



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 214th Edition -May 24, 2024



From the Rector

On Sunday, we'll celebrate the Holy Trinity. It's a peculiar festival, insofar as it's dedicated to an idea rather than a person or event. And it's even more peculiar because the idea itself is abstruse and problematic. Since it's something we've received as Christians—it's part of our heritage—it can't easily be sidestepped or ignored. But does that mean it can't be challenged?

Anglicans have long spoken of our theological understanding being grounded in tradition, scripture, and reason. That nice, tripartite elucidation comes from Richard Hooker, one of Anglicanism's first—and most erudite—defenders. But that's a topic for another time. Today, I'm interested in how the doctrine of the Trinity stands up when measured against tradition, scripture, and reason.

Well, when it comes to *tradition* the doctrine does very well. It was elucidated way back in the Fourth Century, and every time we recite the Nicene Creed, we're speaking a text that was crafted to encapsulate the nuances of this doctrine. It was written to settle once and for all the idea that Christians were monotheists, despite their instance on a triune God.

Alas, it's as much a political text as it is *ascriptural* one since the Trinity isn't clearly stated in scripture. At least, it isn't in the way the Creed describes. It's an idea that's read into scripture rather than drawn out of scripture.

As for it being *reasonable*?—it isn't. Everyone knows this, which is why theologians and philosophers fall back on old tropes like "It's a mystery beyond our comprehension." Fine. But if it's beyond our comprehension, why should it warrant our attention?

In its classic formulations, it probably shouldn't. And let's face it: most of us don't worry too much about it. Yet the Trinity should warrant our attention because it might just tell us something about God. Not that God is apprehended as three independent persons, but as three codependent realities, and is known through the importance of relationships, by the life-giving necessity of unity, and in the holiness of love. Or, to put it another way, since we've certainly moved beyond the antediluvian idea that some people in relationships are subordinate to others, one person in a relationship is no more important than another person.

Because isn't it true that for there to be unity, concord, and harmony, everyone needs to be given their rightful respect, honour, and dignity? And since this is true in human affairs, how can it not be true in divine ones? All of which means that while we don't know how Father, Son, and Spirit can be distinct yet one, we do know that our only hope is in a God above us calling us to a higher purpose in a world which seems meaningless. A God with us encouraging us to be brave in a world which can be fearsome. A God within us emboldening us to love in a world which is so often characterized by hate.

So maybe the mystery of the Trinity is that God can't do it alone. Maybe the grace of the Trinity is that God's calling us to be his divine partner. Maybe the truth of the Trinity is that God can't be limited to just one image.

Grace and peace,
Leighton



**The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
John Steel
from
Wendy Steel**

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**

We invite you to explore the great variety of items in our catalogue which is now posted on the St. Mark's website. Click link below to find the catalogue.

[2024 Haute Emporium Catalogue](#)

[St. Mark's Cherry Festival Webpage](#)

Kindly forward the catalogue to your family and friends. If you wish to purchase from the catalogue please contact semitch215@gmail.com. Our catalogue is the presale to St. Mark's Cherry Festival which takes place on July 6, 2024.

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING 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 summer clothing
and women's purses.**

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



*****CALLING ALL BAKERS*****

ST. MARK'S CHERRY FESTIVAL BAKE SALE 2024

It is time once again to gear up for the Cherry Festival Bake Sale.
Anjulika Chand and Gene Anne Smith are this year's Bake Sale co-chairs.

PLEASE CONSIDER BAKING FOR THE CHERRY FESTIVAL THIS YEAR.

As our congregation ages, the need for new bakers increases.

We welcome a wide range of goodies including **cookies**, **squares**, **tarts**, **muffins**,
loaves, **brownies** and **cakes** etc.

**Pull out your favourite recipe and please help us make this years Bake Sale
the best ever.**

(Baked goods must be delivered to St. Mark's on Friday July 5th between 1 pm-4pm)

WE ALSO REQUIRE VOLUNTEERS TO WORK AT THE BAKE SALE TABLES

If you can contribute by baking and/or working the tables please contact

**Gene Anne Smith
gsmith103@cogeco.ca
289-686-0382**

OR

**Anjulika Chand
bubbins3@yahoo.com
905-347-1711**

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist [Watch the livestreamed service](#)

On Duty this Week

May 26, 2024 - Greeter(s) - Chris Bjorgan and Marilyn Bardeau

Reader - Gary Burroughs

Intercessor - Jamie Mainprize

Order of Service

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

Church Bells

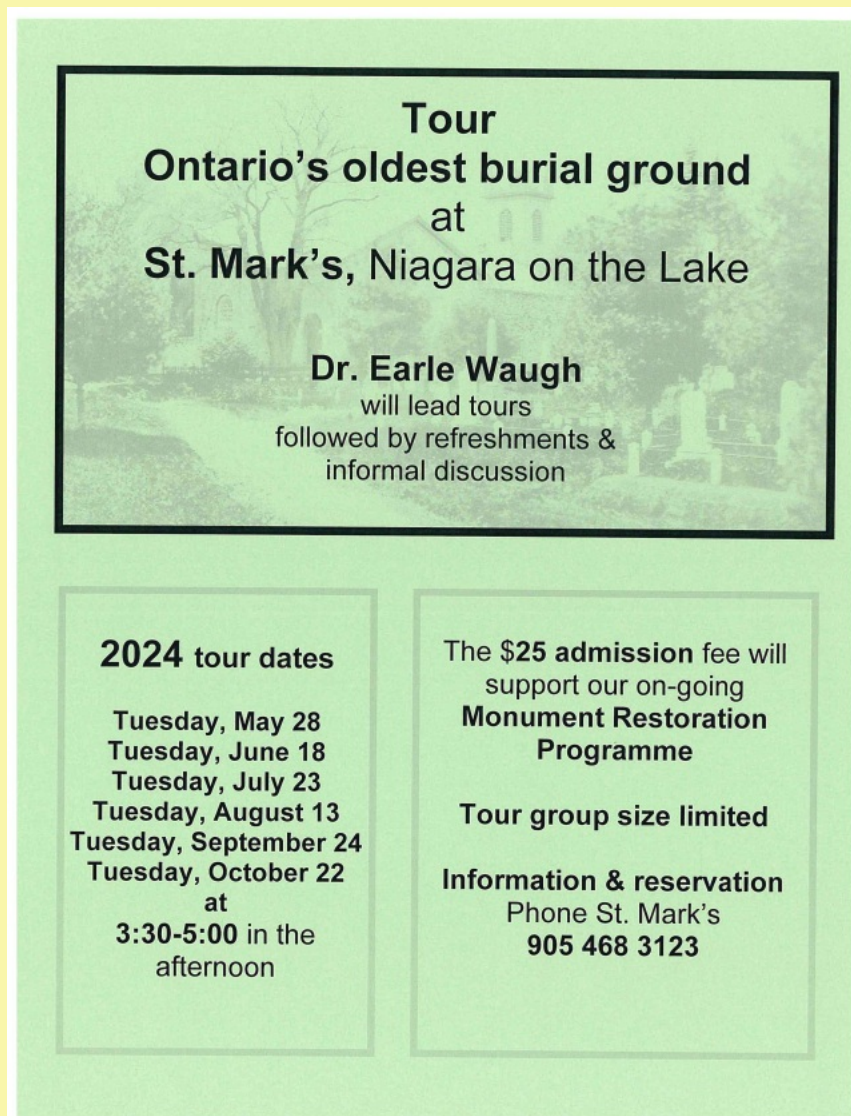
A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 p.m. Enjoy!

Staying Up to Date!

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: [Visit our recent E-Newsletters](#)

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Tour
Ontario's oldest burial ground
at
St. Mark's, Niagara on the Lake

Dr. Earle Waugh
will lead tours
followed by refreshments &
informal discussion

2024 tour dates

Tuesday, May 28
Tuesday, June 18
Tuesday, July 23
Tuesday, August 13
Tuesday, September 24
Tuesday, October 22
at
3:30-5:00 in the
afternoon

The **\$25 admission** fee will
support our on-going
Monument Restoration
Programme

Tour group size limited

Information & reservation
Phone St. Mark's
905 468 3123

Tickets are available to purchase at St. Mark's Anglican Church office
(10 people per tour maximum)

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 124
ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

D-DAY HEROES

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO OUR D-DAY HEROES, 80 YEARS ON

FRIDAY **7** JUNE
7:00 PM

ENJOY SPECIAL D-DAY READINGS, ALONG WITH THE
BEST-LOVED AND TIMELESS MUSIC FROM THE 1940'S FEATURING SONGS
MADE FAMOUS BY VERA LYNN, BING CROSBY, THE ANDREWS SISTERS,
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& NARRATOR JAMES MAINPRIZE



St. Mark's Anglican Church 41 Byron St. NOTL Phone: 905-468-3123
Tickets \$25 each - Available via Church Office Mon-Fri 9am-2pm

St. Mark's Anglican Church
Tickets available through the church office
Tickets are \$25.00 each

**We expect these tickets to sell out quickly so please purchase
your tickets as soon as possible**

***Bernadette Secco will be chiming music from the 1940's
beginning at 6:15 p.m.***

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](#).

Prayer Cycles – We pray for:

In St. Mark's parish: Ted and Pam Garrett, Beverley Garrett, and Bill and Patti Garriock and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Stephen-on-the-Mount, Hamilton, The Reverend Naomi Kabugi, Rector; The Reverend Canon Bob Brownlie, Honorary Assistant; and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Toronto, and The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan.

Did you know...

..that Brock's Monument towers over Queenston Heights, measuring 56 metres (185 feet) in height? This is the largest monument of its kind in Canada, and the fourth oldest war memorial in the country.

Major-General Sir Isaac Brock is best known for defending Upper Canada against the American forces in the War of 1812.

An earlier monument to Brock was erected and stood from 1824 until April 17, 1840, when an explosive charge did serious and irreparable damage to the monument. It did not, however, bring down the monument. This attack was thought to have been orchestrated by Benjamin Lett, an anti-British agitator and participant in the 1837 Rebellion, but this has never been proven.

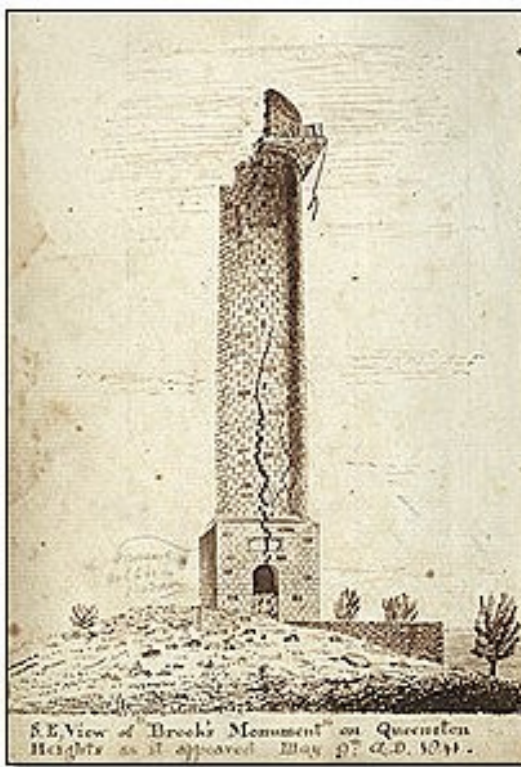
A campaign to rebuild the monument began almost immediately. In 1852, Toronto architect William Thomas had his design selected for a monument even grander than the first. Construction began in 1853 and again used limestone from the Queenston Quarry. This was completed in 1856. The remains of Brock were led back up Queenston Heights and interred again. The monument was officially inaugurated on October 13, 1859.

On the re-interment, two oval plates were attached to Brock's coffin. They read:

***Here lie the earthly remains of a brave and virtuous hero, /
Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, /
Commander of the British forces, / and President Administering / the Government
of Upper Canada, /
Who fell when gloriously engaging the Enemies / of his Country, /
at the head of the Flank Companies / of the 49th Regiment, /
in the Town of Queenstown, / on the morning of the 13th October, 1812, /
aged 42 years.***



The main entrance to Brock's Memorial is flanked by two large mulberry trees thought to have been planted in the 1850s.



1st Brock's Monument
showing explosion damage
(9 May 1841)

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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