



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 231st Edition September 20th, 2024



From the Rector

After his death in 1983, friends of Eric Abbott, who had been Dean of Westminster Abbey from 1959 to 1974, provided funds for an annual lecture in his name on spirituality and pastoral theology. One of the first lecturers was the great English mezzo-soprano Janet Baker. In her address, she remembered the rehearsal process for the last opera she starred in before retirement, Gluck's *Orfeo ed Euridice*.

In the second act, Orpheus, searching the underworld for his dead wife Eurydice, arrives in the Elysian Fields. *"At this point," Baker writes, there was no singing, just ballet music ... I began unconsciously to move slowly among the members of the chorus, taking the hand first of one and then another. The gesture gathered momentum and as the chorus watched me touching their hands, they turned towards, and touched, each other. Gradually the stage was filled with people reaching out, a human bridge across the spiritual and human worlds. The scene was allowed to remain and at each performance proved to be a deeply affecting and moving spiritual experience. Life can be like this. Life is a divine communication; everyone can share in it. All we need to is simply stretch out our hands to one another.*

That's all well and good, but in order to make the journey towards those who are outside, in order for us to build a bridge between "us" and "them", we must first make the inward journey. We must build a bridge between head and heart. Intellectually we *know* that we're called to make our communities models of tolerance, justice, and fairness. But when it comes to putting what we know into practice, we demur. First let's organize a committee, let's do a feasibility study, let's commission a cost/benefit analysis. I've long suspected that we talk so much in the Church because talking keeps us from actually getting on the business of being the Church. It's safe.

Except the life of faith requires some risk. If we are going to be Church, we must put it all on the line. We're not called to curl up in a corner, build silos, or put up walls. We need to learn the difference between *doing* Church and *being* Church. Instead of expecting people come to us, we must dare to go to them.

And here's the thing: if we choose to be Church, we will find that our distrust of strangers

and fear of those who are different will wither away; we will discover a power within that is greater than we could have ever imagined; we will know that all people are unique and irreplaceable children of God; we will have the insight to see the beauty in every human soul. And we will know that we are loved so much because God reached out to us and built a bridge between him and us in the person of Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant.

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
Lloyd and Maureen Matthews
From Tim Matthews**

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, 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 by Noon on Tuesday prior so that numbers for breakfast can be confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you!

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.



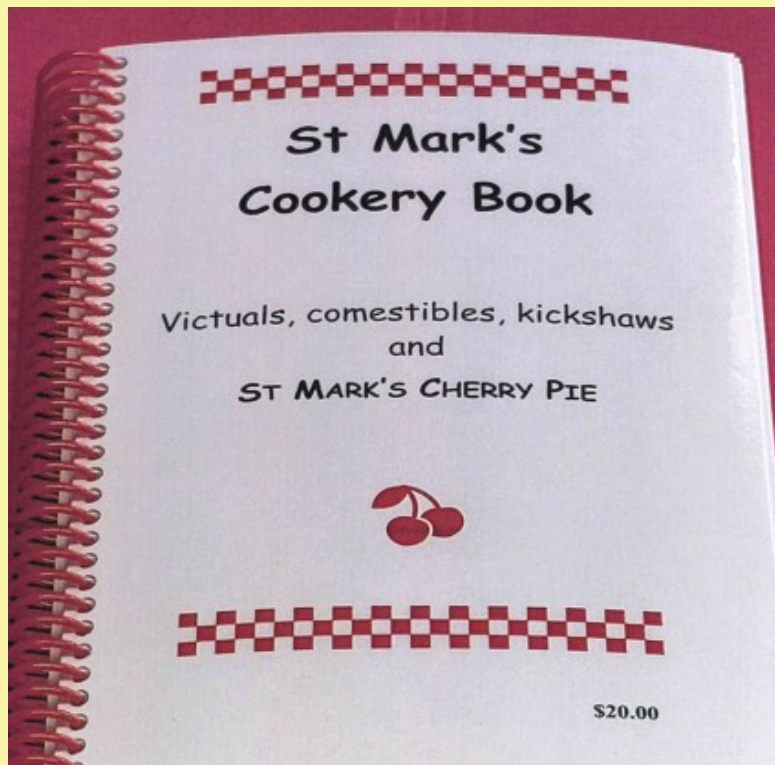
Christmas Fundraising Tea and Sale

A tea and sale of Christmas-related items will be held Nov. 29-30 in Addison Hall. It is a fundraiser for St. Mark's operations, and an outreach to the community to enjoy tea and some festive shopping.

The event, Tea with Teddy, gets its name from 30 collectible teddy bears that were donated to St. Mark's. They will be for sale along with an array of Christmas-related items.

We need your help to fill the sales tables with Christmas-related items. Donations sought include holiday season clothing, Christmas decorations, linens, china, crystal, and jewelry. We'd welcome more teddy bears, too.

Donated items will be picked up. Please call Trudi Watson, 905-468-3314, or Elizabeth Jamieson, 416-577-0750 to arrange.



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
ST. MARK'S COOKERY BOOK
\$20.00**

**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**

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

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 18th 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 18th century hand."

St. Mark's Archives Committee plans to publish the Notebook, as a companion to the 18th 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.

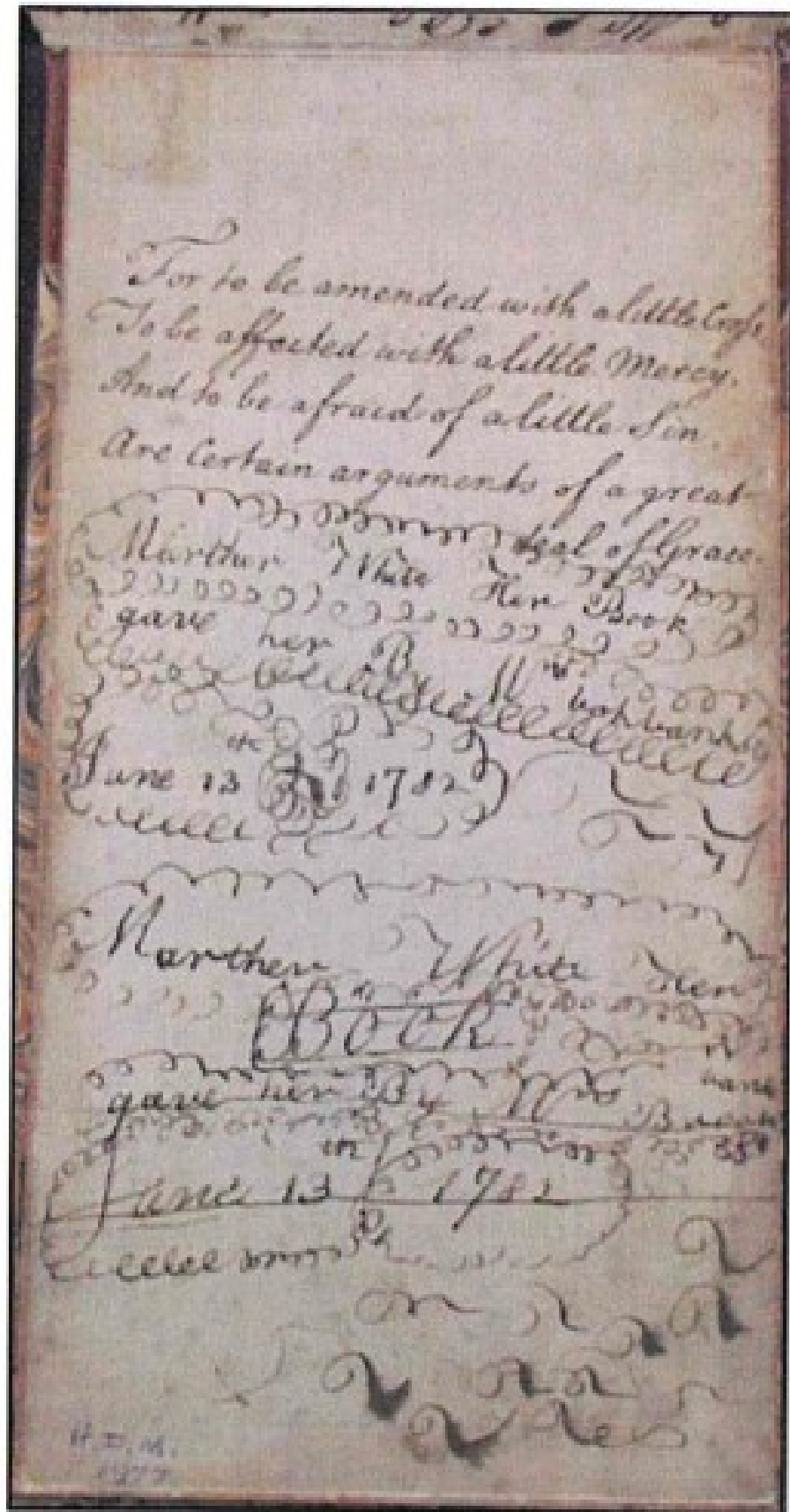
We invite those interested in supporting this project to become patrons. Patrons' names will be listed in the front of the limited-edition publication of the Notebook. Patrons may choose either to sponsor the donation of a copy to a library, or archive, or to receive a copy for their personal library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

PATRONS: Two Hundred Dollars

For further information please contact:

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speacock23@hotmail.com

Donald Combe at 905-932-4175
donaldcombe@me.com



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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 22nd - Greeter(s) - Colleen and Doug Hunter

Reader - Jane deMunnich

Intercessor - Steve Hinchliffe

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize and Dorothy Walker

Server - Virginia Mainprize

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".

Prayer Cycles – We pray for:

In St. Mark's parish: Earle Waugh and Trudi Watson, Garry and Shirley West, Arn Westlake, and Beverley Whittingham and their families.

For those who are ill: Jan Manning and John MacBeth.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Aidan, Oakville, The Reverend Fran Wallace, Priest-in-Charge; The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell, Honorary, Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and the clergy, and people of The Territory of the People. Every child matters! Remember the Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school; for survivors and their families; for truth, healing, and reconciliation.

*** 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

[St. Mark's Anglican Church Website](#)





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