

July 3, 2016

**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

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EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS FOR THIS WEEKEND: July 3

Sunday – 8:30 a.m. To Be Announced

Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Louise Rice, Marion Jeans

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR THIS SUNDAY: July 3

John Tucker

USHERS FOR THIS SUNDAY: July 3

Team 4 – Captain: Ed Williams

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR NEXT SUNDAY: July 10

Jessie Young

USHERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: July 10

Team 5 – Captain: Todd Janes

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, July 6

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

STAFF HOLIDAYS

Beginning on Monday, July 4, Rev. Robert will be on holidays and will return on July 25. In the event of a pastoral emergency during this time, please call Father Mark at 764-0172. Tara will also be on holidays starting July 4. She will be back in the office on July 18. During this time Father Mark will attempt to maintain regular office hours as much as possible (Tuesdays to Fridays – the office will be closed on Mondays as it is his day off), however he will be out from time to time. If you are planning to drop by, please call ahead to make sure he will be here.

ST. JOHN'S PRIDE PARADE

The St. John's Pride Parade is taking place at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 17th. Due to our involvement with previous Pride Week celebrations and our work this year in planning an Interfaith Service for Pride Week 2016, we have been invited to march in the Pride Parade as a parish community. We will only be doing so if we will have a significant representation of the parish community participating. Therefore, we are asking that those willing to commit to marching in the parade contact the parish office no later than 3:30 p.m. on **TUESDAY, JULY 5**. We will need to take your name along with how many of your family members will be participating. Provided there is sufficient interest, we will register as a group to march in the parade as well as arrange transportation between St. Mark's and the parade route.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM – THANK YOU

On behalf of the Virginia Park Kids Eat Smart Program, we'd like to thank everyone who made baked goods for or helped serve breakfast to the students throughout the school year.

LTCF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers at the LTCF are reminded that the monthly worship will take place on Wednesday, July 6, at 2:00 p.m.

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

Lurlene Chippett	Sandra Chislett
Kevin Chubbs & Yvonne Hollohan	Adam & Shelly Churchill
June Churchill Kin & Art King	Joseph & Judy Clancey
Calvin & Marlene Cluett	Cheryl Cole
Ramona Cole	Baxter & Barbara Coles

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Annual Flower Memorial Services take place this year on the following dates:

**Kenmount Road Cemetery Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Forest Road Cemetery Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

In the event of inclement weather on either Wednesday evening, the service will be postponed to the following evening at 7:00 p.m. In the event that either of the Thursday evenings are also unsuitable, the services will take place at 7:30 p.m. and moved indoors: the Kenmount Road Service to the Church of the Ascension, Mount Pearl, and the Forest Road Service to St. Mark's. Cancellations and changes will be broadcast on local radio stations in the early afternoon.

E-GIVING REMINDER

'Tis the season of banquets, barbecues and potlucks as we head into the summer months. Most of our parish events are over and groups are winding down after another year of ministry and fellowship. Our schedule gets a little lighter and the great congregational shift starts as people head to cabins, campgrounds, outports and gravel pits all around our beautiful island. However, the work and ministry of the church doesn't stop over the summer and I always like to remind everyone to not forget their financial support of the church over the summer months. One easy way to do this is E-giving via direct debit, Visa or MasterCard. If you would like more information please contact the office or visit our website for a signup form.

We are also able to accept e-transfers at st.marks@nf.aibn.com

A NOTE ON THE RECENT PARISH BREAK-IN

As you are probably already aware, the parish was broken into on June 18. There was some damage done to doors and filing cabinets, and our camera was stolen along with a small amount of cash. As the break-in was discovered first thing Sunday morning, the police were on site for a few hours and both worship services had to be cancelled with no advance warning. We certainly appreciated everyone's patience on Sunday morning. It was unfortunate that Sunday was Father's Day and that many people were coming to worship that morning with their fathers and some coming in memory of fathers who are no longer with us. This saddens us and adds to the sense of intrusion.

An added impact is the fact that we lost our offering for that Sunday due to the cancellation of worship. E-giving softens some of the blow but there is no doubt that we will notice a decline in our offerings for the month of June. On top of this will be the added cost of replacement and repairs as damages do not merit the high deductible we would have to pay through insurance. In this current fiscal environment where every cent counts we ask parishioners to consider making up for any offering they might have given because of Sunday's cancellation.

We may find ourselves wondering how someone could do this to "a church", but we need to remind ourselves that this crime is no less abhorrent than someone's home or business being broken into. Rather than seeing ourselves as a community that has been victimized, we should commit ourselves more fully to addressing the brokenness in our society that leaves many disenfranchised and desperate. Ignoring the brokenness in our society creates the very conditions that lead some to commit crimes such as that which took place Saturday night at St. Mark's. So let this unfortunate incident motivate us to strive for a more just society.

We have been deeply moved by all the messages we have received over the past few days not only from parishioners, but also from people in the surrounding neighbourhoods and community groups that we partner with. These expressions of concern and offers of assistance are a great testament to the work this parish community does beyond our walls and the reputation we have in the wider community.

Once again thank you for your patience, concern and offers to help.