



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 119th Edition - July 8, 2022

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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Matthew records Jesus saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." The genius of our Anglican tradition is that it's a wonderful mix of new and old. In the sixteenth century, Thomas Cranmer took the ancient monastic offices and crafted what we now know as Morning and Evening Prayer. In the nineteenth century, the leaders of the Oxford movement made a case for restoring certain elements (like vestments) of the pre-Reformation Church. In the twentieth century, liturgical scholars rediscovered the customs of the early church.

This melding of new and old is often most apparent in the music we sing in church. All of us love the golden oldies. As well we should. But even they were new once, too. For example, Ralph Vaughan Williams's tune *Sine Nomine* (which we sing to the text "For

All the Saints") was written for *The English Hymnal* which was published in 1906. Though it was new, it didn't take long for it to become a classic.

I am passionate about hymns—new and old. I was lucky enough to study with one of the greatest living composers of hymn tunes, David Hurd. He was one of the members of the committee that worked on the Episcopal Church's *Hymnal 1982*. At one meeting, they were discussing some Victorian hymnody—should it be included or should it be omitted? Things came to head over a great, evangelical missionary hymn, "O Sion Haste." (Most of you won't know it. But you will come to know it, as it's one of my favourites.) Apparently, an older member of the committee voted against its inclusion. A much younger member

wanted it kept in. "Why did he want it excluded?" I once asked David over lunch. "Probably because he'd lived through the Victorian era the first time," David cheekily replied.

There was always a Solemn Eucharist at General Seminary on Commencement Day. It was as close to a state occasion as could be imagined: we used the best (and oldest) vestments, incense, vexillators—and so on. I had the great honour of preaching at this service the year I graduated so I said to David, "Can we have 'O Sion Haste' at the offertory?" We did. The singing of that hymn on that day cast an indelible dye on my senses. Many of us were good singers; some had even had professional careers. So we really got into it—as did David. Full organ. Full chapel. Full throated. It was thrilling.

So on Sundays, where hymns are concerned, you'll experience things new and old. That's as it should be! The good thing about hymns is that they're (generally) written in an accessible musical language. So when a hymn that's new to you comes along, join in with spirit. Sing lustily and with good courage (as the old phrase goes.) For what's old is new again and what's new will soon become a cherished tradition. And, most importantly, God will be praised by the joyful noise of his people.

Grace and peace
Leighton

From the Wardens

We have said before that our Wardens letter may be short and this one is.

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR SATURDAY JULY 9 FOR THE CHERRY FESTIVAL!

It has been a long three years since our last festival and some of you may never have been to one, so please come.

It is a wonderful community event. You will meet old friends, make new friends, meet our Rector Leighton (he is anxious to meet all who he can on Saturday) and have a great time!

Come for our famous cherry pies, pie by the slice, fresh cherries, BBQ, jewellery, treasures, clothing, books, bake table, jam and other foods made in our kitchen, children's area including the Tiny Museum, music all day, plus Music Director James Bourne playing at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and the Fort George Fife and Drum Corps at noon.

Don't miss out and bring your friends, neighbours and family.

SEE YOU ON SATURDAY FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM!!!!

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

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Your Wardens

Parish Updates



In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Wearing 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) - John MacBeth, Steve Hinchliffe

Reader - Jamie Mainprize

Intercessor - Wendy Steel

Altar Guild - Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter, Diane Turner

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](#)

[Click here to access St. Mark's Anglican Church Facebook page](#) You can also access our Facebook page when on our website by clicking on the Facebook icon that looks like an "f".



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. rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com

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 Barbara Stratton, Michael Tansley and Barney Farkas, and Jack and Lynn Taylor 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. George, St. Catharines, the Reverend Canon Martha Tarnic, Rector; the Reverend Matthew Gillard, Assistant Curate; the Reverend Deacon Walter Lorenzo Cromwall, Deacon; The Right Reverend Walter Asbil, Bishop in Residence; the Venerable Marion Vincett, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Dr. Doreen McFarlane, Ecumenical Honorary Assistant; and the people of that parish. In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Brandon ELCIC Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the people and rostered ministers of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, and Let there be greening – Assembly 2022: gathering of Anglicans and Lutherans and the 20th Anniversary of Full Communion.

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.

MUSIC NIAGARA FESTIVAL | 2022

Music Niagara 2022 Summer Festival

Visit [Music Niagara 2022 Summer Festival](#) website to view their summer schedule and to buy tickets. Many of the concerts will be held at St. Mark's.



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PWRDF Humanitarian Appeal to End Hunger

Please see below for more details. Note that the Canadian Government will match individual donations 1:1 for donations made by July 17.

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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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