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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 185th Edition - October 27 2023

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### From the Rector

Some Christian traditions do not believe in praying for the dead. Ours is not one of them. Even so, it's not unreasonable to ask *why* we should pray for the dead, after all, aren't they already with Christ in heaven?

Well - yes and no. The scriptural witness affirms what's sometimes called Last Judgement, or the Last Day - the event when both heaven and earth will be made new. This is something the living and the dead are waiting for. So it's perfectly correct

to say that when a person dies they go to be with Christ. But while they are at are at peace, they're also waiting and longing for the Resurrection with us. They, like us, are incomplete.

The catechism of the Episcopal Church in the United States puts it this way: *We pray for them, because we still hold them in our love, and because we trust that in God's presence those who have chosen to serve him will grow in his love, until they see him as he is.*

And that same catechism reminds us that *Our assurance as Christians is that nothing, not even death, shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

This is part of what the great feast of All Saints is about. And one of the the features of All Saints services is the reading of the necrology - the names of members and friends of the parish who have died since November 1 last year. We will read these names as part of the Prayers of the People next Sunday, November 5, at our All Saints Sunday eucharists. If you have a name of family member or friend who died this past year (they don't have to have been associated with St Mark's) and whose name that you'd like read next week, please [email me here](#) before 5 pm **Friday, November 3.**

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I have a number of conflicts on Wednesdays in November. Our normal pattern of Wednesday worship will be unchanged on Wednesday, November 1. After that, Wednesday services will be suspended until Wednesday, December 6.

See you in Church!

Grace and peace,  
Leighton

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### **From the Wardens**

We are close to ending our financial month as of this Sunday. Thank you to those who have responded to our appeal to increase their donations for the 13<sup>th</sup> month or have instructed debit/credit increases before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our Rotary Club lunch during the Holiday House Tour December 1st and 2nd is now being advertised and not surprisingly folks are calling to make reservations only to be told that no reservations are taken for this event. There will be lots of seating, so don't hesitate to come for a delicious lunch and St. Mark's SIP, SAVOUR, SHOP event 10:00 am- 3 pm both days.

Thank you to a couple of parishioners who volunteered to help keep the church open for visitors! However we do need more volunteers. Please contact the office if you can help.

We are always open for suggestions, comments or topics.

**"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree."**

**Emily Bronte**

**See you in church!**

**As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who requires assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some phone companionship. Even a chat over the fence!**

**Called to Life-Compelled to Love**

Allan Magnacca

Andrea Douglas

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### **Parish Updates**

#### ***In-Person Sunday Services***

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

#### ***On Duty this Week***

October 29, 2023 - Greeter(s)- Trudi Watson and Earle Waugh

October 29, 2023- Reader - Wes Turner

Intercessor - Diane Turner

**Altar Guild** - Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter and Diane Turner

#### ***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**

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**Men's Communion  
Wednesday, November 1st at 8 am  
Breakfast at the NOTL Golf Club**

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**The St. Mark's Directory 2023 will be available soon. We will announce in the E-News when the directories are ready for pick up.**

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**Wednesday Morning Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday Evening Prayer - 5:00 p.m.**

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In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Dorothy Lees, Beverley Lees, David Levesque and Jason St Hilaire, and Anne Lindsay 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, Marilyn Worrall, Maggie Hammerling, Gail and Murray Paton, Elizabeth Channing, and Peter Manning.

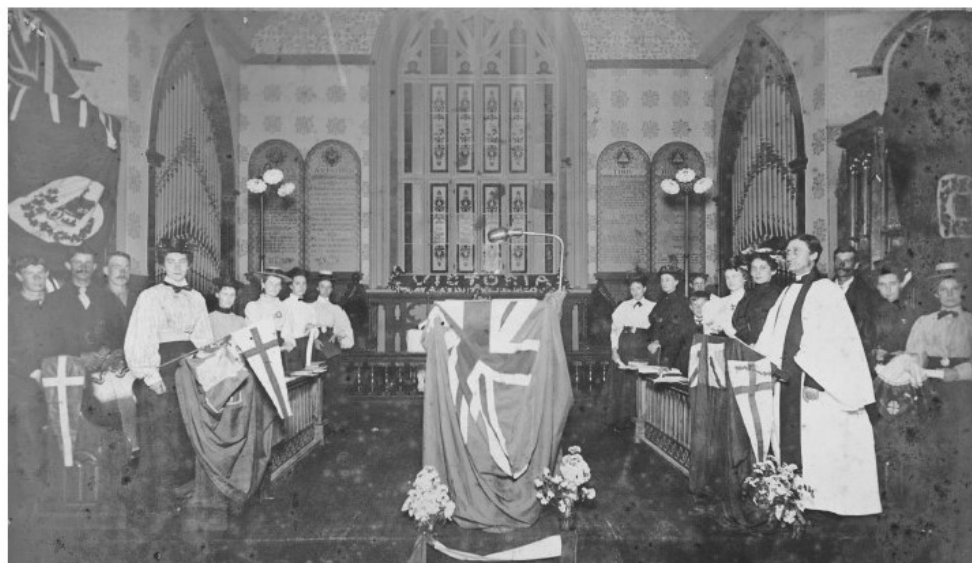
We pray for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Selina Appleby, Joan Draper, and Alexander Hood.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. George, Guelph; the Reverend Victor Kischak, Rector; the Reverend Canon Jean Mitchell, Priest Assistant; and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Rt. Rev. Leslie Wheeler-Dame, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Yukon, and the president, faculty, students, and staff of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon.

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Did you know that John C. Garrett, rector from 1894 to 1917, had been born in England, but had come to Canada by 1861, and he was a methodist?



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### **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](mailto:rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com)

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