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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

I've been thinking about how kings and queens have been depicted in portraiture. No matter the artist—Holbein, Van Dyck, Rigaud—they were always depicted as either remote or idealized. Annigoni's famous portrait of Queen Elizabeth II is a case in point: the National Portrait Gallery described it as showing Queen Elizabeth "In a sylvan idyll yet outward looking and connected to her surroundings." Yet the portrait was also

criticized for emphasizing Elizabeth the monarch while showing little insight into Elizabeth the person.

In 2007 Annie Leibovitz took a number of photographs of the Queen. In one she is in a gold gown with a luxurious fur draped over her arm, and in another she is depicted—as she is in Annigoni's work—in the robes of the Order of the Garter. These beautiful photographs have been circulating widely online since Queen Elizabeth's death.

But even more beautiful are Leibovitz's photographs from 2014. They show a very different kind of monarch: human and humble, in country tweeds and in comfortable surroundings. The best one of all shows Queen Elizabeth and the Princess Royal sitting lovingly close together on sofa just like any other mother and daughter.

And then there's the last official photograph, taken a mere 48 hours before her death. She is frail, stopped, holding a walking stick. But she is smiling broadly—dare I say beatifically?—looking like any other grandmother.

I am not the first to note that over the past few years, Queen Elizabeth's Christmas broadcasts more and more emphasized her Christian faith. It's almost as if as the Elizabeth depicted in official pictures became less magisterial and more maternal, the one speaking to us on television became more Christ-like. That's no exaggeration. She expressed to us something she always knew but seldom talked about: her reign was overshadowed by—and reflective of—the reign of Christ. Despite the grand trappings of monarchy underneath it all

was a humble woman who was deeply aware of how she was that though she reigned, she didn't rule since. She well understood her Lord's saying "I am among you as one who serves."

Each of us has a persona behind which there is the real person and we're afraid of letting showing our true self for fear of losing face. I daresay for a long time, Queen Elizabeth believed the same. Yet as she became more human, more relaxed, more herself it was quite the opposite. She became even more beloved, precious, and irreplaceable. All of which leads me to wonder how I'd be depicted in an official portrait. How would you?

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

Many of you pre-Covid heard about the Bishop's Mission Action Plan (MAP). Its introduction was delayed by the pandemic, but now our parish is initiating our MAP program in the next few weeks. It will begin with an outline from the Diocese presented by a facilitator from the Diocese. The first meeting will be announced soon in ENews. We anticipate an enthusiastic response to this important step in our parish.

Last Sunday our choir returned after more than two years. They have been missed and it was wonderful to hear their voices again adding to our worship service. Our Choirmaster is always happy to meet with prospective choristers. Please reach out to James Bourne if you are interested in joining.

Parish Council met on Thursday. There was excitement about an October 17th event featuring renowned tenor Ben Heppner and his wife in a dialogue. Details will be published next week. We encourage people to purchase their tickets early.

Greeters and Counters are still urgently needed. These are not onerous roles. The rotation is once a month. Counting takes about 15 minutes. Those attending the 8:30 a.m. service regularly are asked to help hand out bulletins and say hello to visitors.

The death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II and the ascension to the throne of King Charles III continue to dominate our thoughts and news coverage.

This past week we have seen mourning worldwide. We look ahead to the state funeral at Westminster Abbey on Monday. Niagara-on-the-Lake was so fortunate that Her Majesty and Prince Philip visited in 1973. Many of you were participants or closely involved in that memorable occasion. Do you have stories about that visit to share with our parish? We would like to add these to our E-News. Please send stories and memories to Donald Combe or Ann Lindsay.

See you in Church!

As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who needs assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some phone companionship. Or over the fence.

Stay safe - keep well.

Called to Life - Compelled to Love

Did you know...

That the Alms Basin has been in use for 111 years and was given by Henry and Harriett Moore in memory of their



daughter?

Thank you to Donald Combe and Ann Lindsay, St. Mark's Archives, for providing these short informational pieces on a weekly basis for E-News.

Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for William and Jeanne Bradford, Jodi Bradford, Robin Brinsmead, and Grant and Linda Brooks and their families.

We pray for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Joy Ormsby, Selina Appleby, and Joan Draper.

We pray for those who have died, especially Lorna Stead.

We pray for the sick, especially remembering Jacquie White, Jack Taylor, Margaret Stimson, Terry, Jan Brown, Lisa, Dorothy Walker, Sharon, Dick, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, Joshua, Ben Buholtz, and Lynn Taylor.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. John the Divine, Cayuga, The Reverend Canon Dr. Catherine Crawford Browning, Interim Priest-in-Charge, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, and The dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod.

Bible Study via Zoom

We are sending Zoom invites via Constant Contact to those who regularly join the Bible Study group. If you would like to attend Bible Study via Zoom, please contact the Rector to have your name added to the distribution. rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.

The common cup has been re-introduced at the Eucharist. Of course, anyone who is disquieted about receiving the wine may simply receive the eucharistic bread. This has always been the case. Those who wish to receive the bread only may simply depart from the communion rail after they have done so.

Eucharist on Sundays

In person eucharist has resumed on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Church.

Men's Communion and Breakfast

It is with great pleasure that we can announce the restart of a long-time men's program that has been sorely missed during the pandemic. On the first Wednesday of each month, men of our congregation and their guests will participate in a quiet spoken Eucharist service in the church at 8:00 am, followed by breakfast at 8:45 am. If you would like to join us, please contact Greg Walker by email or phone (905) 262-6605 by Noon on Tuesday prior so

that we can confirm numbers for breakfast.

The Choir Returns

After a long Covid-19 hiatus, we are delighted that the St. Mark's Choir has returned to the 10:30 service. Choral music has always been an important part of the services at St. Mark's, and all of us have keenly felt its absence. The Director of Music is always happy to meet with prospective choristers. Previous choral experience, an ability to blend in a choral ensemble, and proficiency sight-reading are assets

Save the Date!

St. Mark's delighted to re-launch our Speaker Series this October with a very special event: "Our Secret Heart: Ben Heppner in Conversation With Karen Heppner."

Now retired from singing, legendary Canadian tenor Ben Heppner has carved out a niche for himself as a radio personality and sought-after speaker. He will be at St. Mark's to talk to his wife - and us - about his career as one of the world's most renowned tenors, life in the world of opera, and his personal faith.

This event will be on Monday, October 17 at 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$35. There will be a limited number of VIP tickets (\$60 each) for a reception with Ben and Karen following the event.

More news next week - watch this space.

Tickets will be available beginning Monday, September 26.

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