

E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 120th Edition - July 15, 2022

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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Summer is a time for relaxation and rest—everywhere except at St Mark's it seems! Anyone who was around last Saturday at the Cherry Festival saw just how busy it was. All of that excitement and joy wouldn't have been possible without lots of work and planning and effort. Everyone involved deserves a well-earned rest.

Yet the activities in and around the parish continue: Music Niagara events, weddings, tours. I'm grateful to the volunteers who take time out of their own summer schedules to help make all of these things possible.

And speaking of time out and gratitude, I will be away until July 23. I'm delighted that my friend Jay Lebfebvre is taking the services on Sunday, and I'm sure you'll enjoy him.

After this edition also notice that the E-News will be shorter without messages from the wardens or me—but don't worry: we're still around. And we'll be back to weekly messages in the E-News after Labour Day.

Happy summer, everyone!

Grace and peace, Leighton

And the total is \$35,096!

Cherry Festival 2022 was an outstanding success in all ways — crowds of happy people, a perfect

summer day and a fundraising total of \$35,096.

Not many months ago it was uncertain whether the Festival would be held, given the pandemic and organizational challenges. Today, we can take great pride in what was achieved.

This could not have happened without the support and hard work of parishioners, their families, friends and neighbours, and others in community organizations, businesses and the media.

I am profoundly grateful and feel incredibly fortunate to be part of the wonderful community that is St. Mark's.



Thank you.

Andrea Douglas People's Warden

From the Wardens



What a do it was! The Cherry Festival last Saturday was one of our best based on the limitations we have faced. We are pleased to share this link to a video provided through Your TV Niagara (Cogeco). Click this the link below to view on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=RJinp-qQkJs

Also see coverage of the festival in this

week's editions of The Niagara-on-the-Lake Local and The Lake Report.

The day was perfect in so many ways:

- Our volunteers made up of parishioners, friends of St. Mark's, family, neighbours it was a real community event.
- Team captains who sorted, organized and priced items, and led Pies, BBQ, Treasures, Clothing, Jewellery, Books, Bake Table, Church Products, Children's Area, Cemetery/Archives.
- The bakers who provided goodies and imagine baking over 300 muffins!
- The famous cherry pies that were fewer than usual and with a long line of buyers waiting sold out in less than an hour.
- BBQ always a success!
- Treasures, Clothing and Books with lots to offer.
- The jewellery tables with a huge selection of beautiful items.
- Our church products, fresh cherries, drinks and floats.
- The Archives and Cemetery tables were popular as folks wanted to know about our history.
- Music in the church was well received and many sat refreshed and entertained.

We must thank the finance team who worked diligently from early morning into the evening to process all the funds from the day. We have so many to thank for lending or donating equipment, tents, freezers, BBQ floor and much more. A thank you to the St. John Ambulance team for being on site and handling some extra tasks.

This was the first Cherry Festival for our Rector, who enjoyed meeting so many folks and

was overwhelmed by what this event really means, not only to his parish, but to the wider community.

One individual must be publicly thanked. Our People's Warden stepped up when no one else did and took charge. It takes a special, dedicated person to herd our group and that was Andrea Douglas. She did an excellent job and has earned our deep gratitude and thanks.

We have a change in the parish office to report. Our administrator, Candace Walker, will be resuming her well-earned retirement on July 27. She looks forward to time with her family, and pursuing some of her many interests. We are grateful for her outstanding work as administrator and her commitment to the parish. Under her leadership, the St. Mark's website was redesigned and a donations database created. Thank you, Candace, for all you have done for St. Mark's!

Leighton is away this week and The Rev'd Canon James Lefebvre will lead our services on Sunday.

Enjoy your summer here or travelling. We will be doing a lot of Fall planning after mid August.

Thanks be to God.

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Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist10:30 a.m. Sung EucharistWearing a mask is now an individual's choice.

Live-Stream Sunday Services Click Online Worship Button on St. Mark's Website

On Duty this Week

Greeter(s) - Ann Lindsay, Gill Bryan Reader - Gary Zalepa Intercessor - Tammy Zalepa Altar Guild - Eve Wylie, Gene Ann Smith, Jennifer Smith



Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: Order of Service Web Site Page

Church Bells

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 pm. Enjoy!

Staying Up to Date!

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: View our recent E-Newsletters

Click on this link to view our Calendar: Visit our Calendar

<u>Click here to access St. Mark's Anglican Church Facebook page</u>You can also access our Facebook page when on our website by clicking on the Facebook icon that looks like an "f".



Did you know...

Did You Know that among the memorials and plaques in St. Mark's is a headstone which remained a mystery for many years? It was discovered Plank was a Private in Butler's Rangers and wounded in the Battle of Upper Sandusky. He was brought here where he died. This is arguably the oldest headstone in the Province.

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.

Bible Study via Zoom

Monday morning Bible Study have now concluded for the summer. We will resume after Labour Day on Monday, September 12.

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. <u>rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com</u>

Morning Prayer Services - Wednesday Mornings - 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday morning Zoom services of Morning Prayer have concluded for the summer. We will resume them after Labour Day on Wednesday, September 7.

Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Kathy and Tim Taylor, Tina Tomlinson, Brenda Trauttmansdorff, and Harriet Tunmer and their families.

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

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. John, St. Catharines, the Reverend Robert Towler, Rector and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Calgary, and The assistant to the bishop and the staff of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

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, and Ben Buholtz.



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Vacation Bible Camp (Ages 4 and up) August 15th to August 19th, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 323 Simcoe Street, NOTL ON

To reserve a spot, please contact the Church Office at 905-468-3363 or email: standrewsnotl@gmail.com



Music Niagara 2022 Summer Festival

Visit <u>Music Niagara 2022 Summer Festival</u> website to view their summer schedule and to buy tickets. Many of the concerts will be held at St. Mark's.



PWRDF Humanitarian Appeal to End Hunger

Donations received by July 17 will be matched 1:1 by the Government of Canada.

Click Here to go PWRDF Website



According to the World Food Programme, 50 million people are facing emergency levels of hunger and the number of severely food insecure people has more than doubled in the last two years. The reasons for this sudden increase include extended drought and other climate shocks, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conflict in Ukraine. In response to this hunger emergency, the Humanitarian Coalition – a group of 12 leading Canadian aid agencies – is raising funds to rush assistance to people on the edge of famine. The Canadian Foodrains Bank is a member of the Humanitarian Coalition. PWRDF, as a member of the Foodgrains Bank, is able to participate in this appeal.

The Canadian Government will match donations from individuals to the Humanitarian Coalition's member charities 1:1, up to \$5 million. Donations must be made by July 17, 2022 to be eligible.

PWRDF is in partnership with Church World Service in an area of northern Kenya where hunger is on the rise. "Children have already died because of hunger, millions of animals have died and women, children, the elderly and people with disabilities are having to fend for themselves," says PWRDF Executive Director Will Postma. "Our support, your support, can help stop hunger and restore livelihoods."

How you can help

Visit pwrdf.org/give-today then choose Humanitarian Coalition Appeal to End Hunger. You may also send a cheque payable to PWRDF to 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. (Please note Appeal to End Hunger on the memo.) You can also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call.



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