



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 112th Edition - May 20, 2022

From the Rector



Dear Friends:

The wardens have written to you about dispiriting attendance at church. I hope you'll take the message to heart. St. Mark's is at a critical place—all churches are—as we begin to emerge from the pandemic. More than ever we are aware of how fragile communities like ours are. This is a very obvious thing to say. But until the pandemic arrived, we didn't even notice it.

However, we're now emerging from the pandemic. Many of us are fragile and nervous—and rightly so. We've grown used to staying

away from others. We're fearful of getting sick. We're uncertain of how to engage with the world. All of these uncertainties translate into the ways we participate in public gatherings—Sunday services included.

I totally understand fear, nerves, and uncertainty. But I also can affirm how wonderful and life-giving it is to be in church. Since Easter Day I have been struck by how beautiful St Mark's is in the Spring light, and how beautiful it is when filled with joyful people. That's as it should be, since our faith is one of the dawn, of new light and life, of courage that rebukes the darkness of the present age.

So my prayer is that we'll find a way to come together as a worshipping community—not fearfully even if cautiously; joyfully even if reservedly. We need you to be in church. We want you be in church. It's the place where we will discover the power of the Spirit working in us—and through us—as we strive to make St Mark's a vital and indispensable part of our community. That work begins on Sunday mornings. It flowers in the six days that follow. See you on Sunday!

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

Although our attendance on Sunday continues to be lower than anticipated (30-35), we are continuing with both 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. Our expectations are that with more normal spring temperatures and the continuing decline in reported covid tests, we will be back to "normal" attendance. Please remember that you can also join the Wednesday 9:30 am service via Zoom.



Plans for July 9th Cherry Festival are coming together with many groups preparing their wares, the jewelery team are meeting weekly sorting the many donations. Information about donations of books, treasures, clothing is noted below under the Cherry Festival heading. We still need volunteers to help set -up, sort and especially on the day.

It is expected that the Diocese may issue a further easing of restrictions next week. If that happens, we will advise any new information immediately.

We had our monthly Parish Council meeting on Wednesday via Zoom. The new Greeter schedule has been distributed. The next meeting date is June 15th.

We are now live-streaming with our services. Please go to our [website](#) for the new location. Please join us on Sunday. Our online community are a very important part of our ministry. We welcome any suggestions and comments. Past sermons and our weekly E_News are all available on our website.

The death of Gillian MacKay is more sad news for us at St. Mark's. Not only was Gillian an active parishioner, she was also a very capable administrator for many years. Please keep her family in our prayers.

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

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Your Wardens

We're Hiring this Summer

St. Mark's seeks two heritage guides this summer to welcome visitors to the church and grounds, and lead short tours. The jobs, financed by Canada Summer Jobs, are open to youth aged 15 to 30. The skills required are: an ability to enthusiastically welcome visitors, good communication skills, dependability, initiative and a willingness to learn. Transportation to the church is required. The position is eight weeks, \$18 per hour. Apply by contacting Andrea Douglas, adouglas@bell.net

Parish Updates

Jean Baker Funeral Information

Visitation

Tuesday, May 24 - 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Morgan's Funeral Home - 415 Regent Street, NOTL

Graveside Service

Wednesday, May 25 - 11:00 am
St. Mark's Cemetery

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

Sunday Services are Live-Streamed and you can view by going to our website and clicking the "Online Worship" button. Recorded Services are also available in this same location. [Click Online Worship Button on St. Mark's Website](#)



On Duty this Week

Greeter(s) - Ann Lindsay, Gill Bryan
Reader & Intercessor - Gary Burroughs
Altar Guild - Eve Wylie, Gene Ann Smith, Jennifer Smith

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](#)

OFFICE CLOSED VICTORIA DAY

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, May 23.
Candace will be in the office Tuesday to Friday, May 24-27 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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 Addison Hall. Thank you.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert - June 4, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.



Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee at St. Mark's with The Newark Singers and Orchestra. **They will be performing the four Coronation Anthems by G.F. Handel.** Poetry of Royal substance will be interspersed between the Anthems, read by Donna Belleville and Jamie Mainprize.

Reminder that all Concert attendees must wear a face mask. At the time of ticket purchase, the purchaser will need to leave their name, email, and telephone number in case the Concert has to be cancelled due to any Covid protocols that may arise and tickets will be refunded.



Tickets are \$20 each and St. Mark's "Box Office" will be open to purchase tickets **in person only** (cash or cheque) in Addison Hall on the following days and times in May (when tickets are sold out, we will announce this in E-News and on the website):

Addison Hall

Monday, May 23 CLOSED

Monday, May 30 - 9:30 am to Noon

Tuesday, May 24 & 31 - 9:30 am to Noon

Thursday, May 26 & June 2 - 9:30 am to Noon

Between Sunday Services

Sunday, May 22 - 9:15 am - 10:15 a.m.

Please note that we cannot take ticket pre-orders or orders by telephone or email. In-person only on dates noted above. Thank you.

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.

From the Bakery Table:



We've missed two 'sweet' years! Everyone has been honing in on/talking about their baking skills over the past 2 years, so let's have a great supply for the Cherry Festival 'Bakery Table' this year with all your fabulous baking! Please find some more time to bake for the return of this annual event. The 'Bakery Table' is a huge asset for our main church fundraising event...you don't have to be Anglican to bake...ask your baking buddies to bake with you for this community event. **Please contact: Kathy Taylor, 905.468.2536** or

email: kathytaylor2536@gmail.com for more details. Your call will help let the 'Bakery Table' committee know what and the quantity you will be providing. You can also see Kathy outside the Church on Sundays after the 10:30 service to let her know what you will be providing. Thanks very much to all you 'sweeties' and 'savories' too!

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 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

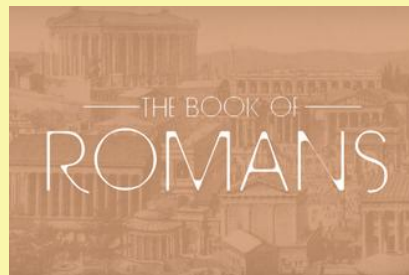
Please contact the office if items must be dropped off before June.

Cherry Festival 2022 Jewelry Donations: The Jewelry Team is asking for you to drop off your jewelry donations to St. Mark's Church Office. They can be left in the office for the Jewelry Team to pick up. Kindly note, we are asking for jewelry that is in good condition, and, that has been cleaned, prior to donation. We also ask you donate the jewelry on or before June 15th deadline, as our team will need enough time to sort, price and organize the pieces. We are always looking for extra help on the Jewelry Team if you would like to volunteer. Please contact Donna Bell (Jewelry Team Co-Leader) at (905) 357-0159 if you have any questions; OR Anjulika Chand (Jewelry Team Co-Leader) at (905) 347-1711. Thanks to everyone as we look forward to a wonderful Cherry Festival this year.

Bible Study via Zoom

Bible Study will conclude its examination of Romans on Monday, May 23. The relevant chapters are 12-16.

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



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.

Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Rod and Megan McKee, Willard and Anita Miller, and Hazel Milne and their families.

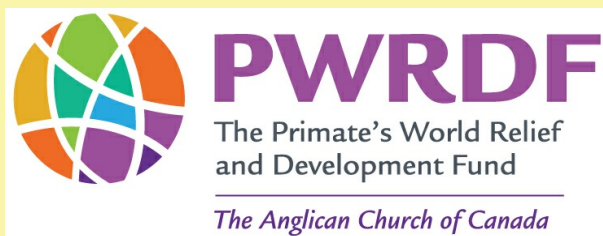
We pray for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Joy Ormsby, Selina Appleby, and Joan Draper.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for Christ Church, McNab, The Reverend Dorothy Hewlett, Rector and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Michael Bird, Assisting Bishop and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa, and the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan.

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.

We pray for those who have gone before us - Jean Baker and Gillian MacKay.



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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