



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 148th Edition - February 10, 2023



From the Rector

I recently purchased tickets for a performance of Handel's oratorio *La Resurrezione*. It was written by a young Handel who at the time was composing under the influence of various Italian masters. Over time he developed his own voice, of course, but it always had a certain "Italian" accent.

How does one learn to compose? There is natural facility, of course, and training. But there is also an element of imitation. I daresay same is true for all artistic and creative endeavours. No one lives in a

vacuum.

People often ask me about preaching. Where do I get my ideas? How did I learn to do it? I don't know how to answer the first question ... one either has an idea for Sunday or doesn't; it can't be summoned. As to the second question, I learned by listening to and reading the best. The shelves of the study in the rectory are filled with volumes of sermons. Some are by my dear, and much missed, late friend Peter Gomes who always said, "All work and no plagiarism makes Peter a dull preacher."

Why am telling you this? Because this year we are going to have services of Evening Prayer at 5 pm on Wednesdays in Lent. The evening office is one of the jewels of Anglican liturgical life and it's a wonderful way to end the day through prayer and meditation. And so at these Wednesday evensongs, I am going to use extracts of sermons from some of the preachers who have inspired me over the years in the hopes that you too will be inspired. The first of these midweek Lenten services will be March 1. Please join me. Who knows?—you may even hear a phrase or two that sounds familiar.

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

Thank you to those who are interested in a leadership role at St. Mark's. If you are still

considering volunteering and want to know more about Parish Council, its objectives, meeting dates, time commitments and so on, please reach out to one of us. After Vestry, the various committees and chairs will be formalized. A list will be available at Vestry and requests for volunteers will follow.

St. Mark's calendar is filling up with many activities, concerts, recitals, weddings and even a musical artist who is recording her music in the church because of the wonderful acoustics and presence.

The 8:30 a.m. service on Feb. 5th was live streamed. This will continue for the next few weeks when we expect to resume streaming the 10:30 a.m. service. We have heard from some of our viewers that they have missed these streaming events.

It is time to start planning for the Cherry Festival on July 8th. This is St. Mark's major fundraiser and a greatly enjoyed community event. We are very fortunate that each of the areas that day are well organized by leaders, many of whom who have being doing so for years prior to the pandemic, but more help is needed. The festival requires a chair and this year we would like to share the responsibilities with co-chairs handling the festival leadership. Rest assured the job is not onerous. There is a complete instruction booklet outlining what needs to be done and last year's chair will support and guide the new leaders. If you would consider taking on a role, please contact one of us to discuss. We promise it is not a lifetime commitment!

The pie ladies, as they are affectionally known, are looking forward to once again preparing and baking our own pies. Jam making starts at the end of February so the kitchen will be busy.

As well, Gary Burroughs and his kitchen group will be preparing pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 21st. This is a community event and returns for the first time since the pandemic restrictions were lifted. We expect a busy several hours! Greg Walker is organizing the servers and helpers.

Donation receipts for 2022 will be mailed on Monday February 13th. Please review your receipts and call the office with any questions. Thanks to Candace, Erin and Gary Burroughs for completing this year's receipts in a timely manner.

We visited the migrant workers hub this week. It is located at the Cornerstone Church in Virgil. They supply about 2,000 workers with clothing, utensils and some food items. This year more than ever they need donations. The workers represent 10% of our NOTL population during the growing season! Please click on "Visit our Website" below to learn how you can donate.

Kathy Taylor, who has coordinated our parishioner calling team, wants to re-ignite this important contact process. Those on the calling team are given a list of people wishing a call, with calls to individuals about every three weeks. The recipients warmly welcome the calls which become a very important contact. If you would like to help, please contact with Kathy or the office.

As we said in a past letter, our focus is on the future of St. Mark's and our efforts and energy need to keep that in the forefront of all we do at St. Marks.

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. Or even a chat over the fence!

Stay safe-keep well

Called to Life-Compelled to Love

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.

On Duty this Week

February 12, 2023 - Greeter(s)-Harriet Tunmer and Nancy Bongard

February 12, 2023- Reader - Steve Hinchliffe

Intercessor - Wendy Steel

Altar Guild - Sue Baxter, Pat Kingdon and Mary Webster

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!

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Click on this link to view our Calendar: [Visit our Calendar](#)

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Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Beverley Lees, Dorothy Lees, David Levesque and Jason St Hilaire, and Ann Lindsay and their families.

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

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. Paul, Norval, The Reverend Audrius Sarka, Interim Priest-in-Charge, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, and The Dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod.

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 Jason.

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

Sanctuary flowers are a wonderful way to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one. To select a date and arrange the details, please contact the office. A donation of \$100.00 is suggested and tax receipts will be issued.



Please note that flowers do not adorn the sanctuary during Lent.

Men's Communion and Breakfast

Next Men's Communion and Breakfast WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 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 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.

Did you know...

..that in 1816 Ralph Leeming was appointed the first resident clergyman at Ancaster, thus relieving Addison of his responsibilities to the Mohawk? It was not until 1820 that William Leeming was appointed resident clergyman at Chippawa, further reducing the size of Addison's "parish".



Wm. Leeming's church at Chippawa



Ralph Leeming's church at Ancaster

PIE MAKERS REQUIRED

Cherry Pie makers are required for four sessions in April 2023.

**If you are interested in joining a pie making team please contact
Diane Turner**

at

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289-362-1827

Newcomers are welcome!



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