



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 187th Edition - November 10 2023



From the Rector

Remembrance Day is marked with familiar phrases: Lest we forget. We will remember them. But we *do* forget. And we *don't* remember. We forget how most wars have been destructive exercises in futility. We forget that more often than not they haven't put us on firm footing but have rather left us in a quagmire. We forget that violence used as a means to combat violence always leads to more violence.

Yet George Santayana once famously said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." So yes, we do need to remember, because its opposite is to forget, and what is forgotten can never be healed or forgiven. But that's what makes all Remembrance ceremonies so tricky. At some deep level, we think life and the world and our leaders owe us. Which means we also think that we shouldn't personally have to make any meaningful sacrifices in order to get our due. So if we're not careful, the celebration of war heroes and valiant soldiers can become a hollow exercise if we see it primarily as an occasion for nostalgia and sentiment instead of an opportunity for self-reflection and repentance.

In the preface to a book of poems he wrote during World War I, Wilfred Owen wrote, "This book is not about heroes. My subject is War, and the pity of War. The Poetry is in the pity." No doubt there's plenty to pity and plenty that's pitiable right now. And if there are heroes these days, it's the folks who haven't forgotten that war is a disgrace. It's the folks who remember we're in this together. It's the folks who recognize that in Christ there are no strangers, enemies, or opponents.

Our military cemeteries are full of crosses. In one way, I suppose, this is a remnant of Christendom. But it's also a symbol that when we're willing to lose it all, we also win—everlastingly. Today, more than ever, we need to remember Christ's example. We need to live in such a way that the world never forgets it.

See you in Church!

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

There will be a Remembrance Day Service on Saturday November 11th at the Cenotaph at 10:45 a.m. The wreaths are placed on the Cenotaph starting at 10:15 a.m. (There will be a program handout).

At St. Mark's, immediately following the Cenotaph ceremony, **Music Niagara, St. Mark's and the Silvestre Revueltas Orchestra from Mexico** will present a concert with the soul stirring melodies of Beethoven. Admission is free, and **donations collected will support the Last Fund**, dedicated to helping veterans and their families. As well, the tiny Museum from the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum will be set up outside the church, providing a link to our history through its displays.

With what is going on in the world, the lives lost and hundreds of children killed or injured, we need to be very grateful for where we live and for the freedoms we all enjoy.

But it does come at a cost as we see every hour on the news.

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month it is very appropriate that we focus on those memories and what can happen if we don't protect what we have.

LEST WE FORGET



Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

On Duty this Week

November 12, 2023 - Greeter(s)- Chris Bjorgan and Marilyn Bardeau

November 12, 2023- Reader - Jane DeMunnich

Intercessor - Larry Bourk

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize, Jennifer Smith and Dorothy Walker

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".

Services of Wednesday Morning Eucharist and Wednesday Evening Prayer are suspended until December 6.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2023

St. Mark's Anglican Church

immediately following the ceremony at the cenotaph



MUSIC NIAGARA
 **CONSERVATORIO DE MÚSICA DE CELAYA**

Camerata
Silvestre Revueltas
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Antonio García-Aguilar // Conductor
Juan Pablo Vera // Violinist

Saturday, November 11 St. Marks Church 41 Byron St. Niagara-on-the-Lake 11:30 am Donations to the Last Post Fund	Saturday, November 11 Grace United Church 222 Victoria St. Niagara-on-the-Lake 4:00 pm Donations to the Last Post Fund
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December 1st and December 2nd, 2023

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Addison Hall

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Rotary



Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake



St. Mark's Anglican Church
is offering a Lasanga Luncheon
(with salad, garlic bread and choice of tarts
wine/tea/coffee)
11:00 am-2:00 pm
December 1st and 2nd

NO RESERVATION REQUIRED



***Friday December 1st and Saturday December 2nd
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Addison Hall
Please invite your friends and neighbours!***

A Festive Event

ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

SIP

41 Byron Street Niagara-on-the-Lake

Friday December 1 – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Saturday December 2 – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM



SAVOUR

Lasagna Lunch

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

with salad, garlic bread and choice of tarts

wine/tea/coffee

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

SHOP

- Jewellery, Christmas Decor, Gift Baskets, Silver, Art and more...
- Gourmet Soups

FREE GUIDED CHURCH TOURS

Gary Burrough's Kitchen

has been busy once again!! Delicious items for sale include

Lasagna, Chicken-Vol-Au-Vent and Pea Soup, Stewed Tomatoes and Cottage Pie

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

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for John and Roxanne MacBeth, Barbara MacDonald, Roy and Susan MacLaren, and Donald MacLeod and their families.

We pray for the sick, especially remembering Margaret Stimson, Terry, Jan Brown, Lisa, Sharon, Dick, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, Joshua, Ben Buholtz, Maggie Hammerling, Gail and Murray Paton, Elizabeth Channing, and Peter Manning.

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

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. John, Rockwood, The Reverend Michael Mernagh, Priest-in-Charge, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the members of the Council of General

Synod and the members of the National Church Council.

Did you know.....

that the only child born in the rectory was named Mark? He was the son of The Rev. Charles Blagrove and his wife.



The Rev Charles Blagrove

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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