



## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 311th Edition April 17th, 2026

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**Dear Friends,**

My meditation this week is "The Eye of the Beholder" and it's about how great artists have learned to see. You can watch it [here](#).

If you prefer to read, the text can be found [here](#).

**Grace and peace,  
Leighton**

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# SING FOR YOUR COFFEE

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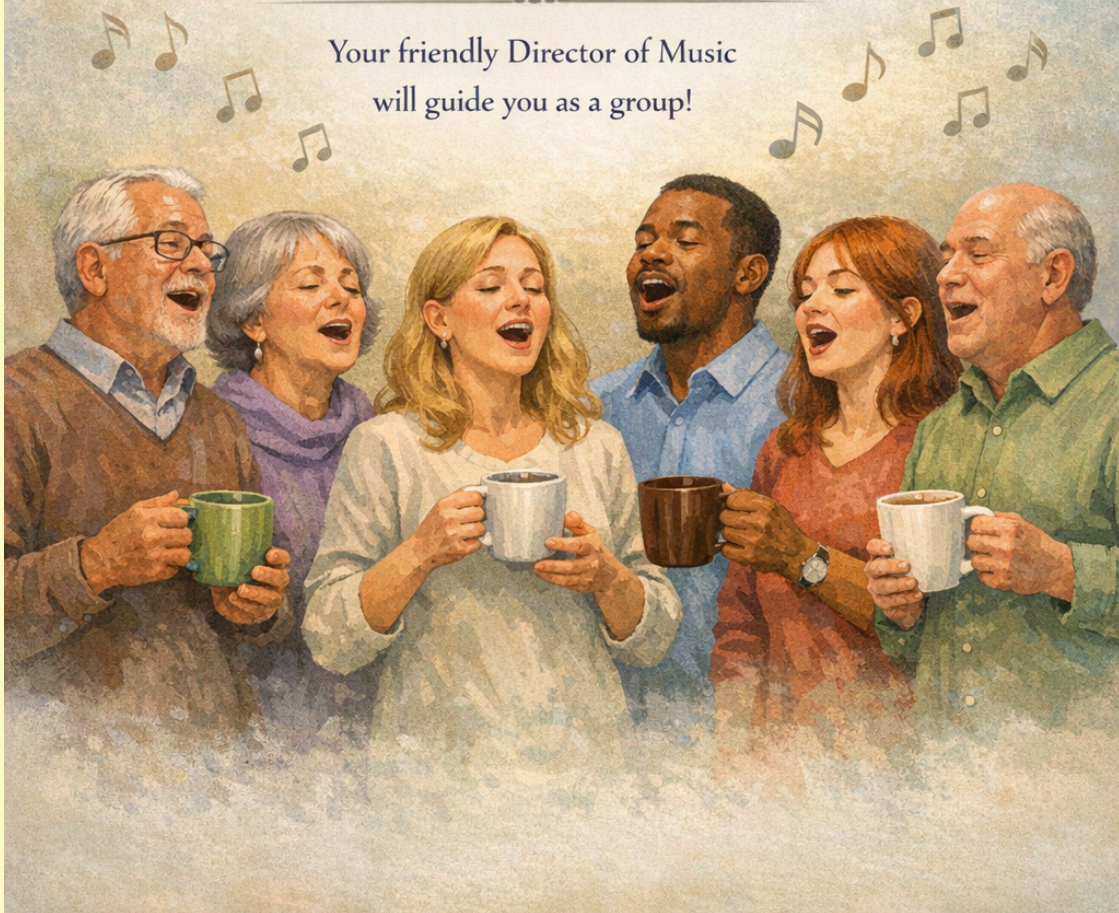
During coffee hour on Sunday, May 3,  
enjoy an opportunity to learn more  
about your singing voice as a member  
of the congregation.

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The congregation is often referred to as  
the “big choir,” and  
so here is your chance to uncover  
the energy that your voice brings to the liturgy.

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Your friendly Director of Music  
will guide you as a group!



# CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST



**Sunday, May 24 at 5pm**

**ST. MARK'S SINGERS**

*Michael Bloss, Director of Music*

*Laurence Williams, Director of Music*

*St Paul's Cathedral, London, Ontario*

St Mark's Anglican Church

41 Byron Street

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

905-468-3123

[stmarksnotl.org](http://stmarksnotl.org)

# Cherry Festival



**St. Mark's Anglican Church warmly invites the wonderful NOTL community to help make this year's Cherry Festival our most memorable celebration yet!**

**We welcome both costume and fine jewellery, including gold, silver, estate, and designer pieces.**

**Jewellery donations are being accepted  
NOW  
and until June 17, 2026.**

**The office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Please call ahead to let us know what you are dropping off and when.  
905-468-3123**

**\*\*Tax donation receipts will be given for any jewellery that sells for more than \$100.00\***



## A MEMO FROM DIANE TURNER



We would appreciate monetary contributions that will help us purchase essential supplies, such as aluminum pie plates, paper bags, and pie boxes.

If you would like to make a financial donation, please call our office at 905-468-3123.

We happily accept credit card payments over the phone.

For those wishing to donate cash, we welcome you to stop by our office.

*Your generosity continues to make a significant impact, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support.*

**Thank you once again!**



## CHERRY FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026**

**We need Volunteers to help make cherry pies.**

**Monday, April 13th 8 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Monday, April 20th 8 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Monday, April 27th 8 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Monday, May 4th 8 a.m. – 12 noon**

**We also need Volunteers to help transport frozen cherry pies from St. Mark's to St. Davids Storage.**

**Please call Diane Turner if you can help move the pies.**

**Got questions? Want to join the fun –**

**Call Diane Turner 289-362-1827**



**DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR ALL FINE AND COSTUME JEWELLERY.**

The Jewellery committee commences the job of appraising, sorting and pricing donations in April to be ready for St. Mark's Cherry Festival on Sat. July 4th.

This is a big job and we are always happy to welcome volunteers. Please contact Carolyn Porter at [carolyn.porter@sympatico.ca](mailto:carolyn.porter@sympatico.ca) if you are interested in joining us.

Donations of fine and costume bracelets, watches, earrings, necklaces and rings can be dropped off at the church office.

A tax receipt will be given for articles valued and sold over \$100.00

Please ask family, friends and neighbours to think of us when they are cleaning out their jewellery boxes.

## EMPORIUM DONATIONS FOR CHERRY FESTIVAL



**We appreciate NEW or GENTLY USED donations in the following categories:**

**WOMEN'S FASHION :** Women's Coats, Jackets, Vests, Blazers, Blouses

**ACCESSORIES:** Scarves, Hats, Handbags, Totes

**LINENS:** Tablecloths, Placemats, Napkins, Aprons, Tea Towels, Duvet Covers

**HOME DECOR/ KITCHENWARES/GARDEN ITEMS**

**COLLECTIBLES:** Crystal, China, Silver, Glasses, Vases, Timeless Treasures

**TICKETS:** Cultural or Sporting

**YOU HOST:** Dinners, Cocktail Parties, Teas, BBQs, Wine Tasting, etc

**ARTWORK:** Painting, Prints, Photography

**SMALL FURNITURE PIECES:** Tables, Footstools, Chairs, etc



### **STAY TUNED FOR THE EMPORIUM TREASURE BOOK!**

Tax receipts issued for items valued and sold over \$100.00

Items can be dropped off at Addison Hall

Please share this request with Family and Friends to donate

Donation inquiries or to arrange a pick-up for larger items, please contact

**Elizabeth Jamieson at 416-577-0750 or [elizabeth.jamieson@sympatico.ca](mailto:elizabeth.jamieson@sympatico.ca) or**

**Jane Dagg at [jdagg.notl@gmail.com](mailto:jdagg.notl@gmail.com)**

**Volunteers appreciated for Saturday July 4, 2026**



**Thank You - Team Emporium**



## The Rev'd Dr. Susan MacLaren has questions?



**YES!**

The Rev'd Dr. Susan MacLaren **DOES** have questions.  
**And guess what?**

Many people, ranging from lifelong believers to atheists, have serious, unanswered questions about God, the Bible, and the nature of faith.

The consensus among many modern spiritual leaders is that **questions are not the enemy of faith.** They are a way to seek wisdom and a sign of engagement, rather than indifference.

The goal of asking questions is often to move from a "settled", unquestioned faith to a more personal, profound understanding of the divine.

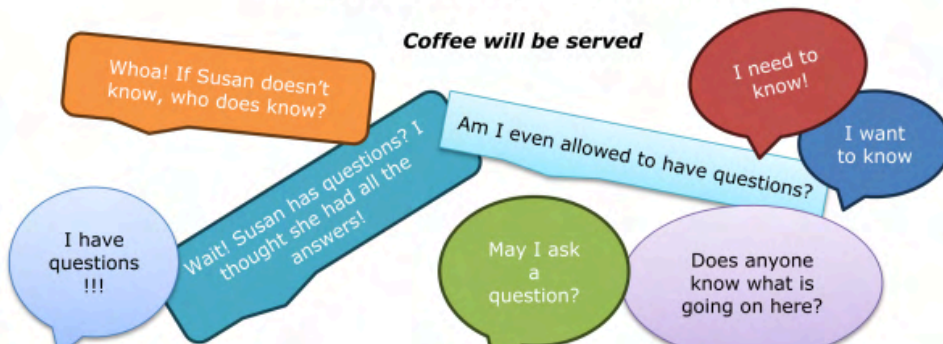
**WOMEN OF ST. MARK'S**  
Please help Susan find some answers.

Addison Hall  
Each Tuesday in April  
10 a.m. – 12 noon

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for this enlightening series of discussions

*Coffee will be served*



### Parish Updates

#### In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist [Watch the live stream on YouTube](#)

#### On Duty this Week

April 19, 2026

#### Greeter(s)

8:30 a.m. - David and Valmai Elkins

10:30 a.m. - Doug and Colleen Hunter

Reader - Penny-Lynn Cookson

Intercessor - Wendy Steel

**Altar Guild - Eve Wylie**

**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 Calendar: [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: Carroll and Ted Baker, Marilyn Bardeau, and Susan Baxter 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 Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma; the congregations of the Southern Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod; the Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province, and climate justice and healthy relationships with the earth.**

**We invite you to honour the memories of your loved ones by donating memorial flowers at any time throughout the year.**

**Please submit your request to the office no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday you want the flowers displayed. This allows us time to include your tribute in both the Order of Service and the E-News.**

**If you wish to donate, please call Erin in the office.**

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