



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 229th Edition September 6th, 2024



From the Rector

Our summer holidays are over and we get back to our regular routines. But we so often forget that 'holiday' is derived from the words 'holy day.' So let me say a couple of things about holy days and routine.

Across the pond, Anglicans are sometimes referred to as being 'C of E'—Church of England. But they're more often said to be 'C and E'—Christmas and Easter. They're Anglicans on the great holy days, but the routine of weekly church going isn't for them. And that's perhaps understandable. But routine is good—and necessary. It feels right to get back to a familiar routine.

I've made a few tweaks to the routine, however. The first concerns the Wednesday Eucharist at 10 am. Over the last few months, the attendance at this service has been very small—often only one person besides me. This, combined with an autumn schedule where I must be away on several Wednesday mornings, means that it makes sense to put this service on hiatus for the time being. But Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 5 pm continues. We have a dedicated and passionate congregation for this service. Why don't you make it part of your weekly routine? This autumn I will be offering my own meditations (rather than those of others) which I hope will be a meaningful exercise both for me and you!

There are also a number of Holy Days this autumn, some of which actually fall on a Sunday (like Michaelmas—September 29) and some of which we'll acknowledge on Sundays. For example, September 8, is the feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary. Mary is given more Holy Days than any other saint, and there's a corresponding amount of hymnody and sacred music about her. So on Sunday, we're singing two Marian hymns. One, 'Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones' is well-known. But we'll be singing one which is less well-known. It's called 'Ye Who Own the Faith of Jesus' and is sung to a jaunty French tune. The fusion of text and tune is almost camp, so enjoy it! It's been sung with gusto in High Church Anglican circles for decades.

We're also delighted to get back to the routine of having our choir back after their summer break. Michael Bloss has lots of wonderful music planned for the coming Sundays—be they ferial or festal.

All of which is to say, I hope you're planning to make worship at St Mark's part of your routine this autumn. It will be like a holiday every week.

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**

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.

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Men's Communion and Breakfast

Wednesday, September 11th, 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.

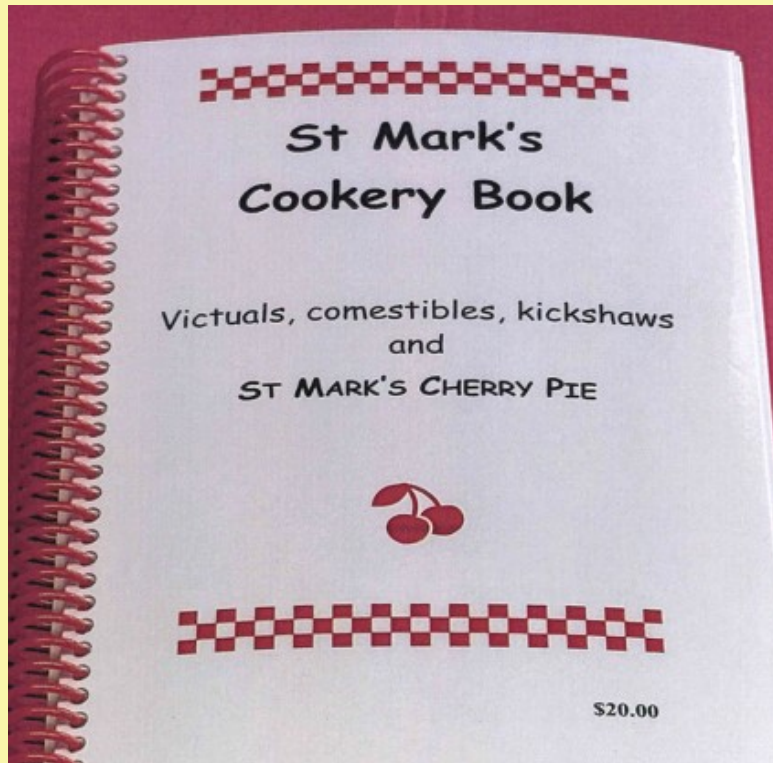
We look forward to seeing you!

Note: Following months, the Men's Communion and Breakfast will be the first Wednesday of the month.

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!!



St. Mark's Cookery Book

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

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

Now, we are sharing our recipe with you!

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\$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

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.

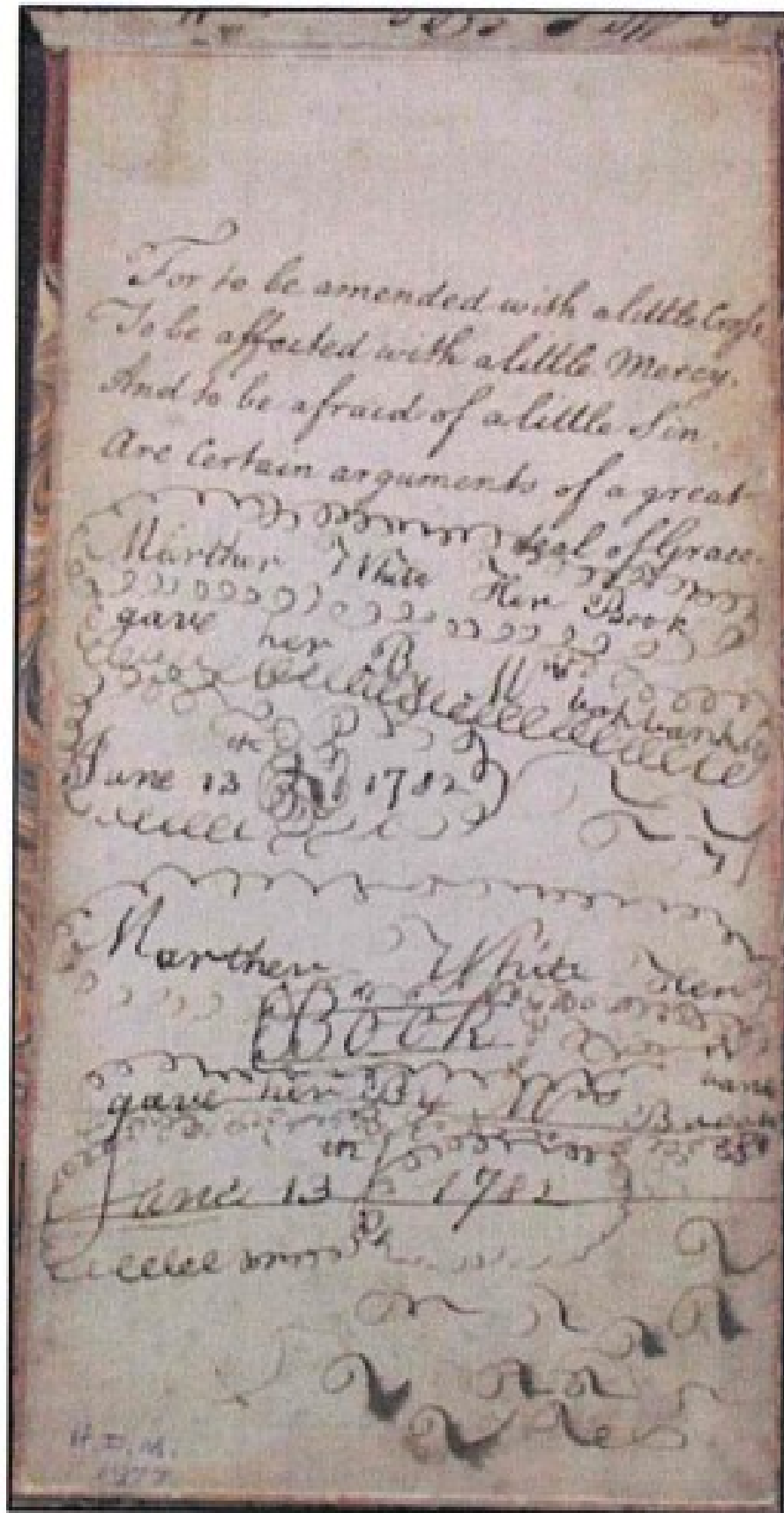
We invite those interested in supporting this project to become patrons. Patrons' names will be listed in the front of the limited-edition publication of the Notebook. Patrons may choose either to sponsor the donation of a copy to a library, or archive, or to receive a copy for their personal library 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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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 8th - Greeter(s) - Colleen and Douglas Hunter

Reader - Donna Belleville

Intercessor - Bob Cross

Altar Guild - Eve Wylie, Gene Anne Smith, Jennifer Smith

Server - Bob Cross

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](#)

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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: Wendy Steel, Trevor Straker, Kathy and Tim Taylor, and Harriet Tunmer and their families.

For those who are in need: Jan Manning

In the Niagara Diocese: Church of the Epiphany, Oakville, The Reverend Ronda Ploughman, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, and the Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British Columbia Synod.

*** 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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