

February 17/18, 2018

**St. Mark's Anglican Church
"The Friendly Church"**



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Mission Statement

Living to the glory of God

Please remember that St. Mark's is a scent-free and peanut-free church to enable everyone to worship and enjoy fellowship comfortably.

Assisted Listening Devices available upon request

**St. Mark's Church – St. John's, Newfoundland
February 17/18, 2018**

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEKEND: February 17/18

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS FOR THIS WEEKEND: February 17/18

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Andrew Major
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Kim Petley
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Janice Dawe, Marion Jeans

GIFT BEARERS FOR THIS SUNDAY: February 18

Gwen Hanson & Heather Myers

USHERS FOR THIS SUNDAY: February 18

Team 7 – Captain: Ivy Handregan

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR THIS SUNDAY: February 18

John Tucker

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR THIS SUNDAY: February 18

Vi Bull, Lorie Cooke, Marilyn Beaton

SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEKEND: February 24/25

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: February 24/25

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Robert Woodland
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Prince
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Shirley White, Tomas Shea

USHERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: February 25

Team 8 – Captain: Daisy Petite

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

February 25

Tristan Paronavitana

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

February 25

Ernestine Worley, Gerald & Heather Bowers, Tamar Ayuazian

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 18

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. C.L.B. Cold Plate Fundraiser Pickup

Monday, February 19

2:00 p.m. Kiwanis Music Festival

7:00 p.m. C.L.B.

7:30 p.m. Pub Theology

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 p.m. Cemetery Committee Meeting (St. Mark's)

7:30 p.m. Band Practice

8:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 21

9:00 a.m. Kiwanis Music Festival

2:00 p.m. Kiwanis Music Festival

7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

Thursday, February 22

12:15 p.m. Lenten Lunch

Friday, February 23

1:30 p.m. ANC Moms Group

Saturday, February 24

5:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

Patricia & Robert Russell

Biju Samuel

Darrin & Dee-Ann Scott

Paul & Denise Shea

Effie Sheppard

Donald & Janet Rypien

Gladys Schofield

Elaine Seymour

Tomas & Aria Shea

Eric & Sharon Sheppard

PAINT NITE FUNDRAISER – ST. MARK’S C.L.B.

On Sunday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m., St. Mark’s C.L.B. will be hosting a Paint Nite fundraiser. This event is open to anyone over the age of 19. All funds raised through this event will go directly back to our CLB youth. To register, please go to <https://www.paintnite.com/events>, search for the March 4th fundraiser in their list of events, and sign up there. This is sure to be a fun and exciting evening for all. If you have any questions regarding this event contact Jennifer at 689-5300.

LENTEN LUNCHESES - MENTAL HEALTH: IN THIS TOGETHER

On Thursdays from 12:15 – 1:15 p.m., come and hear a variety of speakers share how faith has helped them overcome obstacles in their lives. You are invited to join us at St. Mark’s for a brown bag lunch and a guest speaker. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

February 22: Grant Fitzpatrick – Canadian Mental Health Assoc. NL

March 1: Tina Davies – Survivors of Suicide

March 8: Cathy Skinner – Eating Disorders Foundation

March 15: Rev. Robert

March 22: Boyd Merrill – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

BIBLE STUDY

The Rev. Dr. Alex Faseruk will lead a Lenten Bible Study on four consecutive Mondays - February 26, March 5, 12 and 19 - from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Church. The study will focus on how the messages from the Minor Prophets are very relevant today. Come along and hear how these twelve often misunderstood people, from Obadiah to Malachi in the Old Testament, spoke and are still speaking to the People of God.

KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL

During the period of February 18 – March 1, the annual Kiwanis Music Festival will take place, and once again St. Mark’s will be one of the principal venues for this event.

THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH OR THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE?

On the Wednesday evenings of Lent, in the context of prayer and contemplation, we will wrestle with a complex question: The future of the church or the church of the future? Our conversation partners will be speakers from other Christian denominations. They will offer their reflections on how they and their denominational communities are dealing with this question.

February 21: Rev. Robert will start us off by introducing the question at hand and offering some examples from the wider church.

February 28: Kevin Hoddinott – Pathways Community Church (Salvation Army)

March 7: Tony Bidgood – Roman Catholic

March 14: Jason Normore – Local Church (PAONL)

March 21: Rebecca Pike – United Church

PUB THEOLOGY

On tap this time at Pub Theology: why is there something rather than nothing? If this question was a beer it would be a heavy stout or a porter. This is what's called the first question of philosophy. It's a question that great religious thinkers from all religions and ages have struggled to answer. It's even the root of much of contemporary scientific inquiry in theoretical physics and cosmology. Our question creates many more questions: How did the universe come into existence? Why are we here? What is the meaning and purpose of life? It's going to be a mind-melting, pint-spilling, table-thumping good time!! Join us at Mill Street Brewpub (135 Harbour Drive) at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 19.

ANNUAL REPORTS

A reminder to those people/groups submitting annual reports that we'd like to have them emailed in by Wednesday, February 21. This will give us time to put everything together before the Parish Annual Meeting.

THE CONCERT CROWD – 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

The Concert Crowd celebrates its 50th anniversary! Enjoy a magical evening of music, dance and home-spun humor as this beloved community arts group looks back on fifty years of fund-raising and fun-raising. From humble beginnings in the old school house in Outer Cove to main stage at the Arts and Culture Centre, this trip down memory lane, presented in the usual Concert Crowd style, is sure to entertain and not to be missed. One night only – Saturday, March 3rd. Tickets are available at the Arts and Culture Centre Box Office at a cost of \$25.00.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Within our parishes today, the liturgical colour has changed from green to purple because we have begun our Lenten journey, a journey marked by penitence and simplicity. In Lent, we are called to “self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God.” (B.A.S., 282). All of this is in preparation for our celebration of our Lord’s passion and resurrection at Eastertide.

Within the Holy Eucharist during Lent, greater emphasis is placed upon penitence. In the gathering, we pray ‘Lord, have mercy’ as we reflect upon God’s nature and our dependence upon our Creator God. In the prayers of the people, we pray ‘in your mercy, hear us,’ as we remember our needs and those of the world. In the confession and absolution, we call to mind what mars our humanity and challenges our life in the kingdom of God, and we pray, “Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.” We repeat this again and again today and during our Lenten journey. We keep before us the need of repentance and yet, before the liturgy concludes, in the blessing, we are assured that God is gracious. God both forgives us and accepts us, speaking “words of pardon and peace.” All is not lost!

First Sunday in Lent: Acknowledgements: The contents and structure of this liturgy are drawn from *the Book of Alternative Services* and from the following sources: (a) the collect of the day, 'Trial Use Collects for Years A, B, and C etc. Anglican Church of Canada', and the psalm, 'A Liturgical Psalter. General Synod 2016 Edition. For trial use within the Anglican Church of Canada.' (b) prayer after communion, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006); and (c) introduction to Ash Wednesday (alt) and prayer over the gifts, kyries (alt), introduction to the collect, an affirmation of faith, prayers of the people (alt), confession (and its introduction), absolution and the final blessings, the Church of England's *Common Worship* (2000, 2006).



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