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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 230th Edition September 13th, 2024

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### From the Rector

There's a remarkable painting that hangs in the north choir aisle of St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. It's called *The Presence*, and it depicts a scene set in the cathedral itself, where the Eucharist is being distributed in the far distance at the High Altar which is bathed in a diffuse light. Yet in the foreground, half-obscured in the shadows of the nave, we see the figure of a solitary, kneeling, sorrowful person. And behind this kneeling figure is Christ, illuminated in a wholly different kind of light, his hands upraised in a gesture of absolution and

welcome.

The title of the painting refers, of course, to the two presences of Christ. Certainly he is present in the sacramental bread and wine, but he is also—and more significantly—present with the unobserved person forlorn with loneliness, grief and despair. The poignant message of the painting is clear. For whatever reason, the desolate figure is unable to join with the rest of the congregation at the High Altar. And yet this person is not alone.

Perhaps the most surprising way Christ makes himself known is in the lonely, the dispossessed, the forgotten, the wretched, the stranger. One of our strongest impulses is to seek out, and stick with, those who are like us. So we need to be especially vigilant, particularly since the Church's great temptation is to organize itself along party lines, to be a cabal of like-minded, homogeneous folks. As a sort of antidote to this kind of thinking, every Sunday of the year you and I, in the words of the Nicene Creed, profess faith in the *catholic* Church—"catholic" meaning "universal." We could identify many ways in which the Church is—or at least ought to be—universal, but let's simply say that the Church is universal because it's inclusive. It's open to everyone, and everyone can belong.

And just as, week-in-and-week-out, we profess faith in a universal and inclusive Church, we also pray "Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." Down through the years, the Church has done all it could to establish a God who reigns in triumph, and to identify itself as a triumphant and victorious special interest group speciously called "ecclesia"—as if those who are called out are somehow special and privileged. And therefore the Church staggers; therefore the Church's statistics decline; therefore the Church is seen as an anachronism; therefore the Church is seen by many as living in contradiction to the values of the

Kingdom.

For only when we have learned to live and love as selflessly as Jesus did will his kingdom come. It will not come through indifference and carelessness, nor will it come to the oblivious and the selfish. It will come through small acts of goodness and charity, by the recognition of the living Lord in every person, and in the strife which seeks to supplant the values of earthly kingdoms with the values of the Kingdom of God.

The painting *The Presence* which seems to caution the Church against an inward-looking piety that prefers ritual splendour to committed compassion. Yes, the real presence is known in bread and wine. But it's also known in your life and mine. And in the life of every person who yearns for a share of his spirit. Seek him. Receive him. Confess him. And then get to work so that his universal kingdom *will* come on earth as it is in heaven.

Grace and Peace,  
Leighton

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### **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**

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**The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of  
Mary Jane Davidson  
From Joe Patchett**

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ENTHUSIASTIC FOR **SINGING** IN AN ENSEMBLE?



INTERESTED IN **EXPLORING**  
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MUSIC MICHAEL BLOSS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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### **Men's Communion and Breakfast**

Wednesday, October 2nd, 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](mailto:gregoryfwalker@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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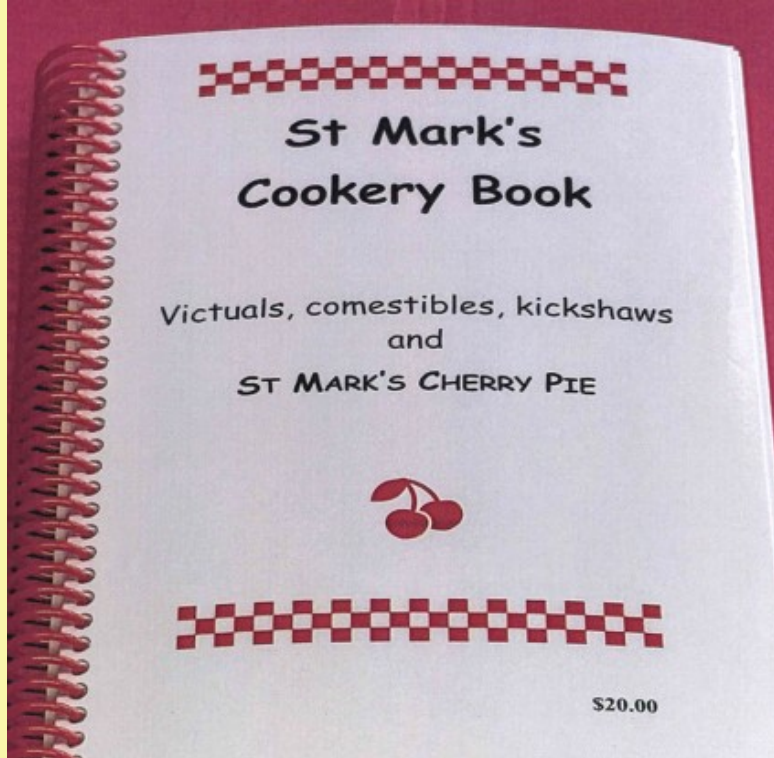
### **Ladies Discussion Group**

It will be a wonderful thing if you could join us. Susan MacLaren will be leading a ladies discussion group at 10AM during the Wednesdays in October and the first Wednesday in November. We start on 2 October. Up for discussion will be The Lord's Prayer. What does it say? What does it mean? Why do we care? Format will be just like last year's discussion group. There will be coffee!!!! Come and see!!

Wednesdays

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6 at 10:00 am.

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**St. Mark's Cookery Book**

Everyone knows that St. Mark's Anglican Church makes the most delicious cherry pies each year for our famous

**CHERRY FESTIVAL.**

Until now, the recipe has been a well-kept secret.

**Now, we are sharing our recipe with you!**

**St. Mark's Anglican Church NOTL  
presents  
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**Have you ever wondered about the connection between  
St. Mark's and cherries?  
Wonder no more!**

Legend has it that on one St. Mark's Feast Day long ago, His Holiness Pope Gregory I had a sudden overwhelming desire for cherries. (Like most NOTLers do every July!) The servants and gardeners were at a loss. The cherry trees were in bloom, but the fruit was weeks away. Miraculously, St. Mark appeared to one of the gardeners and when he heard about Gregory's craving, he blessed a cherry tree causing it to be covered with ripe, red cherries.

Church ladies are often good cooks, and this is certainly true of the ladies (and gentlemen) of St. Mark's who have contributed their recipes to this book.

Not only will you have access to St. Mark's famous Cherry Pie recipe, but you will also have recipes for Appetizers, Soups and Snacks, Main Courses, Salads and Sides, Jams, Chutney, jellies, Cherry Blossom syrup, and many recipes for sweet and savoury baked goods including

**Cherries Jubilee.**

**If you would like to purchase a copy of St. Mark's Cookery Book  
Call St. Mark's at 905-468-3123  
or email us at  
stmarks@cogeco.net**

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How much do you know about St. Mark's Cemetery? Why not take a tour with Dr. Earle Waugh and learn all about Ontario's oldest operating cemetery? Afterward, you can enjoy some nibbles, a glass of wine, and a discussion about what you have just learned!

**Tour**  
**Ontario's oldest burial ground**  
at  
**St. Mark's, Niagara on the Lake**

**Dr. Earle Waugh**  
will lead tours  
followed by refreshments &  
informal discussion

**2024 tour dates**

**Tuesday, September 24**  
**Tuesday, October 22**  
at  
**3:30-5:00** in the  
afternoon

The **\$25 admission** fee will  
support our on-going  
**Monument Restoration**  
**Programme**

**Tour group size limited**

**Information & reservation**  
Phone St. Mark's  
**905 468 3123**

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St. Mark's first rector, the Reverend Robert Addison, arrived in July 1792 with a collection of over 1,500 volumes, which is the oldest library in Ontario. In 1862, Addison's grandsons presented the library "To the Rector of St. Mark's Church, Niagara, And his Successors in perpetuity." Two of the volumes in the Addison Library are manuscripts. One of them, a collection of 18<sup>th</sup> century sermons, has already been published by St. Mark's Archives Committee. The scholars who catalogued the Addison Library said about the other, "One of the most interesting and valuable items that may have been added to Robert Addison's library before his departure for Canada is not a printed book, but a MS (No. 1254) filled with notes on sermons and records of sermons preached from early in 1756 to the end of 1780, kept in a neat 18<sup>th</sup> century hand."

St. Mark's Archives Committee plans to publish the Notebook, as a companion to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Sermons to make it more available to scholars studying the English Dissenters, and particularly their community in Hackney in the latter half of the eighteenth century. Like the Sermons, the Notebook will be published as a limited edition. Carruthers will print the 188-page text on 70 lb. natural text stock and Van Huizen will complete the volumes with Smyth sewn pages and marble endpapers, bound and trimmed to 8-3/8 x 10-7/8 with calf leather and gold stamped spines.

We invite those interested in supporting this project to become patrons. Patrons' names will be listed in the front of the limited-edition publication of the Notebook. Patrons may choose either to sponsor the donation of a copy to a library, or archive, or to receive a copy for their personal library at a reception for all patrons in St. Mark's Addison Hall.

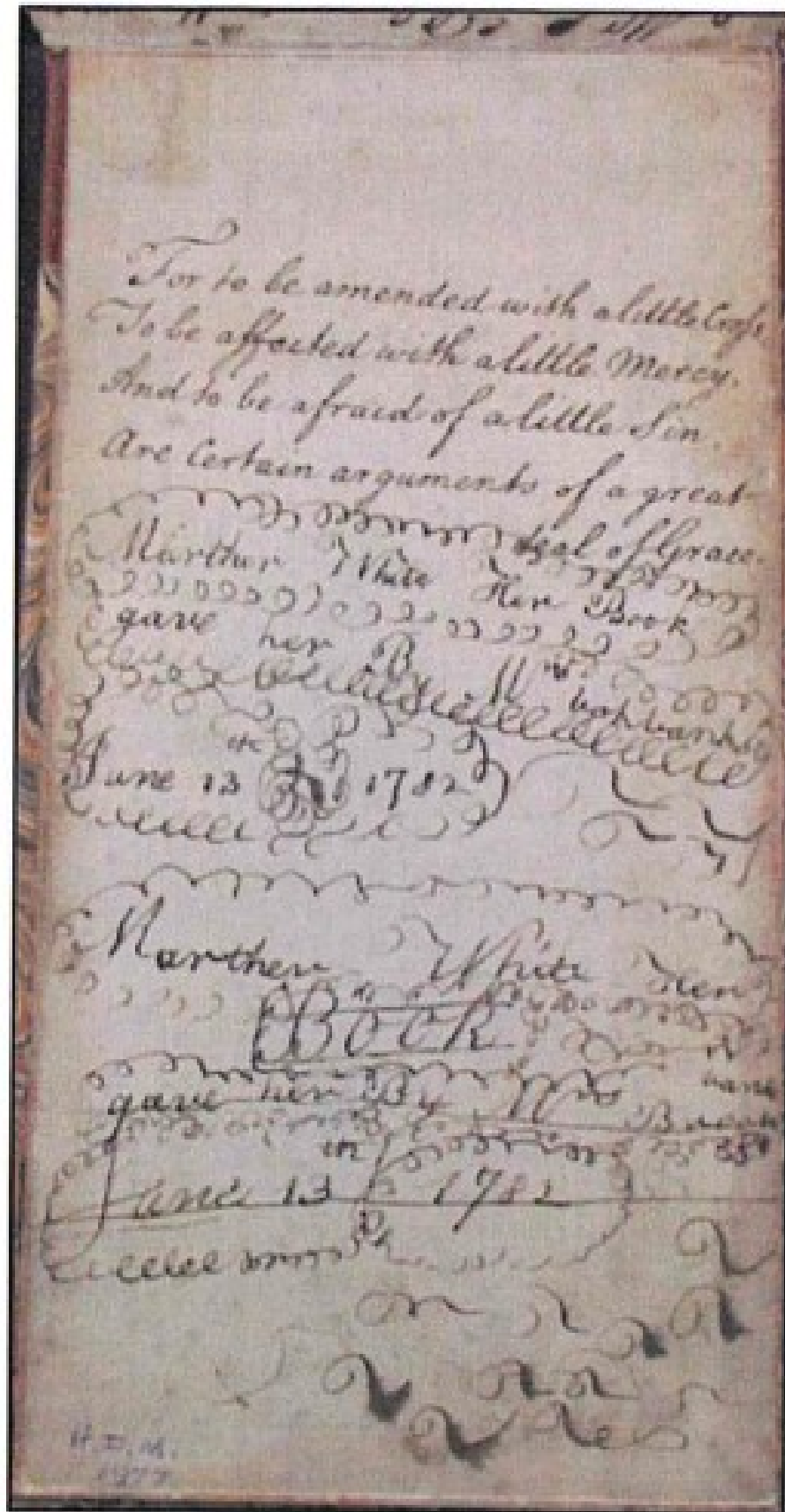
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Enigmatic Graffiti found on inside cover of the manuscript

#### 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***

**September 15th - Greeter(s)** - Chris Bjorgan and Marilyn Bardeau

**Reader** - Jamie Mainprize

**Intercessor** - Wendy Steel

**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!

## ***Staying Up to Date!***

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: [Visit our recent E-Newsletters](#)

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

## **[Click here to access St. Mark's Anglican Church Facebook Page](#)**

You can also access our Facebook page when on our website by clicking on the Facebook icon that looks like an "F".

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## **Prayer Cycles – We pray for:**

**In St. Mark's parish:** Wes and Diane Turner, Peggy Walker, Greg and Dorothy Walker, and Peter Warrack and Bonita Cawker and their families.

**In the Niagara Diocese:** Church of the Incarnation, Oakville, The Reverend Canon Sue-Ann Ward, Rector, and the people of that parish.

**In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer:** The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, and the dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod.

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**\* Looking for VOLUNTEERS for READERS and INTERCESSORS group \***  
[An important part at St. Mark's is the involvement and participation of our Readers.](#)

I am hoping to hear from a few parishioners who may be interested in joining our R&I group. The next schedule begins in September.  
Please contact me at [tammy@garyzalepa.com](mailto:tammy@garyzalepa.com)

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