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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 129th Edition - September 23 , 2022

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### From the Rector

Dear Friends,

In an essay entitled "Is there an 'Anglican' liturgical style?" the former bishop of Salisbury, David Stancliffe, writes

*"Now I know why the churches are true," said a four-year-old, watching a televised service from Exeter Cathedral; "The people in them enjoy singing, and walk about in patterns."* This acute observation sums up the popular appeal of public

worship for many people: the spontaneity of hearty congregational singing and the security of decent ceremonial.

Like all of you, I was deeply impressed and moved by the precision, dignity, and majesty of the ceremonies of the Queen's funeral on Monday. Like all ceremonies, some of what is now traditional was once expedient. For example, sailors began pulling the gun carriage at Queen Victoria's funeral when the horses pulling it reared up and threatened to topple the coffin. And some things have been done almost since time immemorial. Yet at its heart of all this grand tradition there was an essentially simple burial service, not much different than any other Anglican funeral liturgy.

Perhaps you've heard that "liturgy" means "the work of the people." But that is a poor translation. A better translation of "liturgy" is something closer to "public works"—which is a different concept altogether. Public Works are done so that the public can be edified and uplifted. This was certainly true of what the world saw on Monday. Many have remarked that no one does it better than the British. I would add that no one does it better than Anglicans.

In another essay entitled "Walking in Patterns," which is a sort of companion piece to the one I quoted at the beginning, David Stancliffe writes,

*By liturgy, therefore, I do not only mean particular services, but the whole process of making visible in a building, in its worship and in its community a style of corporate life into which people can be drawn. This process is rooted in the particularity of who and how we are, and any one act of worship must have an incarnational root. But worship is not only about expressing who and how we are: it is also about catching us up into the continuous*

*process of redemptive change which is part of God's continuing activity of transforming not only us as individuals but also his whole world.*

Our worship doesn't exist to soothe us through the repetition of well-worn words and phrases. Rather, it exists to give us a vision of the Christian ideal, an ideal in which custom and innovation, respect for the past and openness to the future, the comfort of the familiar and the challenge of the unfamiliar are mingled and interwoven. It is about God, the splendour and holiness of whom we can only haltingly speak and fumblingly grasp. Thus it is by turns awesome and intimate, formal and familiar, unchanging and spontaneous, demanding and gracious—for God is all of these things. And our worship is even one more thing: it is a promise, contained in a silver cup, that whenever we worship we do so not only in this present moment, but also in joyful expectation that when he comes with redemptive fire at the end of time, our songs shall be joined with the song of all the redeemed—pauper and prince, famous and forgotten—where we will truly worship in adoration and praise unto the ages of ages.

Grace and peace,  
Leighton

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## **From the Wardens**

Since our last Letter, we have viewed, watched, listened to him burial of our late Queen Elizabeth II and the ascension of King Charles III to the Throne. Most of us were totally immersed in all of it. For many of us at an age that we hardly remember the last death of our Monarch in 1952. Thank you who shared some of their memories.

As our lives at St. Marks continues to normalize, we are seeing more attendance, our choir is back, weddings almost every 2<sup>nd</sup> week and requests out into 2023. Addison Hall and our kitchen facilities are all active with rentals and events.

This past week we were to host The Oratory of the Good Shepherd, but because of COVID within their members they had to cancel.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a late afternoon event and reception featuring Ben Heppner and his wife in a dialogue which will be stimulating, and very interesting Tickets will go on sale through the office only on Thursday Septemebr29th.

Thank you to those who have signed up as Greeters and we could still need one or two counters once a month.

Many of you have heard us mention the Mission Action Plan. This is a Diocesan initiative for all parishes. St. Marks begins its participation in October and more information about timings will be shred in future E-News.

Many have mentioned the view of the Rectory without the picket fence. It does look very attractive. However, while the fence is being replaced it has become a bit of curiosity and there have been dog walkers and tourists admiring a close view of the property.

Our parishioners are very generous folks, and we want to thank those who assisted with e cost of the main floor painting of the Rectory. We must admit that it was time to be done and the results are wonderful as some have seen on Facebook.

It is very exciting that we are heading into the last quarter of 2022 and there is a lot of activity being planned. We have a very enthusiastic Parish Council along with James Bourne and the choir, ideas are flowing. Stay tuned!

"Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job." (Erwin Randall)

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

### **Called to Life – Compelled to Love**

Your Wardens

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## **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.

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

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

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

Greeter(s) - Allan Magnacca, Harriet Tunmer, Nancy Bongard

Reader - Bob Cross

Intercessor - Wendy Steel



### ***Celebration of Life for Gillian MacKay***

**Monday September 26, 2022 - 1 p.m.**

### ***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 the altar in the sanctuary was carved from a black walnut tree grown on John Ball's farm on Blank Swamp Road (now known as highway 55)? Mr. Ball was a church warden for 21 consecutive years and the altar is his memorial.

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## **Weekly Prayers**

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Joyce Brown, Rita Brown, Bill and Jan Brown, and Michael Bruce and their families.

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

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, Ben Buholtz, and Lynn Taylor.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. John, Cheapside, The Reverend Canon Richard Moore, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Bishop, clergy, and people of The Territory of the People. Every child matters. Remember the Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school. For survivors and their families. For truth, healing and reconciliation.

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## **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)

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## **Wednesday Morning Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.**

We look forward to seeing you in Church!

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## **Men's Communion and Breakfast**

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. If you would like to join us, please contact Greg Walker by email or phone (905) 262-6605 by Noon on Tuesday prior that we can confirm numbers for breakfast.

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## Counters

Counters are needed to collect and record the envelope and open plate funds after the 10:30 a.m. service each week. On a rotation basis, a counter would need to volunteer only once per month. Counting takes about 15 minutes and always requires two people. Please call the office or Allan Magnacca 416-727-0839 to volunteer or if you have questions.

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## Save the Date!

St. Mark's is delighted to re-launch our Speaker Series this October with a very special event: "Our Secret Heart: Ben Heppner in Conversation With Karen Heppner."

Now retired from singing, legendary Canadian tenor Ben Heppner has carved out a niche for himself as a radio personality and sought-after speaker. He will be at St. Mark's to talk to his wife - and us - about his career as one of the world's most renowned tenors, life in the world of opera, and his personal faith.

This event will be on Monday, October 17 at 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$35. There will be a limited number of VIP tickets (\$60 each) for a reception with Ben and Karen following the event.

Tickets will be available beginning Monday, September 26.

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