

Enews to the St. Mark's Pews
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Niagara-on-the Lake, ON
Hear the Good News! Hear the Good news!

Dear friends,

There's a verse in Psalm 26, which we'll read on Sunday, that says: "I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round about your altar." It's a verse that's particularly special for me because it's part of motet my dear friend David Hurd—one of the Church's most estimable musicians and composers—wrote for my ordination to the diaconate eighteen years ago. But it wasn't publicly performed till my ordination to the priesthood a few months later.

The anniversary of that ordination is drawing nigh: October 11. I'm always reflective at this time of year as I recall how incredibly blessed I've been in having served in marvellous parishes and with extraordinary people. And St Mark's is no different. Although we are still in the early days of this covenant in ministry, I already feel blessed to be among you.

But there is one final step to be taken before this becomes finally and truly official. That's my Induction which will take place on October 17 at 4:30 pm. In June, I was Instituted as Rector during an online Zoom service (at which our wardens Gary and Allan were also present) and this is the second part of the official recognition of my incumbency. More information about this will be conveyed to you in the week of October 10.

Thank you for the privilege of entrusting me with this important ministry. I look forward in prayerful hope to the future and to the sacred work to which God is calling us.

Grace and peace,
Leighton

PARISH UPDATES

Keeping in Touch On-line

*Now that we are back to Church in-person our Sunday morning services are **live streamed** on Facebook and YouTube at 10:30 am. Simply go to St. Mark's Niagara-on-the-Lake Facebook page.*

Please use these URLs to watch:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Anglican-Church-Niagara-on-the-Lake-235477056649804/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-vVgNf0GbuxrfjW4sOXzQ>

Our Enews and Order of Service can also be accessed through new website:

Enews: <https://stmarksnotl.org/news/news>.

Order of Service: <https://stmarksnotl.org/worship-ministry/order-of-service-bulletin>

WARDEN'S LETTER

OCTOBER! Here we are entering the 10th month of 2021. We have had a federal election, with the same results! Two interments took place in September with five more interments and Celebrations of Life to come in October. Thursday was a day to reflect on the Indigenous and Reconciliation matters that confront us. Two Baptism services brought delight and the ability to share our best wishes.

We are still restrained on many of our activities. On a positive note, we are at our maximum of 50 worshippers for Sunday's service and hope to see some easing of the numbers permitted by the end of November. Many thanks to the Sunday volunteers, Rita, Syme, Chris, Andrea, Steve and Anjulika. Last week we were very pleased to see Anjulika back with us. As many know, Anjulika works in the Etobicoke hospital as a Respiratory Therapist long hours and days proving care and support for so many patients. She is a true heroine in this COVID pandemic.

As part of our Sunday service prayers, each week the names of a few parishioners are included for us to remember and pray for. We try to let parishioners know when you are being included so they can attend the service if they wish.

The new website has been up for the last month and if you haven't already, please take a look. We would appreciate any comments. We are gradually increasing the content with the Rector's sermons.

These past many months we have had many wedding bookings cancelled for obvious reasons, however we are now receiving requests for 2022. Although under Diocese regulations we cannot take current Addison Hall rentals, we accept 2022 bookings subject of course to what regulations are in place at that time.

The local Legion Branch 124 replaced flags and either replaced or repaired markers on all of the veterans' sites in our Cemetery. Thank you. We have at least one O.B.E. (Order of the British Empire) and one V.C. (Victoria Cross) amongst the group.

A reminder that one Greeter from the team on duty is needed to assist with seating on Sundays. Also, the team on Sundays is responsible for any Church events until the following Saturday. Roxanne will provide information if needed. We have had several take-ups on the \$500 and Cherry Pie offer. Thanks, and the offer is still open. Please consider helping the operating fund.

Finally, a reminder and encouragement to get vaccinated:

In WW2, Londoners were asked to black out their homes at night so the enemy bombers wouldn't see the lights & know where to target. No Londoner said, "It's my right to have lights on". Cuz others would say, "Your light on endangers us." Substitute "light" for "mask". Now argue.

Jason Alexander

As always a reminder to advise the office of anyone who needs assistance in any way, including a phone call, food picked up and delivered or some companionship through phone, Facetime or over the fence.

Stay safe – keep well

Called to Life – Compelled to Love
Your Wardens

WORSHIP:



Sunday Prayers with Bishop Susan

The services begin at 10:00am on [diocesan Facebook page](#) and then will be posted on [YouTube channel](#).

READINGS FOR NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

[Sunday, October 3, 2021 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost](#)

Job 1:1;2:1-10 In this reading, Satan is a member of the heavenly court. He is not the devil, but he does have a cynical attitude towards humans. Job has great faith in God, so Satan has suggested that he be tested, to ascertain whether his faith is genuine.

Mark 10:2-16 Mosaic law permitted a man to divorce his wife for cause, but the grounds for divorce were not clear. The Pharisees were divided on the matter. Jesus expects a higher standard of his followers.

Prayers of the People (submitted by Tammy Zalepa)

Eternal God, we open our collective souls to your presence. We come needing to empty ourselves of the baggage and cares of the week. May we come with the trust of a child as we pray for the needs of the world saying **O Lord** and responding, **hear our prayer**.

Gracious God, some of us have had heavy burdens to bear and like Job's wife wonder about the fairness of life. Some have seen a glimpse of our fragility and mortality. Some are facing life-changing decisions. Grant us the fresh sight and new spirit of children. **O Lord, hear our prayer**.

God our Creator, bestow extra grace upon our anointed leaders in this congregation and everywhere in your Church, and walk with us on our journey to redemption through Christ. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for 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; our diocese, especially for St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton, the Venerable Dr. David Anderson, Rector, and

the people of that parish; and for our parish, especially we give thanks for Wes and Diane Turner, Greg and Dorothy Walker, and Peggy Walker and pray for them and their families.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, give rest and hope to those that are weary and reinvigorate those who provide them with care. We now join our hearts together to pray for those in need:

Gillian MacKay, Terry, Don Dicarlo, Jan Brown, Lisa, Dorothy Walker, Sharon, Dick, Doug Garrett, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, and Joshua. And for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Joy Ormsby, Selina Appleby, and Joan Draper. **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from Your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they feel your care for them. We remember those who have died, especially Ross Tomlinson, Peter Ford, Tony Dolynski, and Jackie Johnson. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Loving God, we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do and let us seek to find and hold the ability to love unconditionally as does a child. **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion up us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Now, and for ever. **Amen.**