



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 236th Edition October 25th, 2024



From the Rector

No one likes change—or so we're told. This seems to be especially true in Anglican circles. Which is why I'm proud to be rector of a community which takes liturgical change in stride. Over the past few months, we've been gradually expanding the way we sing the psalms and our repertoire of hymns. That's a very good thing, especially where hymns are concerned. So often we forget that the "golden oldies" were once new. And are maybe not that old to begin with. For example, the beloved tune for that old stalwart "For All the Saints" was composed only

in 1906.

Speaking of All Saints, I am going to make a few changes to the liturgy on All Saints Sunday—November 3. Nothing *too* drastic! But parts of the *Book of Alternative Services* haven't worn well. The collects in particular are sometimes insipid and frequently clunky. Likewise the prayers over the gifts and the post communion prayers. Both of these are optional, and I'm going to start omitting them. Well, that's not quite true. A prayer after communion *is* mandated but the ones we've been using aren't. So we'll start either using the one in the *BAS* which begins "All your works praise you, O God, and your faithful servants bless you," or one drawn from liturgies used in other parts of the Anglican Communion. As for the collects, I'm going to use—at least from time to time—the supplemental collects that were approved for use by General Synod in 2019. It's true that not all of these are masterpieces, but at least they give us some more options.

We're also going to continue introducing new music for the Eucharist. The *New Plainsong* of David Hurd had become ubiquitous for us—and don't get me wrong. I love it. David is one of my mentors and a dear friend. But we really need to become familiar with more musical settings, and that's what Michael Bloss is doing, and will continue to do.

Also speaking of All Saints, on All Saints Sunday we have traditionally included in the Prayers of the People the names of parishioners, and friends and family of parishioners, who have died in the last year, that is since **November 1 2023**. There's sometimes confusion about this—we restrict the list to *folks who have died in the last 12 months* in order to keep it from getting too long. Please email names directly to me no later than Saturday, November 2 to be included. My email address is: rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com

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****

**We are excited to invite you to our
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
on All Saints Day, Friday, November 1st, at 6 p.m. in Addison Hall.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together to celebrate and express our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who make a difference at St. Mark's.

Your presence is important as we honour their hard work and dedication.

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

If you would like to help set up, serve, or clean up, please get in touch with Erin in the church office at stmarks@cogeco.net or 905-468-3123.

Don't miss out—mark your calendars for this important event and help us honour our amazing volunteers!

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.

More details will follow in next week's E-News.

ENTHUSIASTIC FOR **SINGING** IN AN ENSEMBLE?



INTERESTED IN **EXPLORING**
REPERTOIRE OLD AND NEW?

MOVED TO **SHARING** LITURGY
AND MUSIC IN COMMUNITY?

CONSIDER **JOINING**
THE ST. MARK'S SINGERS!

CONTACT INTERIM DIRECTOR OF
MUSIC MICHAEL BLOSS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

MICHAELBLOSS@HOTMAIL.COM

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 ladies' discussion group at 10 AM on Wednesday, October 30th, and 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!

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

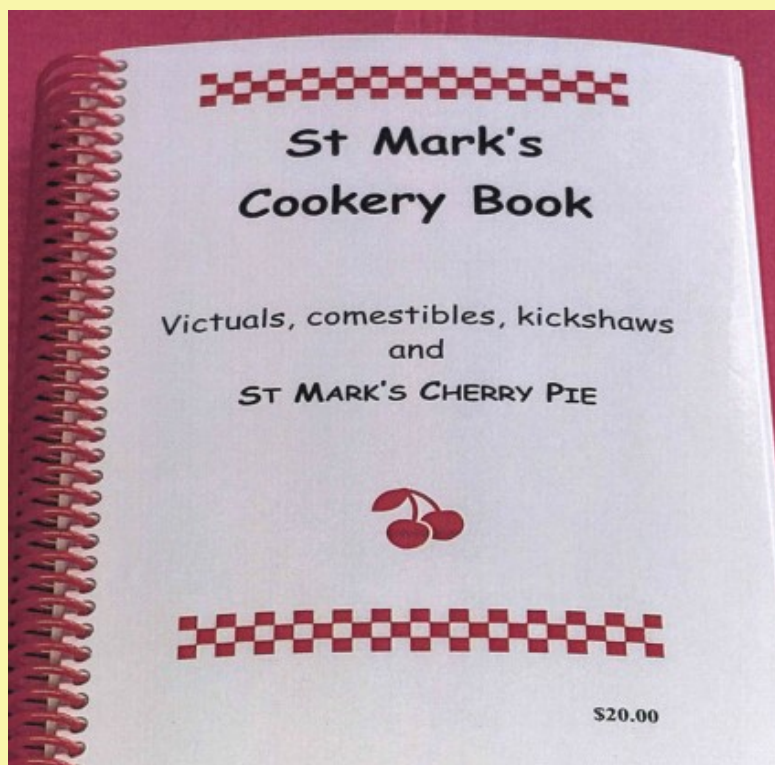
We need your help to stock our sales tables!

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!



[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 livestream on YouTube](#)

On Duty this Week

October 27th - Greeter(s) - Jo-Anne Hill and Ian Russell

Reader - Donna Belleville

Intercessor - Larry Bourk

Altar Guild - Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter and Diane Turner

Server - John Shaver

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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