



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 252nd Edition February 21st, 2025



From the Rector

.....will return next week

The funeral for Jodi Bradford will take place at St. Mark's, this Saturday, February 22nd, at 12 noon.

A reception will immediately follow the funeral service in Addison Hall.

From the Wardens

Greetings, dear friends, on yet another cold, snowy, but beautiful winter Friday. Do keep warm and be very careful on sidewalks and roads that have ice underfoot.

Parish Council met on Thursday, via Zoom, to accommodate a retreat of Bishops of Toronto and Niagara and their senior staff, meeting in Addison Hall on Wednesday and Thursday. This group, which held an annual retreat in Boston before the pandemic, has been meeting annually at St. Marks since 2021. They attended and participated in our weekly prayer service on Wednesday evening. It is a pleasure to welcome them.

The final draft of the 2025 budget was approved by the Parish Council and is ready to present at the Vestry Meeting which takes place on March 2nd immediately following the 10:30 service. Please plan to join us in Addison Hall.

Andrea Douglas reported that she has been advised that the pie-making team for the Cherry Festival will make 350 pies this year, which is half the usual number. The effort required to make 700 pies has now exceeded the capabilities of the team. The remaining pies will be made by another baker, with details still to be determined.

On a much happier note, our own amazing Trudi Watson will be leading a Treasures Sale this year. She is seeking **donations of quality household items, including small pieces of furniture.** While there will generally be no sale of clothing this year, **haberdashery items such as hats, scarves, and purses in excellent condition are welcome. Coats and jackets will also be received, but, please, no shoes. If in doubt, please give Trudi a call at 905-468-3314.**

Trudi also requires storage space for items to keep them clean until the Cherry Festival. They will be cleaned and boxed before storage. **If you have a large corner of a garage or basement that might be used, please let her know as soon as possible. This is a very important part of the Cherry Festival. Please help if you can.**

Please do not forget that our annual pancake supper will take place on **Shrove Tuesday, March 4 from 5 to 7. The cost is \$15 per person, at the door.** The menu will include vegetarian sausages, as well as the regular meat variety. We hope to see you there!

Finally, the annual meeting of Vestry will take place on Sunday, March 2, following the 10:30 service. Committee reports and financial reports will be circulated in advance.

**Gene Anne Smith
Andrea Douglas**

MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

We invite the gentlemen of St. Mark's to join us for the upcoming **Men's Communion Breakfast on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.**

We will begin the morning with Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m., followed by a delicious breakfast at **The NOTL Golf Club** around 8:45 a.m.

Your presence will make this gathering even more special. We look forward to seeing you there!

*******Your Support Needed for the Treasures Sale!*******

We are reaching out to share an exciting opportunity to support the St. Mark's community during this year's Cherry Festival. Trudi Watson is leading the Treasures Sale, a much-anticipated event where we come together to offer a variety of items for sale in Addison Hall at the Cherry Festival!

However, we're facing a large challenge this year: we desperately need clean, dry storage space for the items we plan to sell. This is where you can make a significant difference! If you have a corner of your basement, garage, or even an extra bedroom that you can spare, we would be incredibly grateful for your help.

Trudi will handle all the logistics—she will transport all items to and from your home. Offering your clean, dry space will ensure items are kept safe and organized until the Cherry Festival on Saturday, July 5th.

Your offer to store items will help us make this event a resounding success.

If you're willing to help, please don't hesitate to contact Trudi at trudi4566@gmail.com or give her a call at 905-468-3314.

Every bit of space counts, and we would appreciate anything you can provide!

Thank you for your kind consideration and support. Together, we can make this year's Cherry Festival the best one yet!

We are thrilled to announce that the St. Mark's Cherry Festival takes place on Saturday, July 5, 2025.



This year, we have organized a team to make cherry jam! This begins in late February.



We need volunteers to help make our famous cherry pies!

There will be 4 pie-making sessions held in **Addison Hall from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM** on the following **Mondays:**

**April 14th
April 28th,
May 5th.
and
May 12th**

We do require volunteers. When contacted by Bev Lees or Sue Baxter, please respond with a **"YES"** if you can help.

Donations of funds would also be appreciated.

Please drop off the lard or your cash donation at the church office.

If you have any questions contact Diane Turner at 289-362-1827 or email

Thank you for your support!



SHROVE TUESDAY MARCH 4 2025

**Please come and enjoy a delicious Pancake Supper with us at
St. Mark's
from 5 pm to 7 pm.**

What could be better than a stack of fluffy pancakes, sizzling sausages, syrup flowing like a river, and your choice of coffee or tea to warm your soul on a cold **Shrove Tuesday** evening?

The answer is simple: nothing!

So come on over to St. Mark's for our **PANCAKE SUPPER** — where we don't just flip pancakes, we flip the script on boring weeknight dinners!

Sink your teeth into warm, fluffy pancakes, and perfectly cooked sausages, drenched in syrup, and sip on coffee or tea, all while enjoying time spent with the lovely people who make up the community of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Don't let this evening slip away—mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and prepare for a night of good food, laughter, and friendship.

No advance tickets are required; just bring your appetite and cash, debit, or a credit card.

Only \$15.00 at the door.

Four Last Things

**Women of St. Mark's, are you familiar with the concept of the
Four Last Things?**

**Join Susan MacLaren's series on the
Four Last Things
and discover more!**

**Join Susan at St. Mark's Addison Hall to hear the fascinating and
informative talks.**

Session dates are:

March 6th, 10 am - 12 pm

March 13th, 10 am-12 pm

March 20th, 10 am-12 pm

March 27th, 10 am-12 and

April 3rd, 10 am-12 pm

Coffee will be served.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St. Mark's is seeking one or two people to participate in this year's World Day of Prayer event at Grace Church United on March 7.

A preliminary meeting for all local church participants will take place on Tuesday, February 18 at 1:30 pm at Grace Church.

Please call Jane De Munnich for further details at 905 468-9831 or 289 686-6010.



World Day of Prayer Journée mondiale de la prière 2025

**"I Made You
Wonderful"**

Psalm 139: 1-18

Artists: Tarani Napa and
Tevairangi Napa



**« J'ai fait de toi
une merveille. »**

Psaume 139, 1-18

Artistes: Tarani Napa et
Tevairangi Napa

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Friday, March 7, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

**Grace United Church
222 Victoria Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake**

Location/l'endroit

Accessible Entrance by the Church Office.

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Service rédigé Préparé par le Comité JMP des îles Cook, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Réseau des chrétiennes du Canada



Kevin Sherlock grew up in Niagara on the Lake but now lives in New Zealand. From time to time he discovers items that might be of interest to current members of St. Mark's parish. This article, from local a newspaper, The Times, from May 10th, 1907, is of particular interest to those who wish to know more about St. Mark's cemetery.

A special meeting of the vestry of St. Mark's Church was held in the Schoolhouse on Monday evening at 8 o'clock and was very well attended by the congregation; the rector presiding and opening the meeting with prayer. The report of the committee to whom was referred the matter of changing the management of the cemetery, was received and adopted. This means that the price of grave lots will be increased from 12½ cents per square foot to 50 cents. Of the money derived from the sale of lots in the future, two-thirds will be deposited in the Dominion Savings Bank, the interest to be used for upkeep of lots, and any lots sold in the future will not be subject to any charge for upkeep. The change does not affect lots sold before the date of the meeting. These will still be subject to the usual charges for upkeep.

It was also decided that in view of the fact that nearly all the available ground has been already taken up, no lots will be sold to persons not bona fide members of St. Mark's congregation. There being no other business the meeting then adjourned.

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

On Duty this Week

February 23rd - Greeter(s) - Douglas and Colleen Hunter

Reader - Wes Turner

Intercessor - Diane Turner

Altar Guild - Eve Wylie, Gene Anne Smith and Jennifer Smith

Server - John Shaver

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Website Page](#)

Church Bells

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 p.m. Enjoy!

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Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's parish: James and Virginia Mainprize, Peter and Janis Manning, and Rod and Megan McKee and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. James & St. Brendan, Port Colborne, the clergy and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton; the dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod; the anniversary of the founding of the Unitas Fratrum (or Unity of the Brethren) on March 1, 1457, in Bohemia; and an end to human trafficking and modern slavery.

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