



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 152nd Edition - March 10th, 2023



From the Rector

A little while back, I noticed the aconite in the rectory garden and cemetery—a sure sign that spring was coming, despite several snowstorms. And now all sorts of shoots are beginning to emerge. The new life bursting from wintery earth which the aconite presaged is now rapidly accelerating. It's wonderful to see.

We're in our spiritual springtime. As I've said before, Lent is derived from an old English word for spring. I'm beginning to discern signs of burgeoning life at St Mark's. Attendance at Sunday services is growing stronger. The same is true for the midweek services, with Evening Prayer proving to be very popular. And our Zoom Bible Study goes from strength to strength. On Monday, March 20th, we'll begin a new unit on the Gospel of Matthew. If you would like to receive the Zoom invites to Bible Study, please [email me here](#).

The overall health of a parish—any parish, not just St Mark's—is proportionate to its spiritual health. Everything flows from our life of worship, prayer, and study. So I hope we can keep the momentum going because faith communities in which lives are being transformed through worship, prayer, and study are attractive and appealing. And as I've also said before, a full church feels (and is) better.

I know I keep beating the drum of making Lenten worship a priority, but I don't apologize. This is what we do as Christians. This is what sets us apart as communities. This is, as the prayer in the Book of Common Prayer says, our bounded duty and service. But such life must be nurtured and cultivated. It doesn't just happen. St Mark's needs you. St Mark's needs all of us, for each of us has a gift that only we can contribute. And that contribution isn't just duty and service, but a source of true joy.

See you in church!

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

We must confess that an event we were waiting for has begun. The Cherry Jam ladies have started preparing for The Cherry Festival. The sounds of the ladies laughter, giggles, teasing and reminiscing are a sure sign of spring at St. Mark's. The jam makers, some of whom we haven't seen for a bit, are always the prelude to the Cherry Pies Project which will begin in April. You can be sure the cherry jam is happy jam.

The first performance in the concert series for Lent was last Sunday afternoon. A very good crowd enjoyed a great repertoire of organ and piano music by a talented musician. Plan to come to the next recital Sunday March 19th at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door.

The Cherry Festival is St. Mark's most significant fundraiser. Last year we were able to have the first Cherry Festival for the first time in three years. This is the 26th year! The Cherry Festival would not be the success it is without the innumerable contributions and support of so many in our parish and the community. Along with the team leaders, volunteers, bakers, BBQ grillers and sellers, it is also key to have a chair. This year we are so very pleased to have co-chairs Kathy Taylor and Greg Walker. They are the leadership team for 2023. You will be hearing from them very soon.

At a past Vestry meeting a motion was passed to transfer the St. Mark's Archives to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum. The Archives group has, for more than 30 years gathered, sorted, catalogued and filed hundreds of important historical documents and photos, and the motion ensures these will be preserved and available to future researchers. The Archives group has met every Tuesday morning since 1993. The time has come to act on the approved motion.

So begins our project - we look forward to working with the Museum staff who have invited us in to keep the collection up to date. The Museum is now ready to accept the transfer of files. This will take place over the next few weeks. Donald Combe and Ann Lindsay, who have been involved since day one, are ready to step down from the active work of the Archives. Both however will continue gathering materials and ensuring they are given to the Museum for filing. The Museum is excited to add these significant and historical St. Mark's documents to its collection.



The 2022 donation tax receipts were sent out three weeks ago. If you have not received yours, please contact the office immediately.

We started today's Letter with some levity and good news. We cannot end without recognizing that this is INTERNATIONAL WOMENS WEEK. St. Mark's has been blessed, inspired, led and supported by the women. Take a look- Altar Guild, Cherry Pie and Jam makers, caterers, servers, archivists, outreach etc. Certainly the men have participated. But the old adage rings true -

"if it needs to get done -give it to a woman".

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We need you in our lives at home, in our community and at church!

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

Music at St. Mark's

St. Mark's presents a series of short recitals for the season of Lent 2023. These concerts will feature many of the fine instruments owned by the parish, chosen at each recitalist's discretion.

March 19 - 4 pm James van den Brink, organ

March 26 - 4 pm Matthew Larkin, organ

April 2 (Palm Sunday) - 1 pm Michael Bloss

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



ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN NOTL DIRECTORY

**We last published the St. Mark's Directory in 2018.
It's time to do it again!**

Just a reminder - there is **no charge to St. Mark's** to have this directory published.

There is **no charge to individuals** who would like to be listed with telephone numbers, email addresses and/or home addresses.

There is of course a charge if you wish to purchase copies of your photographs.
There are options regarding quantity and size.

Universal Portrait Studios will need to contact each parishioner, who would like to be in the publication with a photograph, to arrange a date and time for your personal photography session, by telephone.

If you do not intend to have your photograph taken please advise Erin in the office no later than March 15th.

Please ensure the office has your correct telephone and address to be inserted in the directory.

Visit our Website

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

**Men's Communion and Breakfast
WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 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.

Holy Week Services

April 2nd - Palm Sunday

8:30 am - Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

10:30 am - Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Eucharist

April 3rd - Monday in Holy Week

10 am - Holy Eucharist

April 4th - Tuesday in Holy Week

5 pm - Holy Eucharist

April 5 - Wednesday in Holy Week

10 am - Holy Eucharist

April 6 - Maundy Thursday

5 pm - The Maundy Ceremonies

April 7 - Good Friday

12 noon - The Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

April 9 - Easter Day

8:30 am - Holy Eucharist

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

March 5, 2023 - **Greeter(s)**-Allan Magnacca, Harriet Tunmer and Nancy Bongard

February 26, 2023- **Reader** - Donna Belleville

Intercessor - Bob Cross

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!

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".

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Doug Mantegna, Venerable Lynne Marchant, Rod and Meg McKee, and Erin McKinley and Stephen Payne 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. Cuthbert, Oakville, the Venerable Jeff Ward, Rector; the Reverend Canon Dr. Alan Hayes, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec, and Bishop Jason Zinko, the people and rostered ministers of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

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

We are planning a magnificent display of Easter flowers which traditionally are a donation from the congregation. If you would like to contribute to these, there are envelopes in the church pews. You may give yours to one of the sides people, or you can call the church office to arrange a donation. And you may indicate in whose memory or honour they are given.



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

Do not forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD before going to bed **THIS SATURDAY MARCH 11TH, 2023****



Please note that St. Mark's bells will not ring again until March 15, 2023

The church is being used for a recording session.

Did you know...

Did you know that this *Abies concolor*, **White Fir** in memory of Shane Farrell was planted at the east end of the church in 2005 and is now among the tallest trees in our cemetery?



CHERRY FESTIVAL
SATURDAY JULY 8TH, 2023

We plan to make approximately 700 cherry pies.

Donations of Tenderflake lard in 1lb packages would be much appreciated.
These can be dropped off at the church office.

CHERRY PIE MAKING

Cherry Pie makers are required for four sessions:
April 17th and April 24th
May 1st and May 8th

**If you are interested in joining a pie making team please come to
Addison Hall on the dates above from 8 am to 12 noon .
Please bring an apron and a rolling pin.**

**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 any questions please contact
Diane Turner**

at
19ab39@gmail.com
or call
289-362-1827

Newcomers are welcome!



*****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.



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