



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 238th Edition November 8th, 2024



From the Rector

On Remembrance Day it's right and necessary to remember all those who fought in war and to honour their valour and sacrifice. But we also need to *do* something which doesn't just honour their memory, but also redeems their loss. But how?

By making love, not war—as the saying goes. Which reminds me of Botticelli's picture *Venus and Mars*. Art Historians tell us that it's an allegory of the pleasures of physical love—but I'm not so sure. It shows Venus, the goddess of

love, reposing on a cushion. Across from her, fast asleep and presumably exhausted from the act of love, is Mars, the god of war. He's almost naked. Love has conquered war; his nakedness is symbolic of his new vulnerability. And not only is Mars naked, his helmet and lance—those instruments of war—are being carried away by three satyrs, while another one places his cuirass under his arm like a pillow. In other words, where once there was chaos and fighting there is now rest and peace because of the power of love.

Imagine what would happen if we were seriously intent on peace and actually dared to reach out in love to those who differ from us, those of different political persuasions, creeds, and value systems? Imagine what would happen if instead of ratcheting up the rhetoric and rattling sabers, the leaders of the nations dared to risk losing face by toning down the rhetoric and speaking, if not exactly in words of love, at least in words of civility and kindness?

I know that all sounds so hopelessly naïve and impossible. But it's been tried before and has been shown to be remarkably effective. At his Crucifixion, Jesus' enemies thought that by the violence of the cross they had got rid of him forever and had finally beaten him. But this they could not do, for in that ultimate act of violence, he loved them with the kind of love which makes enemies friends. The kind of love by which the tragedy of war and violence is redeemed. The kind of love which cannot be defeated and never dies. The kind of love which we remember at this time of year.

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



The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mary Walker Williams
from her daughter
Heather



Thank you

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to every single person who played a role in making the **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** an extraordinary success.

A special shout-out is warranted for our talented chili crew, whose unwavering dedication and culinary skills shone brightly throughout the evening. **Tim Taylor** crafted a robust meat

chili that was deeply flavorful, while **Pat Balasiuk** prepared an exquisite vegetarian option that dazzled the taste buds. Their efforts brought warmth and comfort to the event!

I would also like to highlight the outstanding work of **Joan Bourk**, our tireless chief bottle washer, who ensured that every cooking tool and dish was immaculate and ready for action. A big thank you goes out to our diligent dishwasher, **Steve Hinchliffe**, whose hard work kept everything running smoothly. And we can't overlook the incredible stamina of **Carolyn Porter**, who bravely tackled the daunting task of peeling 8 pounds of onions without shedding a single tear—now that's impressive!

I am profoundly grateful to **Ian Russell and Jo-Anne Hill, Greg and Dorothy Walker, Ted and Pam Garrett, Chris Bjorgan, David Elkins, Grant and Linda Brooks, and Terry Belleville**. Your collective efforts in setting up the space, taking everything down afterward, serving our guests, and meticulously cleaning up Addison Hall made a remarkable impact on the evening's success. Special thanks also to **Trudi Watson**, whose exceptional organizational skills helped orchestrate everything seamlessly, and for her deftness in filling the plates with delectable food!

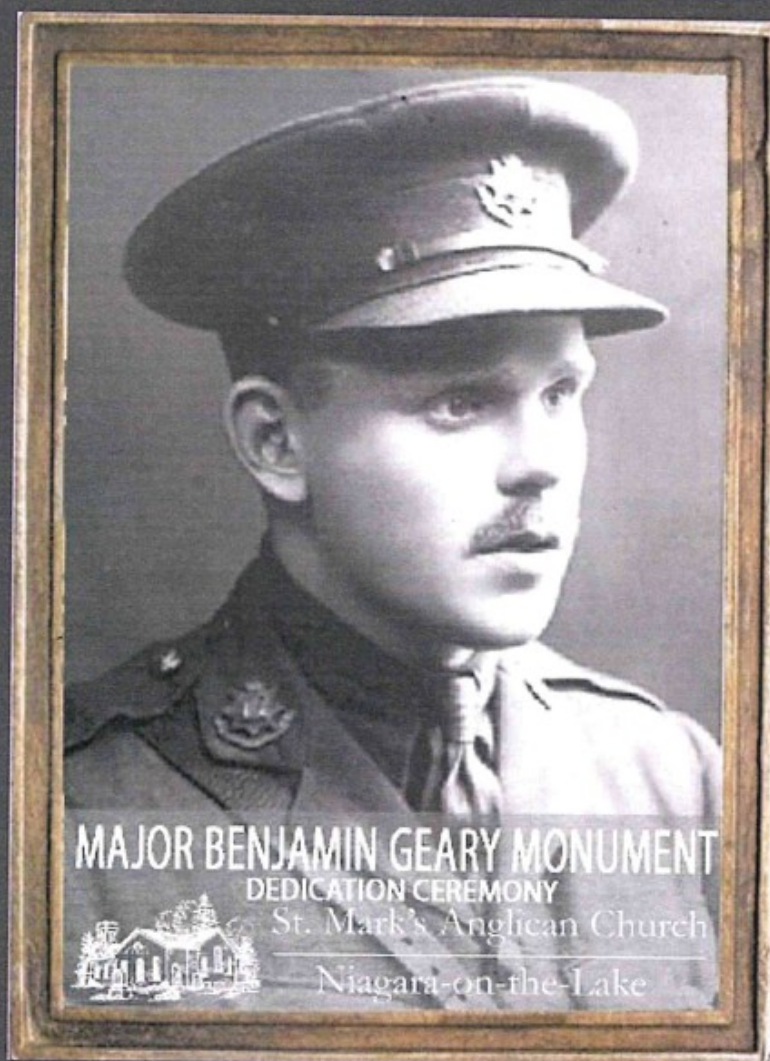
Finally, I extend my deepest appreciation to **Leighton and Erin** for their outstanding work in organizing this event and decorating the hall, transforming it into a warm and inviting space that felt festive and welcoming.

The hard work and dedication exhibited by everyone involved was nothing short of inspiring. Thank you all for your incredible contributions!

With heartfelt appreciation,
Kathy Taylor







Monument Dedication

Sunday, November 10

Please meet at 10:00 a.m. sharp at the front of the
cemetery.

The Rev'd Leighton Lee will begin the ceremony at 10:15
a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join our 10:30 a.m. service after
the ceremony concludes.

This special ceremony will honour the extraordinary bravery of **Major Benjamin Geary**, who, during the pivotal Battle of Hill 60 in Ypres, Belgium, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his heroism. Join us as we pay tribute to a true hero.

Born in England in 1891, Geary served valiantly in the First World War with the Surrey Regiment. His remarkable actions at Hill 60 in April 1915 earned him recognition for "conspicuous bravery and determination". He faced adversity again when wounded in August 1918.

Inspired by his experiences, Geary pursued a calling in the Christian ministry, studying theology and becoming ordained in 1921. His journey brought him to Canada in 1928, where he continued to serve his community. When the Second World War erupted, he enlisted in the Canadian Army, eager to contribute but his leadership skills were essential as the commanding officer of the educational unit at Camp Borden.

After the war, he dedicated twenty-four years as the Sergeant-at-Arms in the Ontario Legislature. **Upon retiring in 1972, he settled in Niagara-on-the-Lake, actively**

participating in St. Mark's Anglican Church and enriching services as a reader until his passing in 1976.

Join us to commemorate the legacy of Major Benjamin Geary, a man whose life was marked by courage, service, and unwavering commitment to his faith and community. Your presence will make this tribute all the more meaningful.



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!

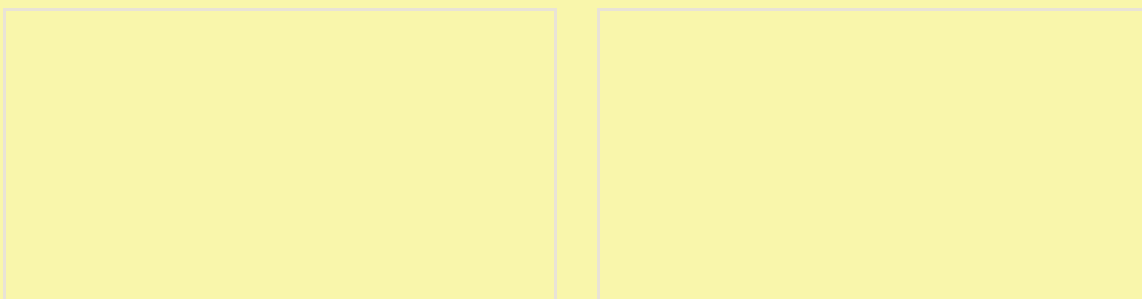
This isn't just any tea party; it's a treasure trove of unique finds, including clothes and festive Christmas decor, all while sipping on warm tea and indulging in fresh scones.

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!

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: gregorywalker@gmail.com by Noon on Tuesday prior so
that numbers for breakfast can be confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you!



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A CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING

*A Festive Celebration in
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with { ST MARK'S SINGERS
TRILLIUM BRASS
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MUSIC DIRECTOR

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
AT 4:30 PM**

Tickets: \$25
\$5 from every ticket sale
goes to Newark Neighbours

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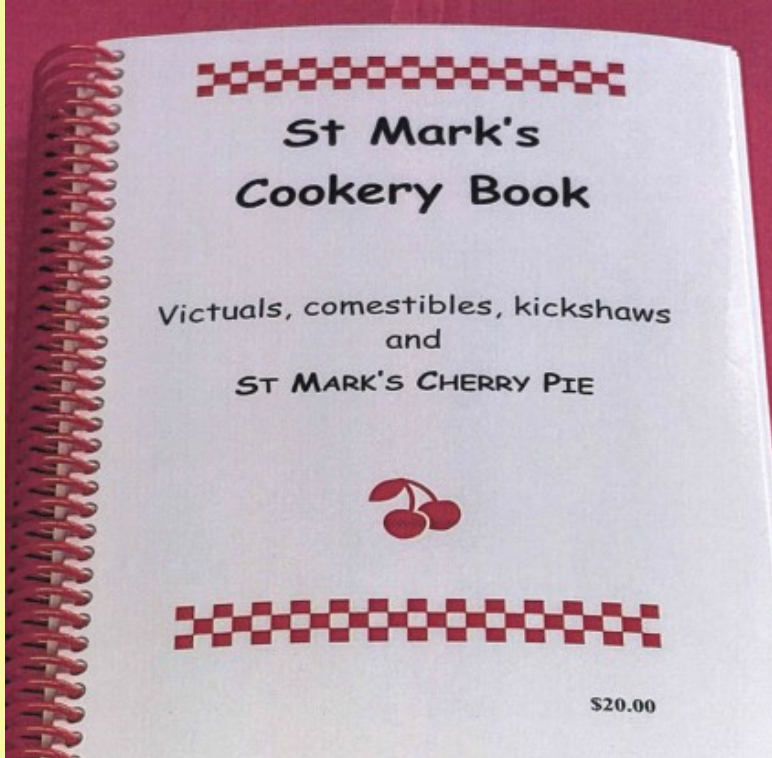
SECOND CHANCE MOVIES

PRESENTS:



**JOIN US FOR A SHOWING OF
"A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD"
ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 2024
SHOWINGS AT 2PM AND 7PM
AT ST. ANDREW'S KIRK HALL.
DOORS OPEN 30MINS BEFORE THE SHOW**

FREE ADMISSION



[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 10 - Greeter(s) - Chris Bjorgan and Marilyn Bardeau

Reader - Penny-Lynn Cookson

Intercessor - Donna Belleville

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize 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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