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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 132nd Edition - October 14 , 2022

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### From the Rector

Dear Friends,

For the last couple of weeks I have enjoyed re-discovering the music of the twentieth century English composer Gerald Finzi. He is best known in Anglican circles for two choral anthems: *Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice* and *God Is Gone Up*. But it isn't through Anglican choral music that I first encountered him when I was in high school. It was through his Cello Concerto. It's a true masterpiece—maybe not quite on the level of

his fellow countryman Edward Elgar's concerto for the same instrument, but a masterpiece nonetheless. The second movement is emblematic of much of Finzi's work: limpidly beautiful, yearning, and even melancholic.

The other day I listened to a piece of his called *The Fall of the Leaf*. It's quintessential Finzi: poignant, lyrical, achingly beautiful. It somehow conveys the feeling many of us have at this time of year. While there's sadness that while summer and all the carefree feelings it brings is gone, autumn brings a quiet warmth and a beauty all the more dear because it's so fleeting.

The recent autumn days have been glorious; our Thanksgiving weekend was picture perfect. To paraphrase the late Frederick Buechner, the days all but broke the heart with their beauty. It's a beauty that quickly fades, what with the falling leaves and shortening days. These natural changes make us think about all of the changes we have seen in our own lives, the losses we've seen and experienced, and even the sense that our own days are drawing in.

But instead of feeling melancholic that the fall of the leaf signifies the end of summer, perhaps we should be thankful that autumn gives us time to stop and reflect as the American poet Mary Oliver did when she asked, "Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon? Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

Grace and peace,  
Leighton

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## From the Wardens

HELLO OUT THERE! We remember a Canadian icon starting his stage show with those three words. It got our attention and we hope our Wardens notes do that as well. Our purpose is to provide updates on our parish activities, provide clarifications on Diocesan messages, focus our attention on important issues facing our parish and celebrate the Good News of our Christian lives. Too often we dwell on negatives, not positives.

We have had our Thanksgiving services, and many were able to share a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. We are thankful for so much that we in Canada have. Yet, it is so easy to push away from the table and not recognize that there are millions out there who didn't share such a feast or weren't able to be with family. Too quickly we get back to the small stuff that soaks up our energy and our time.

Thursday night Parish Council had the first briefing and formal introduction to our Mission Action Plan, led by Canon Christyn Perkons, Director of Congregational Support and Development at the Diocese. It was clear that this is an extremely important task for us at St. Mark's. Every member of St. Mark's is fervently encouraged to participate in creating the plan that will guide the life of our parish. The program will be held after Sunday service for one hour for four Sundays over eight weeks. Dates will be announced soon.

Tickets for the first of our speaker's series with tenor Ben Heppner on Monday Oct. 17 are still available. See the information below. Please come! If you need a ride or assistance, call the office.

It is our intention to return to live streaming of our 10:30 a.m. worship service. We recognize the Sunday online audience appreciates and wants to be part of the St. Mark's family. If you know of anyone who can assist us each Sunday, please let us know.

### **Called to Life – Compelled to Love**

Your Wardens

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## 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) - Chris Bjorgan, Steve Hinchliffe

Reader - Jane De Munnich

Intercessor - Jane De Munnich

Altar Guild - Jennifer Smith, Virginia Mainprize

Counters - Trudy Watson Waugh, Allan Magnacca

### ***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](#)

## ***Numbered Donation Envelopes have arrived! Drop into the church office to pick yours up!***

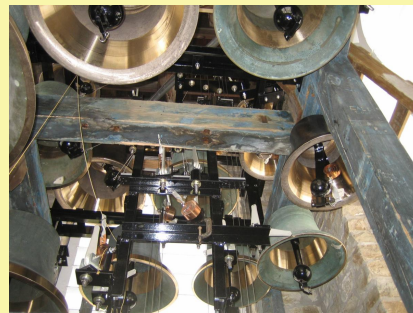
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## ***Did you know...***

That there are 19 bells in the tower? The first three were memorials to Catherine and Matilda Dickson, the wives of John Geale Dixon and his brother Walter Augustus Dickson. They were installed in 1877 and the most recent, installed in 2012, in memory of Major General Sir Isaac Brock.



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## **Weekly Prayers**

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Jim and Pat Collard, Donald Combe, Penny-Lynn Cookson, and Bob and Linda Cross 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 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. Paul, Glanford, The Reverend David Ponting, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kootenay, and The Dean, council, and congregations of the Vancouver Island Region of the British Columbia Synod.

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## **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](mailto:rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com)

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## **Wednesday Morning Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.**

We look forward to seeing you in Church!

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### **Men's Communion and Breakfast**

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 a.m., followed by breakfast at 8:45 a.m. 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 next men's communion and breakfast will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd at 8:00 am in the church, followed by a cooked breakfast in the Parish Hall.

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### **Counters**

Counters are needed to collect and record the envelope and open plate funds after the 10:30 a.m. service each week. On a rotation basis, a counter would need to volunteer only once per month. Counting takes about 15 minutes and always requires two people. Please call the office or Allan Magnacca 416-727-0839 to volunteer or if you have questions.

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### **Save the Date!**

St. Mark's is 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.

Tickets are available through the parish office.

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### ***Celebration of Life***

for Elisabeth Fischer will be held at St. Mark's on November 5, 2022. The family invites you to drop into Addison Hall at 1 p.m. for coffee and sandwiches. The family requests that you bring your memories and your stories to help them honour this lovely lady.

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- St. Marks Anglican Church
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