



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 109th Edition - April 29, 2022

From the Rector



Dear Friends:

This past Monday—April 25—was St Mark's Day. His gospel is the earliest written. It's also the shortest and it ends abruptly, in medias res. "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." What a strange way to end a story of the good news! Did Mark mean it to end like this? Was a page somehow lost? Or, since he was writing during the first persecution of Christians, did he have to suddenly get up from his writing table and flee for his life? Whatever happened, his gospel

doesn't have an end in the traditional sense and that says something important to you and me.

It says that we must learn to live with ambiguity, and that's unsettling. We often talk about "needing closure": some definitive, unmistakable line drawn under this event or the other. And there's no doubt that when it comes to all kinds of normal human situations, closure is important. But there's nothing particularly normal—or human!—about the resurrection.

An ancient writer tried to give closure to Mark's gospel, mind you, adding several verses describing Christ's appearance to the Apostles, his sending them out into the world, and his Ascension. Clearly, he was as uncomfortable as we are with loose ends.

But a loose end is also something that simply hasn't been tied off, a thread that is still to be woven into a larger pattern. Loose ends mean that there are new patterns, new possibilities yet to come. Life, even resurrection life, is open ended: still happening, still blooming, still being woven.

Of course, Easter faith tells us that there is an ending which will be in the New Jerusalem and the Supper of the Lamb. But that ending of course will be just the beginning—the beginning of the new life in Christ which will never end.

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

April snow brings May Flowers! Let's hope so. Enough of this spring weather. At least we are having our Services on schedule- 8:30a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We believe there is still some reluctance to be back in St. Mark's. The six wave seems to have held folks back, plus the weather. We still have a mask requirement while in the Church.

A reminder of Parish Council on the 4th May via Zoom. Information will be sent out Monday.

Yes, we continue to have our live streaming issues, however, we can assure you we are making every effort to correct them. Our online audience is very important as we have learned during our long shut down.

Last Saturday, we attended a Celebration of Life at Christ Church Cathedral for the late Rev. Canon Dr. Peter Ford. Peter was our Rector at St. Mark's from 1986-1991 and fondly remembered by so many. Following his Ministry here, he moved to the West Indies at a small Parish and then moved back to his home in the UK. He maintained an apartment in Hamilton where he would return for four to six months. The Homily was given by our former Bishop Ralph Spence. A link to the Service is below.

After an absence of almost two years, we are pleased that Music Niagara will be once again presenting many of their Concerts at St. Mark's this spring and summer. Please see Music Niagara website for details. The season starts May 12 at 7p.m. with a fundraising concert in support of Ukraine.

Cherry Festival on July 9th is moving ahead with various teams preparing their items for sale., including jewellery, clothing, treasures, books, barbecue and of course our famous cherry pies. Volunteers in many capacities are needed. Please contact the church office if you can help.

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up - Mark Twain.

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

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Your Wardens

[Click Here to View Recorded Celebration of Life Service for Rev'd Canon Dr. Peter Ford](#)

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Please remember that wearing a mask at all times continues to be mandatory.

On Duty this Week

Greeter(s) -Chris Bjorgan

Reader & Intercessor - Gary and Tammy Zalepa

Altar Guild - Patty Rowland, Jennifer Smith, Virginia

Mainprize

Live-Stream Sunday Services

Sunday Services are Live-Streamed and currently available on [Facebook](#)

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website:

[Order of Service Web Site Page](#)

Altar Flowers on Sunday

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God by Christine Pellerin and Dylan Van Doorn in celebration of their wedding on Saturday, April 30th.



Church Bells

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

Church Envelopes

Church envelopes that still need to be picked up are now available in the Church.

Staying Up to Date!

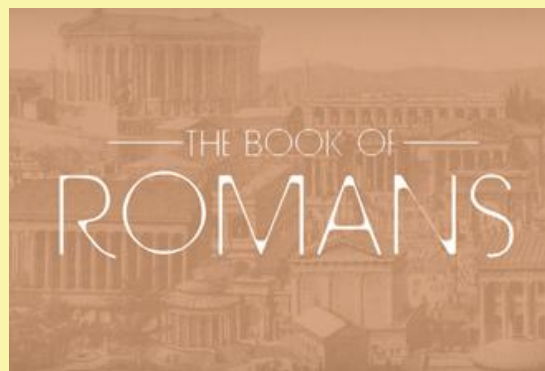
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Bible Study via Zoom

We will be sending the Zoom details to those who regularly join the Bible Study group. If you would like to attend the Bible Study Zoom meetings, please contact the Rector to have your name added to the distribution. rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com

Monday's Bible Study continues with the Book of Romans and the relevant chapters for this week are 4-6.



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

You can join the weekly Morning Prayer Zoom service through the Zoom invite sent from Father Leighton.

Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for John and Roxanne MacBeth, Barbara MacDonald, Gillian MacKay, and Judy MacLachlan 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. Andrew's, Grimsby; the Venerable Max Woolaver, Rector; the Reverend Deacon Jean Ruttan Yates, Deacon; the Reverend John Ripley, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Most Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop and The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Missionary Area of Moosonee, and the congregations of the Winnipeg area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

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

Queen's Jubilee Concert – June 4, 2022 – 7:30 pm



Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee at St. Mark's with The Newark Singers and Orchestra. **They will be performing the four Coronation Anthems by G.F. Handel.** Poetry of Royal substance will be interspersed between the Anthems, read by Donna Belleville and Jamie Mainprize.

Reminder that all Concert attendees must wear a face mask. At the time of ticket purchase, the purchaser will need to leave their name, email, and telephone number in case the Concert has to be cancelled due to any Covid protocols that may arise and tickets will be refunded.



Tickets are \$20 each and St. Mark's "Box Office" will be open to purchase tickets **in person only** (cash or cheque) in Addison Hall on the following days and times in May (when tickets are sold out, we will announce this in E-News and on the website):

Addison Hall:

Mondays in May – 9:30 am to Noon

Tuesdays in May – 9:30 am to Noon

Thursdays in May – 9:30 am to Noon

Between Sunday Services:

Sunday, May 8 – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 22 – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Please note that we cannot take ticket pre-orders or orders by telephone or email. In-person only on dates noted above.

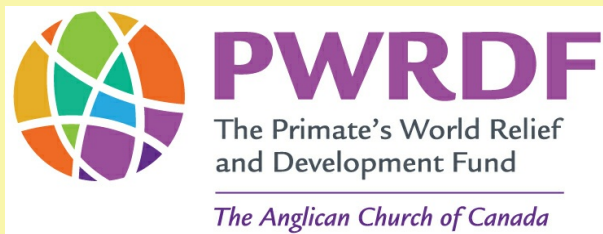
Cherry Festival 2022 Saturday, July 9 - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Cherry Festival plans are moving ahead with many former group leads agreeing to carry on with their tasks. Donations of treasures and good quality

clothing including hats, scarves, gloves and purses will be accepted in June as storage space is limited. Jewelry donations are welcome now. **Book donations are welcome and starting June 20 books can be dropped off at Addison Hall.** Please contact the office if items must be dropped off before June.



Cherry Festival 2022 Jewelry Donations: The Jewelry Team is asking for you to drop off your jewelry donations to St. Mark's Church Office. They can be left in the office for the Jewelry Team to pick up. Kindly note, we are asking for jewelry that is in good condition, and, that has been cleaned, prior to donation. We also ask you donate the jewelry on or before June 15th deadline, as our team will need enough time to sort, price and organize the pieces. We are always looking for extra help on the Jewelry Team if you would like to volunteer. Please contact Donna Bell (Jewelry Team Co-Leader) at (905) 357-0159 if you have any questions; OR Anjulika Chand (Jewelry Team Co-Leader) at (905) 347-1711. Thanks to everyone as we look forward to a wonderful Cherry Festival this year.



PWRDF is [supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes](#) due to the Russian invasion. The initial grant of \$20,000 issued to an ACT Alliance appeal has been increased to \$50,000. The grants will fund the work of Action by Churches Together (ACT) member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA).

As the war began on February 24, tens of thousands of Ukrainians fled for safety elsewhere in Ukraine or to neighbouring countries. Yelena was one of hundreds of Ukrainians in line at a border crossing into Hungary, waiting with her three children while her husband is on the frontlines. She told ACT, "We heard that the Polish border is completely jammed, so we decided to cross the mountains and try to make it into Hungary. My sister is still on the way, I have no idea where she or my nieces are."

On February 27, HIA set up a 24-hour refugee support point on the Hungarian side of the border at Beregsurány, where the line of refugees trying to cross into Hungary is kilometres long, says an ACT communiqué. HIA is providing hot tea, sandwiches, refreshments, blankets and basic hygiene items for Ukrainians, including many elderly and children who are waiting long hours to cross the border into Hungary.

"We've been standing here at this border checkpoint for more than five hours," says Yelena. "It is cold and my children are freezing. It is amazing to see that people are here to help, and even just talking to you gives us hope for a better future."

This is a rapidly evolving situation, please monitor PWRDF's website and social media to stay up to date on new developments.

How you can help

To make a donation to this response online, [click here](#)

You may also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and PWRDF will return your call, or mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. Please mark Ukraine in the memo field.

Frozen Cherry Pies and Canned Goods

The following items are available now to purchase from the



Church Office. Pass it on!

- Frozen Cherry Pies - \$20 each
- Frozen Pea Soup - 1 Litre - \$15
- Cherry Juice - 1 Litre - \$15
- Cherry Juice - 1/2 Litre - \$8
- Picked Beets - Medium - \$8
- Cherry Jam - Small - \$5
- Cranberry Sauce - Medium - \$8
- Cranberry Sauce - Small - \$5

[St. Mark's Anglican Church Website](#)



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