, there is little to report or advise as to any special announcements. The property work is progressing with completion of the choir room and the Rector's office and the refurbishing of certain stones is continuing in the cemetery. The results of a garage sale resulted in a donation of close to \$4,000 for the refurbishing of the cemetery stones. This is very much appreciated during the hold on church fundraising events.

There will be a Parish Council meeting on July 22 and an invitation and package will be available on July 19.

That is it for this issue and remember "minds are like parachutes, they only function when they are open."

Keep safe and well.  
Your Wardens

## CEMETERY UPDATE

The oldest Ontario cemetery, still in use, is that of St. Mark's. The first recorded interment here was in 1782. Many of the old monuments have disappeared, or are so eroded that they are no longer legible. St. Mark's Cemetery Board has been helped with the task of restoration by the Willowbank Heritage Conservation School and now by Alan Ernest M.A. a Historic Cemetery Specialist who over the last 25 years has restored thousands of historic marble, limestone, sandstone and granite monuments and in scores of cemeteries. Alan follows conservation's best practices and achieves results that are historically correct and durable. Monument restoration is a costly project, so donations are always welcome. Al's work, now in progress, is exciting as a number of long forgotten memorials are "reborn." If you are near the cemetery you might catch him at work. I know you will be fascinated.

Donald Combe



## 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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** - *Sunday, July 18 2021* [Click Here for the Link](#)

**2 Samuel 7:1-14a** David is now installed as king in Jerusalem. He wishes to centralize religious and political power, but God cautions him against moving too fast. The word house has three meanings in this reading: palace, temple, and dynasty.

**Ephesians 2:11-22** The author tells us that divisions between Jews and Gentiles, and enmity on both sides, has become in Christ a thing of the past. We are all members of the one growing Church, of which Christ is the founder.

**Mark 6:30-34,53-56** Jesus has sent out the disciples, giving them authority over evil forces in people. By telling the story of John the Baptist's death, Mark has told us that discipleship does have its risks. After proclaiming repentance and curing the sick, the disciples now return.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (Submitted by Jamie Mainprize)

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Let us pray that we may truly open ourselves to the gifts of compassion and God's wisdom that we may be retrieved through Christ into our true humanity and love for our neighbour.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, let us pray that you give us the desire and courage to seek justice and peace among all nations, remembering especially this day the original peoples in our country of Canada and those who followed.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for Elizabeth, our queen, and for her ministers in Canada that they will guide us with courage, integrity and foresight through the perils of conflict among us and that we may respond responsibly and selflessly.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all those who work for the just and proper use of your creation and that greed and the hunger, disease, and deprivation it causes in so much of our world may be lessened.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for Susan, our bishop, and for Leighton, our rector.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the Cycle of Prayer for the diocese of Niagara let us pray for the Church of the Incarnation, Oakville, the Venerable Michael Patterson, rector, Mr. Randy Williams, Lay Pastoral Assistant and the people of that parish.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer let us pray for the Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Calgary, and Rev. Prema Samuel, Assistant to the bishop and the staff of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for the presence in this community of Craig MacLean, Donald MacLeod, and Allan Magnacca and pray for them and their families.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Let us 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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those shut in their houses, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Joy Ormsby, Selina Appleby, and Joan Draper.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have died, Mimi McEwan, Sam Kingdon, and Wally Raymond, priest.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us pure hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who 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.**