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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 144th Edition - January 13th, 2023

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### **From the Rector**

**From the Rector** will be available once again on Friday January 20th, 2023.

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### **From the Wardens**

Christmas is behind us. As we reflect on the joys of the season with family and friends, we trust you experienced a time of peace, quiet, conversation, and remembrances along with good dinners and desserts.

As we enjoyed the festivities, we remembered the most unfortunate, the lost, the hungry, and those living in unsafe environments. Now to 2023, the slate is not wiped clean. The difficulties and issues are still with us.

Charles Kettering wrote, "My interest is in the future, because I am going to spend my life there."

We, too, at St. Mark's must look to the future. The last few months of 2022 were, we believe, an indication. Attendance was up with new parishioners and those we have missed during the past two years attending. There is a feeling of community and caring in our parish.

It was uplifting in spirit and in financial support.

We will complete the Mission Action Plan project by the end of March which will develop guidelines for the next two years. The Cherry Festival will be held on July 8. The men's group has plans to increase attendance, a new program and topics. Outreach to the community will be expanded through events and concerts.

The Sunday services will be live-streamed to reach those who cannot attend church. We

know there is a community out there that is encouraging us.

Requests for weddings, hall and church rentals and special events are increasing. This will certainly assist in meeting our financial goals.

The Annual Vestry will be held on Sunday February 26th, 2023 following the church service. Consider how you can help St. Mark's by volunteering for the many committees we have or by expressing an interest in serving on Parish Council. More about Vestry will be forthcoming over the next few weeks.

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 over the fence!

Stay safe - keep well

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.

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

January 15, 2023 - Greeter(s) - Harriet Tunmer, Nancy Bongard

January 15, 2023- Reader - Jamie Mainprize

Intercessor - Bob Cross

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize, 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!***

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".

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## Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Roger Hughes, Doug and Colleen Hunter, Syme Jago, and Faith Jago 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. Stephen, Hornby, The Reverend Michael Clarke, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Executive Director, Karin Achtelstetter, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, and The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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, and Jason.

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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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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The Rector will be away January 9th to January 19th inclusive.**

**There will be no 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Eucharist on  
January 11th or January 18th, 2023.**

**10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Eucharist will resume on  
Wednesday January 25th, 2023.**

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

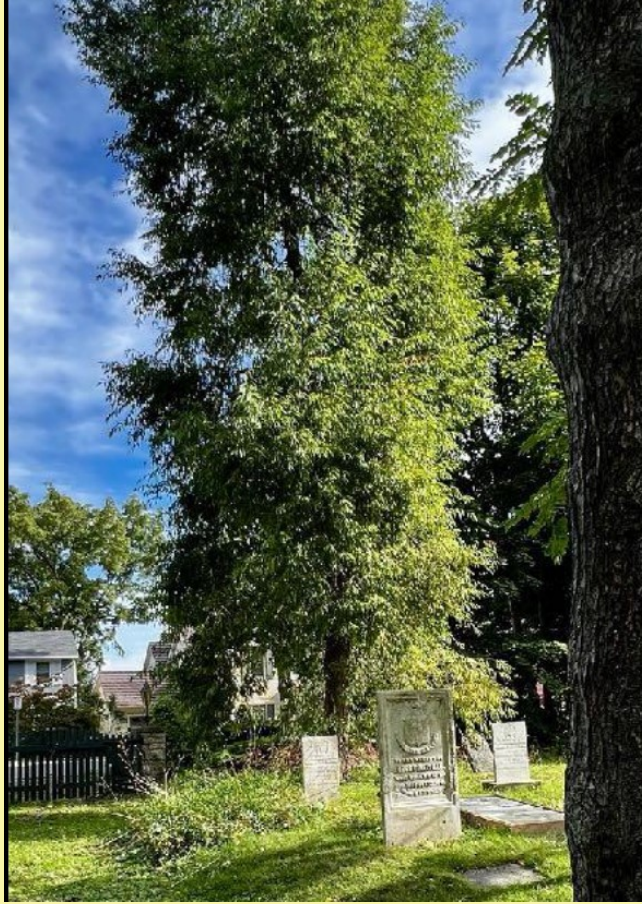
#### **Next Men's Communion and Breakfast WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

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.

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

Did you know that this tree, a *Salix negra*, **Black Willow** was planted by the Ricardo Street gate of the cemetery in memory of a Scottish Terrier named Ertia?



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### **PIE AND JAM MAKERS REQUIRED**

**Cherry Jam makers are required for two sessions in February and March. Jam makers are required on Wednesday February 22nd and Thursday March 2nd 9 a.m.**

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

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

at

19ab39@gmail.com

289-362-1827

**Newcomers are welcome!**



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