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### From the Rector

Christine Coulson short novel, *One Woman Show*, presents the life of a society lady who transforms herself from a precious object into an unforgettable protagonist. The author tells her story in a series of short chapters which are written like the descriptive wall labels found next to works of art in museums. So we gradually get a picture of a woman as an artifact—an object prized, collected, and critiqued as she moves from collection to collection through multiple marriages.

And we also get glimpses of a woman who was more than a beautiful woman of distinguished pedigree and advantageous marriages. But they're only glimpses and we realize that no biography or history can tell the true story of a person's life any more than a wall label in a museum can unpack the depths of a painting's iconography. Not that this doesn't stop us from trying. How many times have we spoken about a public figure in an authoritative way, even though everything we know about them has been mediated through news stories and carefully curated interviews?

I'm waiting for a new biography—if it can be called that—of Queen Elizabeth II to arrive. A *Voyage Round the Queen* by Craig Brown follows the same author's hilarious and irreverent portrait of the Queen's sister, *Ma'am Darling: 99 Glimpses of Princess Margaret*. The reviews for Brown's book about the late Queen have been universally glowing. I was particularly struck by one in *The Guardian* which said, "[Brown] doesn't treat the enigma of the queen as a dead end; on the contrary, it's what interests him most about her—a blank that he's eager to fill in. When people look at her, they're really looking in the mirror or at the bottom of a well, he says, even at 'the boatman to their subconscious.'"

Would it be sacrilege to say the same thing of Jesus? We know remarkably little about him, and what we do know comes from people whose knowledge of him probably wasn't first-hand. Yet ever since the days of Albert Schweitzer, there's been an obsession to discover the "historical Jesus"—a quest which reached its climax with the work of Jesus Seminar.

That's something the four evangelists weren't interested in. Their gospels aren't biographies—at least, they're not biographies in the traditional sense. Each of them is a *kerygma*, a fancy Greek term meaning "proclamation." The evangelists wanted to proclaim their

conviction that Jesus was a mirror in which God's purposes and promises were reflected. What's more, in the gospel of grace which Jesus proclaimed, they heard their own stories, and encountered God in an entirely new way.

And so it for us when we read the gospels. They're remarkably brief and only provide glimpses into the life of the man Jesus. But they're crucial glimpses which reflect back to us enough of the divine story of salvation that we know all we need to about Jesus in the present time. We'll just have to wait to know the rest of the story.

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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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](mailto:MICHAELBLOSS@HOTMAIL.COM)

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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!

Please bring your furry family member(s) to the **Blessing of the Animals** on October 2nd at 5 p.m. Join us for this fun and festive service!

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**



**God made all creatures, great and small!**

**St. Mark's Anglican Church in NOTL  
41 Byron Street**

**invites you and your pets to join us for**

**The Blessing of the Animals  
in Honour of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
5 p.m.**



### **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, 30 and November 6 at 10:00 am.**



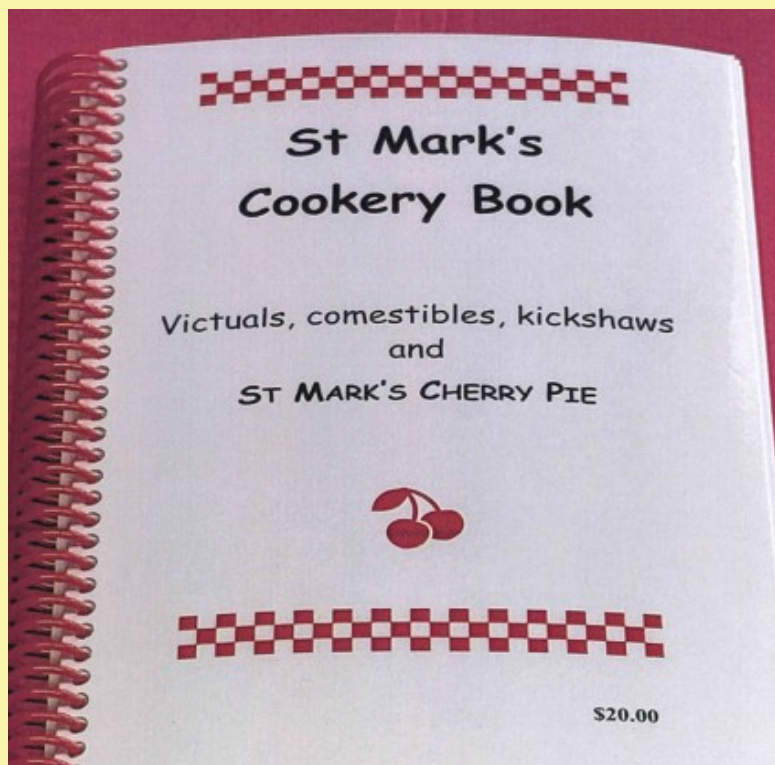
## Christmas Fundraising Tea and Sale

A tea and sale of Christmas items will be held **Nov. 29-30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, 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 items.

We need your help to fill the sales tables with Christmas 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**

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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 Anglican Church in Niagara on the Lake**

**Dr. Earle Waugh**

**leads the tour which is followed by refreshments and informal discussion**

**The \$25.00 admission fee supports our on-going Monument Restoration Programme**

**Tour group is limited to 10**

**Last tour of 2024 takes place on**

**Tuesday October 22**

**3:30-5:00 pm**

**For more information and to purchase tickets please call St. Mark's office at 905-468-3123**

## 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 29th - Greeter(s)** - Trudi Watson and Earle Waugh

**Reader** - Wes Turner

**Intercessor** - Diane Turner

**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!

### Staying Up to Date!

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

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### Prayer Cycles – We pray for:

**In St. Mark's parish:** Keith Worrall, Eve Wylie, Gary and Tammy Zalepa, and Gary Zanner and their families.

**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. Cuthbert, Oakville, The Venerable Jeff Ward, Rector; The Reverend Canon Dr. Alan Hayes, Honorary Assistant, and the, people of that parish.

**In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer:** The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia and the dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod. Remember missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people and their families, and pray for an end to gender-based violence.

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