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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 157th Edition - April 14th, 2023

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### From the Rector

A story is told of the great ballerina Anna Pavlova. After dancing the famous solo the Dying Swan, a fan came up to her. "That was beautiful," he gushed. "But what did it mean?"

"You fool," she replied. "Would I have danced it if I could have told you?"

We might ask the same about Easter. But Easter can't be explained. It can only be experienced. But how do we actually experience Easter?

In Matthew's account of the resurrection, the women come to the tomb deep in grief and overcome with fear. Now that Jesus has died, they are afraid of what will happen next. They are afraid of being alone. They are afraid, perhaps, that they will also be executed by the Roman authorities. So they come under cover of darkness to the tomb only to find it empty—or almost empty. For there is an angel in the tomb, and he says to them, "Do not be afraid." Then the angel says to the women that they are to tell Jesus' disciples that he has been raised. And then Jesus meets them on their way to tell the disciples the news, and he says to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee." In other words, he will meet them in the places of their earthly fellowship; he will meet them in the midst of their ordinary lives.

Do not to be afraid. Easier said than done, especially since we fear that the resurrection story may simply be wishful thinking. Only an encounter with the risen One in our own Galilees of ordinary—even humdrum—living can banish those fears.

What does Easter mean? How do we experience it? Its meaning is found in the way we live our lives as much as anything else. If we accept Jesus' command to go back to Galilee, to our own roots in the everyday, to recognize our old selves but also to allow him to free us from those old selves, then we shall experience, in the depths of our God-created being, the newness of life that is the resurrection life, and we shall become living examples of the power of Christ's resurrection.

See you in church!

Grace and peace,  
Leighton

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## From the Wardens

Easter Week was one of the best we have had at St. Mark's for many years. Each day at 5 p.m. a meaningful service was held with Father Leighton delivering an inspiring sermon, all culminating on Easter Sunday with the addition of music, beautiful flowers and more than 77 worshippers to pray, sing and hear a thought-provoking sermon that resonated with all those present. A tremendous thanks to all who made this happen, including Father Leighton, Jim Bourne, Virginia Mainprize, Jennifer Smith, and Gary Zanner.

Now on to the other matters. Cherry Festival preparation is progressing as anticipated. Updates from co-chairs Greg Walker and Kathy Taylor will be provided to keep everyone informed. There is considerable excitement as one the treasured traditions of the festival resumes Monday when the Cherry Pie Ladies (and some men) start making the first of 700 pies. All are welcome to help, no experience needed. Come and join the fun! We are so happy that all the Tenderflake lard (271 lbs) has been donated by generous donors.

It is that time of spring when **HELP** cleaning up the church and rectory grounds is needed. There is much to do including raking, spreading of wood chips, plantings and working the flower beds. Barbara O'Connor, who works tirelessly on our grounds and gardens, has only one pair of hands and now has had to step back from physical work for a time due to personal circumstances. Barbara will provide direction and assistance. There are no specific hours, this work can basically be done anytime. Please call or email Gary Burroughs or Erin to offer your services. Many hands make light work.

Henry Ford said "Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it up into small jobs"

With the warmer weather and COVID concerns waning, the number of visitors to St. Mark's is sharply up. We are seeing people frequently tug at the door to see if the church is open. At present, the church is open only when services or specific events are being held. We await word on whether our application for students under the Canada Summer Jobs program will be approved. If so, students would start in early June. Until then, we are seeking help to open the church on weekends and holidays. Greeting visitors is a wonderful experience, with so many genuinely interested in our church and its history. (It also increases the donation box.) Volunteers are needed for two-to-three hour shifts until June. Please contact the office if you will help.

See you in church!

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

### Called to Life-Compelled to Love

Allan Magnacca  
Andrea Douglas

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## Music at St. Mark's

**April 16, 2023 - 4 pm** - Karin de Bella and James Bourne performing music by Franz Schubert and Samuel Barber for piano four hands

**Please join us for beautiful music by these fine performers on the varied instruments of St. Mark's.**

Doors open 40 minutes before each concert start time.

Adults \$20 17 years of age and under \$10.00  
Tickets available at the door or through the office



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### **CHERRY PIE MAKING**

If you are interested in joining a pie making team please contact Diane Turner at the number below.

We also require volunteers to transport cherry pails and frozen pies to and from St. David's Storage.

If you can help or if you have questions please contact

**Diane Turner**

at

**19ab39@gmail.com**

or call

**289-362-1827**

**Newcomers are welcome!**

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**\*\*\*Urgent\*\*\***

### **Jewelry needed for The Cherry Festival**

If you have any jewelry, costume or fine, that you no longer wear, please consider donating it to St. Mark's. We are happily accepting your kind donations in preparation for St. Mark's Cherry Festival. If you have items to donate, please give them to Erin, in the office, Monday-Friday 9am-2pm.

**PLEASE PASS ON TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

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### **Spring is a wonderful time to clean out your closets!**

St. Mark's is happy to accept clothing donations for The Cherry Festival. Clothing must be clean, in good shape and on hangers. Please drop off your donations to the office Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

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**Visit our Website**

**Please visit The Farmworker Hub by hitting on the link above. They appreciate anything you may have to offer.**

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Please join us on Sunday April 23, 2023 in Addison Hall  
immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service  
for the film screening of

**MISSIONARY AND MINISTER AT NIAGARA**  
**Robert Addison**  
**1754-1829**

He baptized the innocent.  
Married the hopeful. And buried the faithful.  
And he was one of the most significant men in early Ontario history.  
Yet we barely know who he was. But he was here. For 37 long and influential years.

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

We look forward to seeing you in church!

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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.

### ***On Duty this Week***

April 16th, 2023 - **Greeter(s)**-Trudi Watson, Earle Waugh

April 16th, 2023- **Reader** - Bob Cross

**Intercessor** - Gary Burroughs

**Altar Guild** - Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter and 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](#)

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In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Judith Ravesi, Caroline Rigby, Dave Roberts, and George and Jane Robinson and their families.

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

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Most Rev. Anne Germond,

Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma, The congregations of the Southern Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod, and Climate justice and healthy relationships with the earth.

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

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### **Cemetery Tours**

will be held on June 14th, July 26th, August 16th and September 13th - 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Earle Waugh will conduct the tours followed by refreshments. Tours are limited to 10 people and the cost is \$20.00, payable by cash or cheque.

Please contact the office to sign up!

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

**WEDNESDAY MAY 3, 2023**

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 in Addison Hall. 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.**

Breakfast is \$10 per person.

We look forward to seeing you!

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**Pea soup, tomato sauce, beef cottage pie and lasagna are all available to purchase.  
Please contact the office to purchase.**

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

*...that our first minister, Robert Addison, was assistant at St. John's in Hampstead from 1787 to 1791?*



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