



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 241st Edition November 29th, 2024



From the Rector

will return next week

Grace and Peace,
Leighton

Dear Friends - We are sorry to report that long-time parishioner **Keith Worrall** died on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at home. Please remember Keith in your prayers, as well as his family and close friends.

Funeral arrangements will be announced shortly.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them to good purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Wardens



Tea with Teddy takes place **TODAY and TOMORROW**, November 29th and 30th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Addison Hall is filled with vintage teddy bears and other toys, Christmas décor, clothing, treasures, and collectibles. Tea, scones, and hot chocolate for the children will be offered for \$15.00. This is an event not to be missed. Your children and grandchildren will surely delight in the Teddy Bear displays.

On **Advent, Sunday, December 1st**, services at 10:30 a.m. will include

readings and music. The 5 p.m. service on Christmas Eve and the 10:30 a.m. service on Christmas morning will also include special music.

We are very excited about **"A Christmas Homecoming"** our Christmas concert, which takes place on **Sunday, December 22, at 4:30 p.m.** Tickets are available in advance, through the St. Mark's office, for \$25.

Five dollars from each ticket sold will be donated to Newark Neighbours.

The concert will feature Christmas music and readings, with special guests, Trillium Brass. Our own Michael Bloss will be directing. This promises to be a magical event and tickets are going fast. We urge you to obtain your tickets early as we expect this community-wide event to sell out.

Finally, as promised, our **Stewardship Package** is ready for delivery. We hope each of you will take the time to carefully review the material enclosed and give thoughtful consideration to your contributions to St. Mark's for next year. If it appears that the mail strike will continue beyond next week, we plan to deliver the packages to most of our parishioners by hand.

COMMUNICATION SURVEY RESULTS

We received ten (10) responses and people were overwhelmingly in favour of receiving communication via email and E-News. Thank you for your participation. Based on the low response rate a change in how we communicate is not warranted at this time.

CEMETERY UPDATE

We have completed the fall cleanup of leaves and small branches, grass cutting, and pruning of trees and shrubs.

The cemetery is now closed for the burial of cremated remains (in urns or loose). The ground is too hard to be dug by hand.

Full burials can continue throughout the winter as heavy equipment (front-end loader) is used.

Depending on the winter we plan on May 1st as the opening date for the burial of cremated remains in 2025. This date may be earlier if we have a mild winter.

The monument restoration programme resulted in the restoration of 31 markers as well as another 13 done in the fall.

Two new installations were commemorative: one to recognize Major Benjamin Geary's bravery on Hill 60 Ypres Belgium and the Morrison marker "Chopping Block", one of the most recognizable markers in our cemetery.

Now that the leaves are gone, it is a perfect time to walk through the cemetery to enjoy its beauty and solitude.

CEMETERY BOARD



We invite you to embrace the spirit of giving this season by using the "**My Christmas Offering**" and "**Christmas Flower Offering**" envelopes now available in St. Mark's pews. Your contributions allow the Altar Guild to create stunning Christmas arrangements that fill our church with joy during this special time of year. Moreover, **Memorial Flowers** serve as a beautiful way to honour and remember our loved ones who are no longer with us.


To ensure your loved ones are honoured please submit **Memorial Flower** requests to the office by Friday, December 13. Your generosity enriches St. Mark's Christmas celebrations, enabling us to create a memorable and meaningful experience for all.

**COME AND HAVE
"TEA WITH TEDDY"
TODAY
ADMISSION IS FREE**

ST. MARK'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH

TEA WITH
Teddy

FRIDAY NOV 29 & SATURDAY NOV 30, 2024
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
ADDISON HALL - 41 BYRON STREET
ENJOY TEA & SCONES - \$15



HOLIDAY SHOPPING

COLLECTIBLE BEARS
CHRISTMAS DECOR
JEWELLERY & CLOTHING
CHINA & SILVER
TREASURES
LINENS

Men's Communion and Breakfast

Wednesday, December 4th, 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!

Great news!

**Tickets are now available, (but selling quickly), in St. Mark's office.
Contact Erin to secure your tickets.**



*St Mark's Anglican
Church presents*

A CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING

*A Festive Celebration in
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— *with* —

ST MARK'S SINGERS • TRILLIUM BRASS

MICHAEL BLOSS

Music Director

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

AT 4:30 PM

Tickets: \$25

\$5 from every ticket sale
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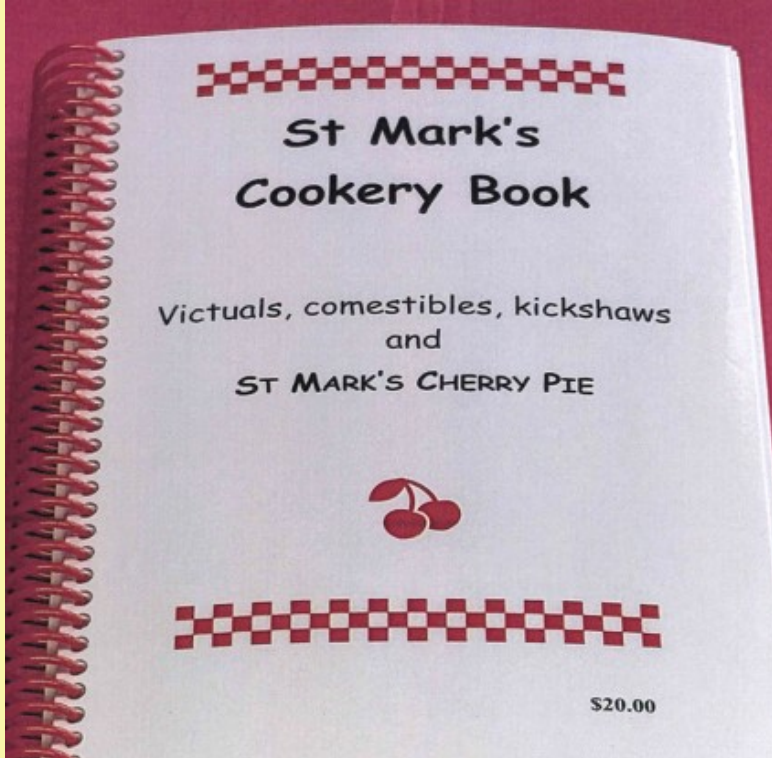
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Parish Updates

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

December 1st - Greeter(s) - Colleen and Douglas Hunter

Reader - Jamie Mainprize, Penny-Lynn Cookson, Bob Cross and Donna Belleville

Intercessor - Steve Hinchliffe

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!

Staying Up to Date!

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Click on this link to view our: [Visit our Calendar](#)

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Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's parish: Alexandra Clarkson, Jim and Pat Collard, Donald Combe and Penny-Lynn Cookson and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton, The Reverend Andrew Rampton, Rector; The Reverend Dena Thomas, Assistant Curate; The Reverend Canon Dr. Brian Ruttan, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Elizabeth Steeves, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Dr. Peter Widdicombe, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: The people of the Anglican Church of Canada and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

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