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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 115th Edition - June 10, 2022

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### From the Rector



Dear Friends:

This week, I went to the Diocesan Clergy and Licensed Lay Workers retreat in Ramara. Our speaker was the Primate and she lead us through a good but intense three days. As I was leaving I thought to myself, "It will be good to be home."

Last month, exactly 366 days since I left Calgary, I returned to preach at a funeral. In some ways it felt like I'd never left but in other ways I felt like a visitor. And it didn't really feel like home.

Yesterday a dear friend arrived from Nova Scotia. She had only seen pictures of the rectory and after looking around the main floor said, "This is an incredible house." I replied, in the sarcastic phrase of a friend's grandmother, "It's not home. But it's much." Well—it may be too much for one person, but it *is* home. That's a lovely feeling.

Some expressions of Christianity look at the world with suspicion and even as a place of temptation, as if God has booby-trapped the creation he called "good." Some of you may know the old gospel hymn "This world is not my home/I'm just a-passing through." But this world *is* our home and it is *this* world which will one day be restored to the perfect glory of Eden. For else does the phrase "thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven" mean? This is why our Church's growing emphasis on environmental stewardship is entirely appropriate.

After the cloudiness and rain, yesterday afternoon turned out to be glorious. In the words of Frederick Buechner, it all but broke the heart with their beauty. It was like being in Eden. It filled the heart with gratitude. And it proved, once again, that home is where the heart is.

Grace and peace,  
Leighton



*Delicious Jubilee Cake enjoyed by all on the church lawn following the 10:30 am service last Sunday.*



## **From the Wardens**

What a wonderful weekend we had at St. Mark's and in the Town! On Saturday, the 100th anniversary of the Cenotaph was marked with a parade and presentation with Lieutenant - Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell. The event was organized by the Legion and the Town. Saturday night, we had a sold-out Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert at St. Mark's. The music, the poems and the atmosphere were very special. Thanks to Michael Tansley, his choir and orchestra.

Sunday after church we had our first outside coffee hour with lemonade and an appropriate Jubilee cake. Thanks Rita. We think we could have stayed even longer to talk and visit. Weather permitting, there will be a coffee hour (minus the cake) each Sunday.

A reminder that Parish Council will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom. If any parishioner has a subject they wish to have on the agenda, please provide details to the office by Monday at noon.

We are pleased to add to the E-News a new feature from Archives titled "Did you know." We believe you will find this feature fascinating.

This Sunday is Polish Sunday. Parking will be more difficult than usual. Each year the Polish community makes a pilgrimage to the Polish Military Cemetery across the street from St. Mark's to honour the Polish soldiers who died of the Spanish influenza in 1918 and 1919 while training in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Of the 41 soldiers who died, 20 are buried at the cemetery.

There will also be a visit to Elizabeth Ascher's gravesite in St. Mark's Cemetery. She cared for the sick soldiers and took a vital interest in Polish affairs, campaigning on behalf of the Polish army and Polish nation and raising money for Polish relief. Poland honoured her with numerous awards including the first ever given to a Canadian.

Our second summer student, Nicholas, starts Monday. St. Mark's will now be open seven days a week for visitors. If you are at the church, please take a moment to say hello to Nicholas and Alec.

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

Your Wardens

*If you never tried, how do you know you can't!*

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## **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.

### ***Live-Stream Sunday Services***

[Click Online Worship Button on St. Mark's Website](#)

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

Greeter - John MacBeth

Reader - Wes Turner

Intercessor - Diane Turner

Altar Guild - Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter, 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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## ***Did you know...***

That in 1792 Niagara-on-the-Lake became the permanent home to our first rector, Robert Addison, home for a while to the first Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, John Graves Simcoe, and the town was visited by Edward Augustus, Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria.

Thank you to Donald Combe and Ann Lindsay, St. Mark's Archives, for providing these short informational pieces on a weekly basis for E-News.

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**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. Items can be dropped off at the Hall starting on June 20th (with the exception of jewelery, see below).

### **Propane Tanks needed!**

Extra propane tanks are needed for the Cherry Festival BBQ. If you can donate a full tank (the tank will be returned), it will ensure the BBQs keep cooking throughout the day. Donations are much appreciated!



**Jewelry Donations:** Kindly Note, the **deadline** for bringing your Jewelry Donations into St. Mark's Office is **June 15th**. Please contact Donna Bell at (905) 357-0159, OR, Anjulika Chand at (905) 347-1711 with any questions or comments. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already donated - we are immensely grateful.

### **From the Book Table:**

Volunteers are urgently needed to help sort the book donations for the Cherry Festival for a few hours a week starting June 21st, and to help display and sell the books on the day of the Festival. A prospective replacement to be in charge of the books for the Festival going forward is also being sought. Fair warning to book lovers, you will be tempted to buy a lot of books while sorting! Please contact Jane De Munnich by email ([janemoesdemunnich@gmail.com](mailto:janemoesdemunnich@gmail.com)) or by phone 905 468-9831 or cell 289 686-6010.

### **From the Bakery Table:**

If you can assist, please call Kathy Taylor 905.468.2536 or send her an email: [kathytaylor2536@gmail.com](mailto:kathytaylor2536@gmail.com) to let her know what baking you would be able to provide for the Cherry Festival 'Bakery' Table...sweet or savory, it's all welcome, thank you.

Our table is filling up nicely, but, as they say: "there's always room for one more at the table" and you are that one, welcome !!

### **Donations of:**

- **Good quality clothing** including **hats, scarves, gloves and purses** will be accepted in Addison Hall starting June 20
- **Treasures** - Can be dropped off to Joan Bourk now - please contact Joan at [jbourk@beemont.ca](mailto:jbourk@beemont.ca) or call 905.468.0835 to arrange
- **Jewelry** donations are welcome now (see below)
- **Book donations are welcome** and starting June 20 books can be dropped off at Addison Hall



### ***For the June 19th Celebration "Save the Stones" Dinner Honouring Donald Combe***

The organizing committee for this event is looking for clear bud vases of any height to use at this dinner event. If you can assist, please deliver to the office. Thank you.

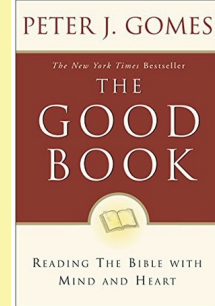
## **Bible Study via Zoom**

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)

Bible Study continues on Monday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m. We are reading chapters 7, 8, and 9 of Peter Gomes' book "The Good Book".



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

You can join the weekly Morning Prayer Zoom service through the Zoom invite. Note that the Service Sheet is on the [Website](#) as well as included in the Zoom email.

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## Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Gloria Petrunick, Jodey Porter and Ben Buholtz, Judith Ravesi, and Caroline Rigby 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. Luke's, Palermo, The Reverend Weiliang (Garfield) Wu, Rector and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, and Lutheran and Anglican global partners and companions.

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, and Ben Buholtz.

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## MUSIC NIAGARA FESTIVAL | 2022

### Music Niagara 2022 Summer Festival

Visit [Music Niagara 2022 Summer Festival](#) website to view their summer schedule and to buy tickets. Many of the concerts will be held at St. Mark's.



## PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

*The Anglican Church of Canada*

### Support Ukraine Relief with PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is receiving donations for our partners in Ukraine. These include:

- Hungarian Interchurch Aid, supporting Ukrainians seeking safety on both sides of the Hungarian-Ukrainian border;
- HelpAge International, supporting seniors and their families seeking safety on both sides of the Moldovan border;

- Initiative E+, providing medical supplies, equipment and care to Ukrainians who have been injured by Russian attacks
- Fight for Right, supporting a 24-hour hotline for people in Ukraine with disabilities receive the care they need or safe evacuation

...And more.

### **How you can help**

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

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



### **Canned Goods**

The following items are available now to purchase from the Church Office.

- 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

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