



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 237th Edition November 1st, 2024



From the Rector

Today is All Saints Day.

When you think about it, our notions about sainthood tend to be unrealistic. Because saints aren't people who have an overabundance of piety, or a heroic dedication to the poor, or even a deep commitment to the life of prayer. Saints are saints simply because they're holy. Which makes us think that we're out of the running for sainthood. Except holiness isn't confirmed either by moral rectitude or by spiritual courage.

Perhaps you're familiar with four stone figures carved by Michelangelo for a papal tomb. They're unfinished. Yet they're also majestic, commanding, and powerful. And despite their having little detail, we can still perceive human shape and form. John Moses, a former Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, once said of them that "It is as though the figures are still tearing themselves out of the rough stone. They contain the promise of what they might be, but they are still becoming."

You and I know that we are incomplete. That we're unfinished. That we're always learning, questioning, and growing. But we also know that every day we're being fashioned into one of God's saints—not because we have any particular virtues, qualities, or achievements, but solely because God loves us, and has chosen us, and has called us to be living examples of his goodness, love, mercy—his holiness—in the world. Holiness, you see, is both a gift and a goal.

I don't know what you and I will be like when we finally cross the great river and join with those who shine in the glory of perfect holiness. But I do know this: that in struggling to be free, to be honest, to be authentic, to be really real, we do catch a glimpse of what it means to be holy. For we discover that the saints of God are those who strove to reflect the glory of God's love.

Our faith teaches us that the multitudes who now behold God's countenance unveiled forevermore pray for us, because they are still bound to us in mutual service as members of the one body of Christ. So our prayer then must be that we be given grace that even in the midst of this present existence, the people we are destined to be can be revealed—at least a little more fully. Our prayer must be that as God's holy people here on earth, we may have

the strength and courage to do the work we are commanded to do, which is to love one another as he has loved us, and to show forth, not only with our lips but in our lives, God's love to the whole world.

Grace and Peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

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**

****Volunteer Appreciation Dinner****
Tonight
at 6 p.m.

**We look forward to seeing everyone at the
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in Addison Hall**

Chili, bread, salad, drinks, and desserts will be provided.

SEE YOU THERE!

Men's Communion and Breakfast
Wednesday, November 6th, 8:00AM

Quiet spoken Eucharist in the Church at 8:00 a.m. followed by breakfast at 8:45 a.m.

If you would like to join, please contact:

Greg Walker by email: gregoryfwalker@gmail.com by Noon on Tuesday prior so that numbers for breakfast can be confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you!

****Ladies Discussion Group****

We invite you to be part of something meaningful!

Join Susan MacLaren as she leads our final ladies' discussion group at 10 AM on Wednesday, **November 6th in Addison Hall. Together, we'll delve into "The Lord's Prayer," exploring its significance through questions like: What does it say? What does it mean? Why is it relevant to us?**

The format will be warm and welcoming, just like last year's group, and yes, there will be coffee!

We're excited to share this time with you—don't miss out!

**DEDICATION CEREMONY
FOR THE NEW
MAJOR BENJAMIN GEARY MONUMENT
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2024 AT 10:15 A.M.**

Please join us for the dedication ceremony that will commemorate Major Benjamin Geary's bravery at Hill 60 Ypres, Belgium, where he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

Geary was born in England in 1891. During the First World War, he served with the Surrey Regiment, and for "conspicuous bravery and determination" on Hill 60 near Ypres in April 1915, he was awarded the Victoria Cross. He had been severely wounded, but after recuperation, he rejoined his regiment and was again wounded in August 1918. He felt called to the Christian ministry and studied theology. He was ordained in 1921. In 1928 this work brought him to Canada. When the Second World War broke out, he enlisted in the Canadian Army hoping to be sent overseas, but his talents were required as commanding officer of the educational unit in Camp Borden. Following the war he was, for twenty-four years, Sergeant at Arms in the Ontario Legislature. He retired in 1972 and moved to Niagara on the Lake where he attended St. Mark's and was a frequent reader in services until he died in 1976.



JOIN MUSIC NIAGARA FOR OUR ANNUAL
REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT

THE DIARY OF A YOUNG SOLDIER
BY HUBERT DUDLEY JENNINGS (1896 - 1992)

November 11, 11:45am
St Mark's Church, NOTL

Performers:

Stephen Wattrus, actor/narrator
Atis Bankas, violin

Elina Kelebeev, piano
Sora Sato-Mound, violin
Milda Shaluchkaite, violin



Complimentary Soup
served by Sandtrap



Free Concert
Donations welcome

Proceeds of this event will benefit the Last Post Fund

Join us for the heartwarming
Teddy Bear Tea and Sale

This delightful event is organized by the ever-enthusiastic Trudi Watson, who has taken a wonderful donation of 30 collectible teddy bears and transformed it into a charming gathering for the community!

This isn't just any tea party; it's a treasure trove of unique finds, including clothes and festive Christmas decor, all while sipping on warm tea and indulging in fresh scones.

Mark your calendars for

Friday and Saturday, November 29th and 30th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
and don't forget to bring a friend to share in the joy and support of
St. Mark's!

After all, it's not just about bears; it's about building memories, one cup at a time!

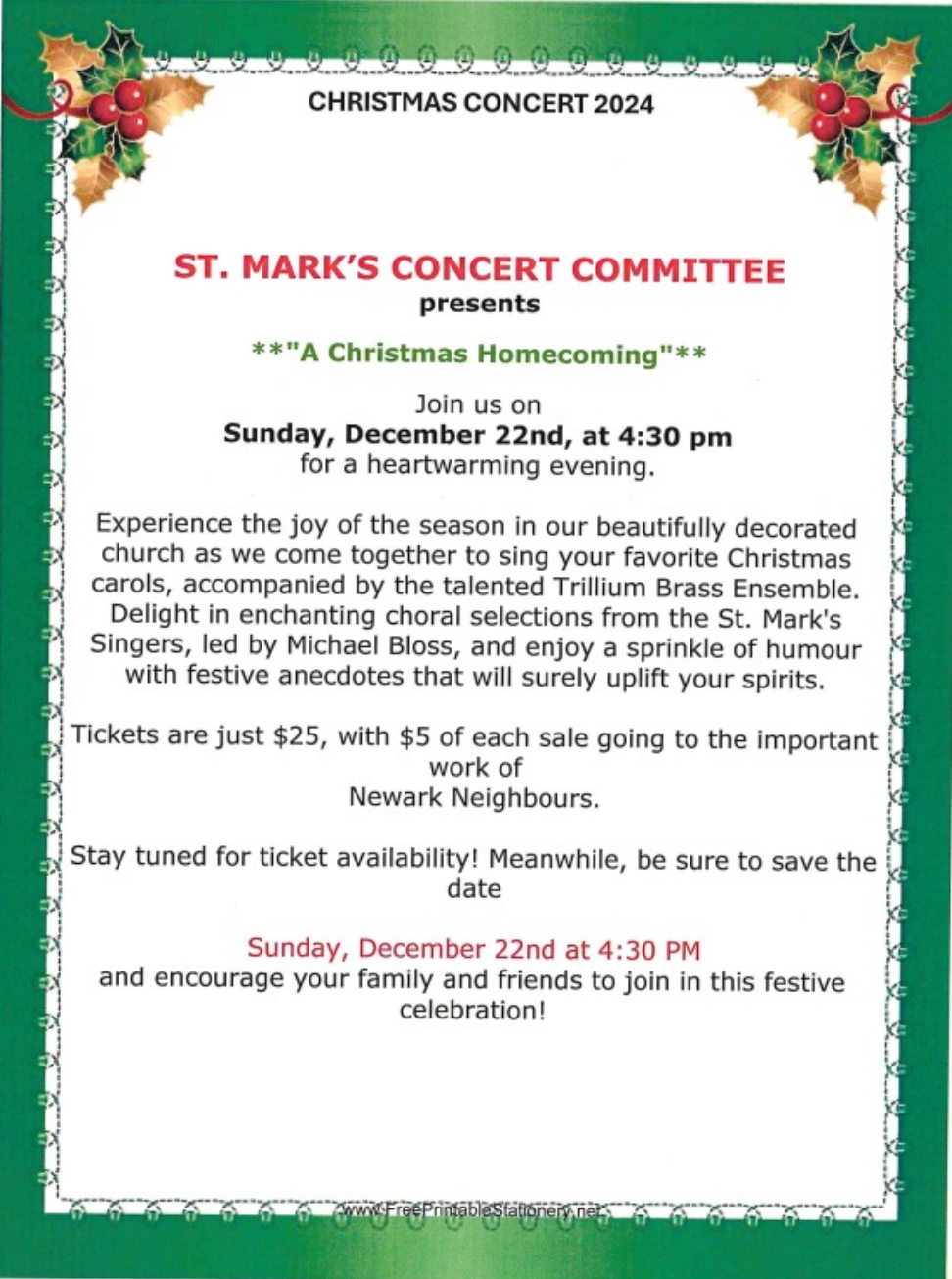


Christmas Fundraising Tea and Sale

We need your help to stock our sales tables!

We are seeking donations of holiday clothing, Christmas decorations, linens, china, crystal, jewelry, and even more teddy bears!

If you have items to donate, we will arrange to pick them up.
Please call Trudi Watson at 905-468-3314 or Elizabeth Jamieson at 416-577-0750
to make arrangements.
Thank you for your support!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024

ST. MARK'S CONCERT COMMITTEE
presents

****"A Christmas Homecoming"****

Join us on
Sunday, December 22nd, at 4:30 pm
for a heartwarming evening.

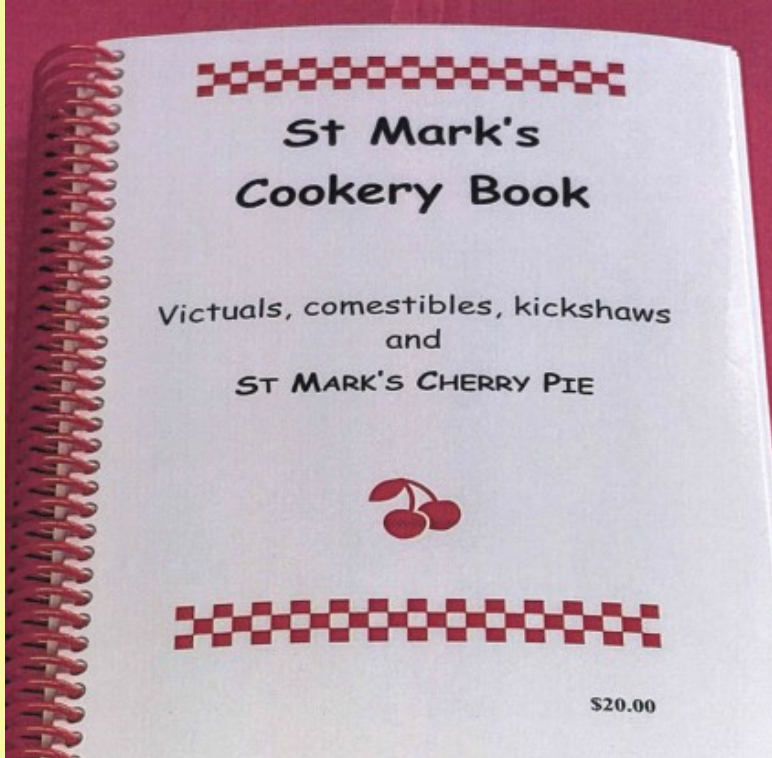
Experience the joy of the season in our beautifully decorated church as we come together to sing your favorite Christmas carols, accompanied by the talented Trillium Brass Ensemble. Delight in enchanting choral selections from the St. Mark's Singers, led by Michael Bloss, and enjoy a sprinkle of humour with festive anecdotes that will surely uplift your spirits.

Tickets are just \$25, with \$5 of each sale going to the important work of Newark Neighbours.

Stay tuned for ticket availability! Meanwhile, be sure to save the date

Sunday, December 22nd at 4:30 PM
and encourage your family and friends to join in this festive celebration!

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[St. Mark's Cookery Book](#)

Indulge in the deliciousness of St. Mark's Anglican Church, famed for its mouthwatering cherry pies at our beloved Cherry Festival. Until now, the secret recipe has been closely guarded. But now, we're thrilled to reveal it to you!

Presenting St. Mark's Cookery Book
****Price: \$20.00****

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

November 3 - Greeter(s) - Douglas and Colleen Hunter

Reader - Jane de Munnich

Intercessor - Jane de Munnich

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

Server - Sue Baxter

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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