



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 208th Edition -April 12th, 2024



From the Rector

In the early 1970s, the American Presbyterian Ernest Campbell, who at the time was senior minister of New York City's famed Riverside Church, published a collection of sermons. The book's intriguing title was taken from one of them: *Locked in a Room With Open Doors*. This particular sermon was inspired by a book of psychology he once read which told the story of two brothers, the younger of whom had a dread of open doors. At some point, the older brother became impatient with his brother's psychological

idiosyncrasy and threatened him saying, "One day I will lock you up in a room with all the doors open."

Elaborating on his theme, Campbell wrote, "*If you think about [the older brother's threat] long enough [it is] likely to make your palms moist and create strange feelings of uneasiness within. [It] suggest[s] that a man can be immobilized by inner weaknesses as well as outer obstacles ... [We] can still be a prisoner when all the doors are open. The enemies are not all out there. Some are on the inside. It is so easy to fall into the habit of blaming our unrealized selves on outside forces.*"

On Easter Day, when we're caught up in the splendour of the day itself, it's easy to say, "Yes, I believe. I believe that the uncertainty and pain of life will not last forever. I believe what Easter tells me is true." But take away the lilies, the enthusiastic crowds, the sunshine, and what do we find? We find that doubt and fear have returned. We find ourselves unable to walk through the doors of the resurrection life that open all around us. We find ourselves locked in a room with open doors.

Some of us are locked in by worry. Some of us are locked in by a dread of new people. Some of us are locked in by an anxiety about new experiences. All of us are locked in by a fear of the future, exacerbated by the nagging doubt that the promises of Easter are nothing more than a fairy-tale. And there's no doubt those promises fade rather quickly when they're set aside the harsh realities of life. When we can't clearly see the geography of the world of the future through the clouds of doubt, walking through the doorways of Easter's new life and future promise becomes almost impossible.

This is why we spend much of our time rummaging around in our past. Knowing that we

can't roll back either the world's history or our own, we continue to be paralyzed by anxiety, and doubt. And maybe the reason we obsess over failures and disappointments is because we hope that if we can discover the place and time when things all went wrong, we'll be able to set things right. All the while we're locked in a room with open doors. Which means we can't help to shape the future.

But while it's true that Easter's promises concern the future, we need to remember that the future can, and must, begin *right now* in the present. Easter starts for each of us wherever we stand in the room of open doors. *We* do not have to find Easter's starting place; it starts where we are now, even if where we are is a hell of existence. Christ is the way out. *As* we are, *what* we are and *where* we are, he will beckon us, unlock the doors and lead us out. We need only have faith – and the courage to follow.

Grace and peace,
Leighton

As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who requires assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some companionship. Even a chat over the fence!

Called to Life-Compelled to Love

**Andrea Douglas
Gene Anne Smith
Wardens**

LIVE STREAMING OF 10:30 SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY

St. Mark's is happy to announce that 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services will be live streamed on **St. Mark's YouTube channel**.

Go to the Worship and Ministry page on our website **stmarksnotl.org** and click on the link under the 10:30 service.

There are also links on every page of the St. Mark's website that take you directly to our YouTube channel. Look for the YouTube icon beside the Facebook icon.

TUESDAY APRIL 16TH at 2 p.m. in ADDISON HALL



The Third Presentation in a Series of Speakers at St. Mark's Church

How Canadian Aerospace Scientists Helped Save the Apollo 13 Astronauts from Certain Death

Doctor Rod Tennyson Professor Emeritus was part of a team from the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies that helped the Apollo 13 spacecraft astronauts land safely back on Earth on April 17, 1970.

Rod will walk us through the gripping survival story of three courageous astronauts who were attempting a third lunar landing. Unfortunately, the Apollo mission was aborted due to a severe malfunction of both the electrical and life-support systems of the spacecraft. Instead of landing on the Moon, the astronauts looped around it and Rod and his fellow team members were able to help these brave men return to Earth safely – their faith in God also inspired them to survive.

Despite unfortunate setbacks, the Apollo 13 expedition is regarded “as a successful failure” because valuable technical experience was gained during the rescue of the crew.

If you are interested in brave human beings and how faith plays a role in the will to survive, please join us in Addison Hall on **Tuesday April 16th**, and enjoy fellowship, cookies, and coffee.

Please contact Dorothy Walker at 905-262-6605 or email walkerdorothy2021@gmail.com

LARD COUNTDOWN

We have received just over 200-1lbs packages of lard for the Cherry Festival!

Many thanks to those who donated.

Further donations no longer necessary

**WE ARE NOW RECEIVING JEWELLERY DONATIONS FOR
ST. MARK'S CHERRY FESTIVAL JULY 6TH 2024**



**Appraising, sorting and pricing of jewellery donations for
Cherry Festival 2024
has begun!**

The jewellery committee starts this process in April as it is a very large undertaking, and will take until June to complete.

Bracelets, watches, rings, earrings and necklaces are now being accepted. We look forward to receiving both fine jewellery and costume jewellery.

A tax donation receipt will be given for articles valued over \$100.00.

Please ask friends and neighbours to think of us if they are cleaning out

jewellery boxes!

Donations may be dropped off to the church office.

The St. Mark's Cherry Festival

Saturday July 6th, 2024

The Haute Emporium requests your help and support.

We are happy to receive gently used clothing such as men's jackets, coats, sweaters, ties and trousers.

Ladies donations can include hats, purses, accessories, shoes, belts, and gently worn clothing items such as coats and jackets, sweaters, pants, blouses, skirts, pantsuits, evening gowns, sporting attire and casual wear.

We also hope to receive artwork, sculptures, silverware, China and crystal, treasures, garden statues, small pieces of furniture, lamps and collectibles, blankets, tablecloths, and books.

When you are cleaning out your closets and cupboards please remember us!

Tax receipts will be issued for things valued over \$100.00. Donations will be professionally appraised.

We will happily arrange for pick up closer to the date.

If you require pick up please call one of the ladies below:

Trudi Watson 905 468 3314

Elizabeth Jamison 416 577 0750

Dana Lutton 705 349-0324

Please let your friends and relatives know we are accepting donations!

Be sure to share the date of St. Mark's Cherry Festival - July 6th - with your families, friends and neighbours.

We hope to make this year's Cherry Festival the best ever!

Kindest regards,

Trudi, Elizabeth and Dana

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist [Watch the livestream on YouTube](#)

On Duty this Week

April 14, 2024 - Greeter(s) - Trudi Watson and Earle Waugh

Reader -Wes Turner

Intercessor - Diane Turner

Server - Sue Baxter

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!

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".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help keep the cemetery tidy. This includes trimming around the church building and memorial garden, branch and twig clean up after high winds, watering newly planted trees and assistance with shoveling earth into holes around the cemetery. Periodically we do require help laying sod in certain areas of the cemetery as well as the removal of large tree limbs after heavy winds.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sally Mitchell **[here](#)**.

CHERRY PIE MAKING

Pie makers are needed for four sessions from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon on

[April 15th, April 22nd, April 29th and May 6th.](#)

If you are interested in joining a pie making team, please come to **Addison Hall** on the dates listed above. 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 please **[email Kathy Taylor here](#)** or call 905-468-2536

NEWCOMERS WELCOME



MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST
The next Men's communion Breakfast is scheduled for
Wednesday May 1, 2024
please contact Greg Walker
gregoryfwalker@gmail.com

**St. Mark's Kitchen
offers:**

**Hunter's Chicken with Rotini, Beef Cottage Pie,
Regular Meat Lasagna and Chicken Vol au Vent**

**Introducing
Kathy Taylor's Chicken Lasagna**

(selling out fast - get in to get yours before they are gone)

****Pop into the office to get your meals****

SOUPS ARE AVAILABLE - INQUIRE IN OFFICE

Pea Soup

Curried Butternut Squash

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Rita Brown, Bill and Jan Brown, and Gill Bryan and their families.

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 Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma, and the congregations of the Southern Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.



Did you know.....

.....that Joseph Willcocks was an admired and effective member of the Upper Canada parliament (1808-1812) for Niagara when the War of 1812 broke out? He applied his skills to the war effort, convincing aboriginal warriors in the area to fight for the British. This earned the gratitude of British Army officer Sir Isaac Brock. Willcocks fought alongside

Brock at the Battle of Queenston Heights.

As the war continued, Willcocks decided to switch sides and join the Americans. He created a turncoat regiment called the Canadian Volunteers. (Many of the men serving in the Canadian Volunteers were American born, who emigrated to Upper Canada in pursuit of inexpensive land and lower taxes.) These men proved to be valuable guides and scouts for the American generals, as they were well acquainted with the country they were invading.

But why did Willcocks turn coat? And how did he become known as Canada's Benedict Arnold?

By the time Willcocks moved to Niagara and founded the Upper Canada Freeman newspaper, he had become a reform-minded opponent of the Upper Canada government. His views won favour with the locals. He was then elected to the Upper Canada Legislature and became a powerful voice for reform – and a thorn in the government's side.

The War of 1812 broke out and Willcocks and his supporters rallied around the British cause. But by 1813, things changed - the British began suspending civil rights and stifling dissent, including the protests of Willcocks and other reformers. When one of Willcocks' closest allies, MP Abraham Markle, was jailed, Willcocks changed sides.

Willcocks turned traitor. He took revenge on locals who remained loyal to the Crown.

Willcocks is the man universally blamed for the burning of Newark on the bone-chilling, frigid December night in 1813. After residents (mostly women and children) were ordered out of their houses, under the command of US General George McLure, Willcocks urged the Americans to burn the town to the ground. Had Willcocks not pressed for the destruction of the town (under the guise of denying shelter to approaching British troops), the town might have been spared.

Willcocks and his men then fled Niagara with the Americans. Willcocks was killed during the siege of Fort Erie on September 4, 1814.

Willcocks lies in an unmarked grave in Buffalo, NY.

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

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