



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 153rd Edition - March 17th, 2023



From the Rector

I've written to you before about my late friend Peter Gomes. He was a notable preacher, a subject he was asked about in a 1997 interview on *60 Minutes*. With characteristic immodesty, he told Morley Safer that he could "make words work." Well, I am a little more reticent than Peter was, but it's fair to say that I enjoy trying to make words work. And I also enjoy seeing how others make words work.

I've been having a lot of fun finding meditations for our Wednesday services of evening prayer. In order to find something suitable to share, I've had to look through the volumes of sermons that I've collected over the years. This past Monday, I was spending a fun afternoon looking and reading and I came across a sermon by Ernest T. Campbell arrestingly entitled "Locked In a Room With Open Doors." That evening I casually mentioned this to a friend who has no church affiliation. He was so intrigued by the title that he did a deep dive on the internet where he discovered a trove of Campbell's sermons. He called me yesterday to say, "His sermons are quite amazing. I would have gone to hear him." You can read it for yourself [here](#).

I'm telling you this because on Easter Day I am starting an email distribution list for my sermons. Many folks enjoy reading them which makes me happy. So if you want to be added to my list, or know someone who would, please email me directly at rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com and I'll do that. Peter Gomes once told me that if it's worth saying, it's worth reading. Well, we'll see!

Another thing that makes me happy is a forthcoming visit of bishops, deans, archdeacons, and chancellors from the dioceses of Toronto, Niagara, and Western New York. They will be in Niagara-on-the-Lake from Wednesday afternoon till midday Friday for their annual Lent Retreat. They were here last year, too, and once again St Mark's will be their home base and I will be their chaplain. In this instance, being a chaplain includes hosting a drinks party at the rectory on Thursday evening. (Yes, I know it's Lent!) It's wonderful to be able to welcome this group to our parish and to be able to give them hospitality.

We are half way through Lent. This coming Sunday is *Laetare* Sunday—so named because of the Latin text of the traditional introit for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. It's a day when the Lenten disciplines have traditionally been lightened, including a lightening of the purple of

the vestments which are switched out for rose coloured ones. We don't have rose here at St Mark's but maybe you can observe the day by wearing something pink to church.

And after that, we—the Church—take a serious turn into the final days of Lent as we approach the solemnity of Holy Week. More about that next.

See you in church!

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

We have passed the Ides of March and now celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A salute to all the Irish! On Thursday, the first Parish Council meeting of the new year was held, and two new members were welcomed — Gene Anne Smith and Ian Russell.

We are very pleased with attendance at the Lenten recitals at 4 p.m. on Sundays. The next Lenten concert is Sunday, March 19th at 4 p.m.

There is a lot of activity these days at St. Mark's with Cherry Festival planning underway. There are always new ideas being discussed. Help making the cherry pies for the Cherry Festival is needed along with donations of lard. (See note elsewhere in ENews.) For those who have never helped the "Pie Ladies", it is fun and memorable. We guarantee you have never experienced anything like it! **Men, don't be shy. There are lots of jobs for you, too.** Pie making starts Monday April 17, and continues April 24, May 1 and May 8. The fun begins at 8 a.m. in Addison Hall. Bring an apron, and a rolling pin, if you have one. See you there!

As most know, the acoustics in our church are the best. Many recordings and films have taken place over the years. Currently a recording crew has rented the church for a number of days. You may see a sign on the door when recording is being done. The bells are not being chimed during this period.

Plans are underway for a celebration of the King's Coronation. Stay tuned for more details soon.

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

Allan Magnacca
Andrea Douglas

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



URGENT REQUEST FOR TENDERFLAKE 1LB PACKAGES OF LARD

in order to be able to make all the pies we require for The Cherry Festival

**CHERRY FESTIVAL
SATURDAY JULY 8TH, 2023
9 AM - 3 PM**

We plan to make approximately 700 cherry pies.

Donations of Tenderflake Lard would be much appreciated. Please drop these 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 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.

[Visit our Website](#)

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

Wednesday Morning Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you in church!

Wednesday Evening Prayer 5 p.m.

Please join us

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

10:30 am- Festal Sung 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 19, 2023 - **Greeter(s)**-Trudi Watson and Earle Waugh

March 19, 2023, 2023- **Reader** - Wendy Steel

Intercessor - Wendy Steel

Altar Guild - Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter and 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!

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In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Willard and Anita Miller, Hazel Milne, Sally Mitchell and Julian Trachsel, and Chris Morgan 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. Jude, Oakville, the Reverend Canon Dr. David Anderson, Interim Priest-in-Charge; the Venerable Harry Dawson, Pastoral Assistant; the Reverend Canon Dr. Patrick Patterson, Priest Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal, The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba – Northwestern Ontario Synod, and the elimination of racial discrimination.

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 Maggie Hammerling.

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.

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

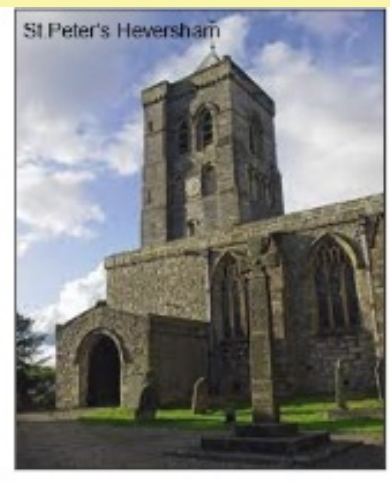
We are planning a magnificent display of Easter flowers which traditionally are a donation from the congregation. If you would like to contribute to these, there are envelopes in the church pews. You may give yours to one of the sides people, or you can call the church office to arrange a donation. And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



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

Did you know...

...that the first minister at Niagara, Robert Addison, was born in Levens and baptized at St. Peter's in Heversham in the district of Cumbria in 1754.



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