



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews

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Dear Friends,

I am sorry to share with you the news that Harriet Tunmer died on Saturday, January 3rd, 2026. Harriet was a faithful parishioner of St. Mark's for many years, and we send our prayers and love to her friends and family in their time of loss.

Information about funeral details will be shared when they have been finalized.

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon her.

Faithfully yours,
Leighton



The Rev. Canon David Thomas

The Rev. Canon David Thomas, a former rector of St. Mark's Anglican Church, died on Saturday, January 3, at age 91.

Canon David was rector of St. Mark's from 1979 to 1985. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1959 in Wales. He was welcomed to the Diocese of Niagara in 1970 and served as rector of several churches. He retired from full-time ministry in 1996. Since then, Canon David has primarily served as an honorary assistant at All Saints, Ridgeway.

His funeral will be held there on Saturday, January 17, at 11 a.m., with visitation at 10 a.m. Read his obituary here:

<https://obituaries.stcatharinesstandard.ca/obituary/rev-canon-david-thomas-1093406332>



*The flowers in the church are given to the
Glory of God
and
in memory of*

*Donald H. and Brian MacDonald
from
Barbara MacDonald*



*This is the first St. Mark's E-News of 2026, and we take this opportunity to wish you a happy, healthy, and blessed year.
May God's light guide your path.*

The office will continue to collect stewardship packages until the end of January 2026.

If you have not filled out your package, please do so and return it to St. Mark's office.

On December 11th, we sent out our **stewardship packages**, an important step in our journey together.

As you complete your package, remember that your contributions shape our shared vision and strengthen our community. Whether you choose to return it by giving it to Erin in the office, emailing it, calling it in, or putting it in the collection plate, know that every effort counts.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey!

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

January 11, 2026

Greeter(s)

8:30 a.m. -

10:30 a.m. - Jo-Anne Hill and Steve Hinchliffe

Reader - Penny-Lynn Cookson

Intercessor - Wendy Steel

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize

Server - John Shaver

Flowers - Marsha Howe

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!

Staying Up to Date!

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Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's Parish: David and Rosamund Hennessey, Steve Hinchliffe, Marsha Howe, Peter Howe, Judy McLeod, James Mainprize, and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: Burlington Anglican Lutheran Church, The Reverend Colin Cameron, Rector and Pastor; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: Ryan Weston, Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice; Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of Alongside Hope; Interim-Executive Director, Michael Pryse, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief; and Justin Rabbach, Executive Director, and staff of the Board of World Mission.

We invite you to honour the memories of your loved ones by donating memorial flowers at any time throughout the year.

Please submit your request to the office no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday you want the flowers displayed. This allows us time to include your tribute in both the Order of Service and the E-News.

If you wish to donate, please call Erin in the office.

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