



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 151st Edition - March 3, 2023



From the Rector

"Taste is the only morality. Tell me what you like and I'll tell you what you are," said John Ruskin, the great philosopher/art critic/aesthete of Victorian England.

I love to peruse the bookshelves in other people's homes. Seeing what others read is to have an insight into their soul - however partial. In the early days of the pandemic, I used to film the introductory welcome to Sunday worship at home in front of a very full built-in bookcase in my

study. I chose it simply because I thought it was a suitably serious and studious background. But one Sunday afternoon I got a cheeky text: "Mr Dean, it looks like you don't have any theological books on your shelves." And then I realized that particular bookshelf was filled with auction catalogues from Christie's and Sotheby's, books on interior design, architectural monographs, biographies of various stars, celebrities and socialites, and so on. I was, as my friend Brian would say, caught in the act of being myself.

On Tuesday I was talking to some colleagues about what we were reading for Lent. Once again, I was caught in the act of being myself. They were all reading serious things (not necessarily theological, but serious) and I was reading - well, less serious stuff. Oh well. Reading is one of the great joys of life and I know I'm not alone in always needing something to read. Here's some of what I have on the go at the moment.

A fun volume is *Cocktails With A Curator* which is based on an acclaimed video series by the Frick Collection in New York. The book pairs a serious history (and picture) of a work of art in the famed collection along with the recipe of a libation. So Rembrandt's self portrait is paired with the Whiskey Sour, Manet's "The Bullfight" with a drink called *Toreador* - and so forth.

Moving further up Fifth Avenue, but staying in the museum world, Patrick Bringley's *All the Beauty in the World* recounts the ten years he spent as a security guard at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It tells the story of how at 27 years of age, and after the death of his elder brother, he decided to quit a high-flying job and take the "Most straightforward job I could think of in the most beautiful place I knew." Using the astonishing collection in the Met, it's a meditation how jumping off the corporate ladder enabled him to find the space for quiet contemplation.

English conductor John Eliot Gardiner's *Music in the Castle of Heaven* is a beautiful, incisive, and unusual biography of J. S. Bach. Few musicians have lived so intimately with Bach's music as Gardiner has, so his biographical lens is a particular one; he uses literature and painting to illuminate Bach's "dance-impregnated" music. One reviewer said, "His [Gardiner's] stated goals are to provide a 'corrective to the hagiolatry' to get at 'Bach the mensch' who always eludes, to find the man in creation."

One of the best spiritual autobiographies of recent years is Richard Holloway's *Leaving Alexandra: A Memoir of Faith and Doubt*. Holloway had a distinguished ecclesiastical career both in the United States and in Scotland, culminating in his becoming Bishop of Edinburgh and, finally, Primus of Scotland. In this beautiful and candid volume he recounts his struggles with faith, and his trouble with the ecclesiastical establishment. After the harrowing Lambeth Conference in 1998, where he and several other pro-LGBTQ bishops were vilified and shunned, he retired and left the Church. But not the faith. The description on the flyleaf of the hardcover says "As a portrait of an inner life plagued by doubt, it is unsurpassed."

So maybe I'm not reading John of the Cross or Julian of Norwich or Augustine this Lent, but maybe that's as it should be. For a spiritual life isn't one which shrinks from the world and its delights in frozen alarm, but embraces life and all of its complexity and joy with curiosity and wonder. Reading lets us encounter all sorts of experiences we never would, gives us insight in the lives of people who lived in times very different from ours, and allows us to see that God is, indeed, in everything, if only we have the imagination to see it. And how else to develop an imagination except between the covers of the Good Book - indeed between the covers of every good book?

Grace and peace,
Leighton

Friday March 3rd is World Day of Prayer. The service this year has been written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan. There will be an ecumenical service at St. Saviour's, Queenston at 1:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

From the Wardens

Yes, it is March!

A thank you to those who attended Vestry last Sunday. If you did not attend and want a copy of the Vestry package, please call the office. It contains very interesting reports of our 2022 activities. The accomplishments of the groups are amazing and I am grateful for the many hours of volunteer time that made all this possible.

The appointments to Parish Council are attached. We thank those who offered their time and experience.

Andrea Douglas was re-elected People's Warden and Kathy Taylor elected as Deputy People's Warden.

Father Leighton re-appointed Allan Magnacca as Rector's Warden.

The 2023 Budget was ably presented by Gary Burroughs and following some discussion was passed. It is not without challenges which is recognized by us all.

We look forward to many exciting events this year, Cherry Festival with some additions, bake sales, concerts and special events. Our rentals including weddings, celebrations and Music Niagara concerts are booking up.

LIFE IS LIKE A PIANO, WHAT YOU GET OUT OF IT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU PLAY IT

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 5 - 4 pm Lesley Kingham, organ

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.

If you do intend to have your photograph taken please ensure the office has your correct address and telephone information.

[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 at 8:45 a.m. 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

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 5, 2023 - Greeter(s)-Chris Bjorgan and Marilyn Bardeau

February 26, 2023- Reader - Tammy Zalepa

Intercessor - Tammy Zalepa

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize, Jennifer Smith and Keith Bullen.

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".

Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Don MacLeod, Allan Magnacca, Jamie and Virginia Mainprize, and Peter and Janis Manning 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. Aidan, Oakville, the Reverend Fran Wallace, Priest-in-Charge; the Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area 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 Maggie Hammerling.

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.



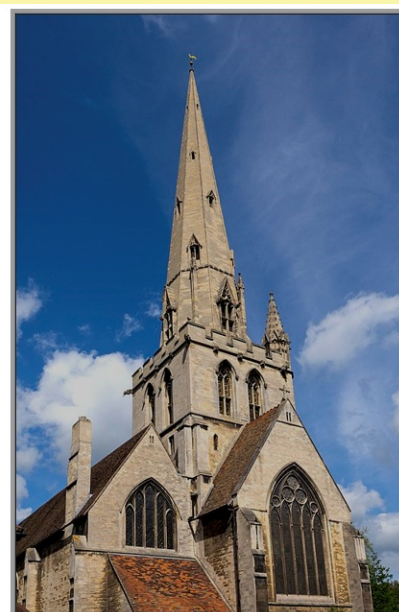
Please note that flowers do not adorn the sanctuary during Lent.

Do not forget to turn your clocks AHEAD before going to bed on Saturday March 11, 2023.



Did you know...

... that Robert Addison married Mary Atkinson at all Saints Cambridge on 24th October 1780 and that his father-in-law, The Reverend Richard Atkinson conducted the service?



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 Mondays 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!



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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