

February 25-26, 2017

**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 25/26, 2017**

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEKEND: February 25/26

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 25/26

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. To Be Announced
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Glen Roebathan
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Effie Sheppard, Tomas Shea

GIFT BEARERS FOR THIS SUNDAY: February 26

Baptism Family

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR THIS SUNDAY: February 26

Darrell Gover

USHERS FOR THIS SUNDAY: February 26

Team 4 – Captain: Ed Williams

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR THIS SUNDAY: February 26

Ernestine Worley, Stella Evans, Geraldine Green

SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEKEND: March 4/5

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: March 4/5

Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Charlotte Barrington
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Carol Penney
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Janice Dawe, Marion Jeans

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR NEXT SUNDAY: March 5

Todd Janes

USHERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

March 5

Team 5 – Captain: Todd Janes

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

March 5

Gwen Hanson, Heather Myers, Marilyn Beaton

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 26

2:00 p.m. Kiwanis Music Festival

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Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

5:00 p.m. Pancake & Ham Supper

8:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 1

10:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

2:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (LTCF)

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, March 2

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BRC)

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Friday, March 3

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, March 4

5:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

Wanda Snow

Cal & Daphne Squires

Mae Squires Wallace

Jennifer Stender & Eric Pike

Heather Symonds

Eva Sparkes

James & Ann Squires

Wulf & Jean Stender

Frank Sullivan

Rita Symonds

PANCAKE SUPPER

Shrove Tuesday. Mardi Gras. Fat Tuesday. Pancake Day. Whatever you call it, it's a day of feasting before the Lenten fast begins. Join us at St. Mark's on February 28 at 5:00 p.m. for a feast of pancakes and ham. The cost this year is pay what you can. There are no tickets, first come first serve, donations accepted at the door. For more info contact the parish office at 726-3213 or st.marks@nf.aibn.com.

SUPPORTING ST. MARK'S THROUGH E-GIVING

Over the month of February we will be focusing on e-giving. As you may or may not know you can give to St. Mark's through direct debit, Visa and MasterCard. This is a convenient way for you to give and a great way for the parish to ensure a stable monthly financial foundation on which to operate. We currently have about 180 contributors who give using one of these methods. We have set a goal to increase this number to 200, which represents 50% of the parish using some form of e-giving. Because we take financial management very seriously, we have negotiated a contract with a new merchant services provider. This will mean both lower service charges (more money stays with the parish) and added security for your personal information. We thank you for your continued support and firmly believe that you value the great things that are happening at St. Mark's. You have proved your generosity time and time again. Now we only ask that you please take some time to consider changing the way in which you financially support the ministry of St. Mark's.

KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL

During the period of February 22 – March 2, the annual Kiwanis Music Festival will take place, and once again St. Mark's will be one of the principal venues for this event.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: PLEASANT VIEW TOWERS

On the first Wednesday of each month St. Mark's leads a service of Holy Eucharist at Pleasant View Towers. We have a team of people from the St. Mark's parish community who give of their time to provide music and singing, assist with communion and porter residents to and from worship. This is an important ministry and one that the residents truly do appreciate. Their smiles are bright, their singing is heavenly and their faith is strong. We are currently looking for people who would like to be a part of this ministry to seniors. If you are interested or have any further questions, please speak to Rev. Robert or contact him at 726-3213.

DAILY OFFICES DURING LENT

In keeping with our focus on spirituality this year, we are offering the opportunity for parishioners to engage in a regular discipline of prayer during the season of Lent. Therefore, March 2 - April 7, 2017, St. Mark's will be keeping the daily offices of Morning Prayer (Monday to Friday at 8:15 a.m.) and Evening Prayer (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.). A booklet of the offices and a schedule of daily readings will be made available to those who wish to take this on as a Lenten discipline here at the church or at home on your own. You can speak with Rev. Robert or Father Mark if you have any questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, March 1, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. with Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes.

THIS IS MY STORY - LENTEN LUNCHES

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.

March 9: Tara Nanayakkara

March 16: Melanie Caines

March 23: Max Baldwin

March 30: The Rev. Mark Nichols

April 6: The Rev. Derrick Bishop

CONCERT CROWD

Please join the Concert Crowd in their 49th year as they present **Sheila's Brush!** Sheila's Brush is the tale of how the best of intentions can lead you down the wrong path, particularly when you mix a jinx from the Southern Shore, a type-A businessman and a Regatta-loving rowing retiree with a love of Irish music! Join us in the shed for songs and shenanigans as we celebrate Kate Cash's 40th birthday! **One night only, Saturday, March 4, at the Arts and Culture Centre.** Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Arts and Culture Centre Box Office. Proceeds go to the VOCM Cares Foundation and other local charities!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m., at the Salvation Army St. John's West Corps (174 Mundy Pond Road). All are welcome.

MONTHLY WORSHIP AT LTCF

Volunteers are reminded that the monthly worship at the Long Term Care Facility will take place on Wednesday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

On Wednesday evenings, as part of the Evening Prayer at 7:30, we will hear a variety of speakers share their reflections on what it means to keep a simple Lent. The speakers are as follows:

- **March 8: Allison Billard, Vestry Member and Columnist for Anglican Life**
- **March 15: The Ven. Tom Moulton, former Rector of St. Mark's**
- **March 22: Richard Janzen, Vestry Member and Chair of our Creation Care Working Group**
- **March 29: The Rev. Canon John Courage, Diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy Coordinator**
- **April 5: Lisa Payne, Life Coach and Queen's College Ordination Student**

HOME AGAIN FURNITURE BANK

This Lent, consider within your practice and discipline, time with Home Again Furniture Bank.

Since spring 2015, Home Again has provided furniture to **320 homes**, diverted over **120 tonnes** of furniture and items from landfill, recruited and engaged over **100 volunteers**, and picked up furniture donations from over 300 homes.

Each week, teams of staff and volunteers organize, sort and pack small items, and on ***Furniture Fridays*** a team delivers furniture and items to needy families. This giving of time, talent and treasure enables persons and families to have dignity, care and love.

This Lent, consider a weekly response for Home Again.

Donations of new items needed:

- Lent I – Sheets – Twin and Double
- Lent II – Blankets – Twin and Double
- Lent III – Pots and Pans
- Lent IV – Toasters and Small Kettles
- Lent V – Pots and Pans
- Holy Week – Cutlery Sets

Home Again Furniture Bank is a non-profit organization that provides gently-used furniture and household items to individuals and families in need. Based at the Parish of the Ascension, Home Again works through a referral system of local agencies to ensure that everyone has a bed to sleep in.

Through a cycle of giving and receiving Home Again provides our most vulnerable citizens the means to create a home. By providing furniture, Home Again helps to empower individuals and families as they rebuild their lives. Getting a good night sleep on a proper bed makes moving forward seem feasible. Having a sofa to relax on with family makes life more enjoyable. Being able to offer family and friends a chair to sit on, or a table to gather around, brings dignity and pride.

Home Again helps to build pride in homes and pride in our community. Home Again is also an eco-friendly organization. Not only does our program help families, but we also provide a positive ecological impact as we divert furniture and items from local landfills.

In addition, Donations of money can be placed in an envelope, and marked Home Again – Ascension Outreach. Please provide contact information.

For more information contact info@homeagainfb.com or (709) 325-4040.

St. Mark's Parish in 1977

The Worship and Program Committee formed on May 11 was chaired by Norman Oldford; Charles Cook was Vice-Chairman; Bunty Severs, Secretary; David Sheppard, Treasurer; Tolson Barrington, Youth Coordinator.

First service was 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Virginia Park School on May 22, with a congregation of 130. There were 70 communicants.

On December 24 a congregation of 380 attended the first Christmas celebration for the parish.

The cross for the altar came from Christ Church in Quidi Vidi Village.

The first service of Holy Baptism was held July 31. Two babies were baptised.

Bob Caravan became the first permanent organist.

The Annual Report for the year noted 100 families in the parish.