

March 11/12, 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
March 11/12, 2017**

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

March 11/12

**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: March 11/12

**Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Robert Woodland
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Prince
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Nathan Menchions, Vi Drover**

GIFT BEARERS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 12

Effie Sheppard & Marion Jeans

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 12

To Be Announced

USHERS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 12

Team 6 – Captain: Herb Pack

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 12

Jessie Young, Phyllis Fiander, Jean Stender

SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

March 18/19

**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 18/19

**Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Kevin Smith
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Wayne Green
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Joan Butler, Derrick Maddocks**

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

March 19

Tristan Parnavitana

USHERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
Team 7 – Captain: Ivy Handregan

March 19

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR NEXT SUNDAY: **March 19**
Herb & Sandra Pack, Joe & Jean Murcell, Rhonda Wicks

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 12

2:00 p.m. Yoga

Monday, March 13

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

Tuesday, March 14

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

8:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 15

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Thursday, March 16

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:15 p.m. Lenten Lunch

1:00 p.m. Rev. Robert teaching at Queen's

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Income Tax Session

Friday, March 17

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, March 18

9:00 a.m. C.L.B. Recycling Blitz

5:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

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.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

St. Mark's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 19, following the 10:30 a.m. worship. We will begin with a potluck lunch. There will be a signup sheet in the hall for anyone who plans to attend. We encourage everyone to stay for this meeting.

THIS IS MY STORY - LENTEN LUNCHESES

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 16: Melanie Caines

March 23: Max Baldwin

March 30: The Rev. Mark Nichols

April 6: The Rev. Derrick Bishop

PUB THEOLOGY – MONDAY, MARCH 20

Our topic for the next Pub Theology is prayer. Why pray? Does prayer change things? Is there room for prayer in a secular-scientific world? Join us at The Local on Torbay Road at 7:30 p.m. Please remember to think responsibly!

EASTER MEMORIALS

Again this year, for those wishing to give a memorial gift in honor of a family member or friend, or as an act of thanksgiving, we will offer a number of options.

FLOWERS: With Easter being the prime celebration of our church it is most appropriate to have a glorious display of flowers on this particular day. Contributions to the Flower Fund will be used by the Altar Guild to purchase the flowers that are used for the decorating of the church.

VIRGINIA PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE SUMMER BREAKFAST

PROGRAM: Once school is out for the summer, there are no school breakfast or lunch programs for the children of Virginia Park Elementary School. The summer breakfast program lessens the burden this causes for lower income families.

TECHNOLOGY FUND: Contributions to this fund will help us with upgrades to our audiovisual system and office equipment.

If you would like to contribute to either of the above please contact Tara at the church office (726-3213). You may also place your contributions and necessary information in an envelope and put it in the offering plate. Information must be submitted to the office by Monday, April 10.

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

Alf & Judy Turner	George & Mary Varghese
Laura Vivian & Jarrod Snook	Gerald & Sharon Vokey
Peter & Donna Wakeham	Ezekiah Ward
Heather Warren	Beatrice Watkins
Lillian Wells	Joyce Welsh & Winston Johnston

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

Volunteers can help you prepare your income tax and benefit return if you have modest income and a simple tax solution. A tax clinic will be held here at St. Mark's on Thursday, March 16, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-959-8281.

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 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**

C.L.B. RECYCLING BLITZ

Our C.L.B. will hold a recycling day on Saturday, March 18, at the church parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to noon. All items on which a deposit was paid at the time of purchase will be accepted – tetra juice containers, plastic drink bottles, glass drink bottles, wine and spirit bottles, juice cans, pop cans and beer bottles. We also have an account with Ever Green Recycling (under the name of St. Mark's C.L.B.) for recyclable donations. Thank you for your support.

THE GREAT BIG BOOK SALE 2017 – EXTENDED COLLECTION TIMES

The Canadian Federation of University Women is now collecting used books seven days a week for the convenience of donors - Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Location: Woodgate Plaza, 58 Kenmount Rd. Entrance west of Toys R Us. This is in preparation for the Great Big Book Sale at the Arts and Culture Centre being held March 28 – 30. The sale funds scholarships and other educational/community outreach projects. Please take a few minutes to go through your gently used books to support this community fund raising event.

PWRDF EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO FAMINE IN SOUTH SUDAN

There are growing signs of hunger in South Sudan, the world's newest country to gain independence. On February 20, the United Nations declared a state of famine in the north central part of the country. More than 40% of the population – 4.9 million people – are unsure where their next meal will come from. These already-shocking numbers may increase to 5.5 million if nothing is done to improve access to food.

In 2016, to respond to the needs of South Sudanese fleeing violence, PWRDF began working with the Sudanese Development and Relief Agency of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan. Through a grant to the ACT Alliance, PWRDF was able improve conditions at overstrained refugee camps in Uganda. In addition, PWRDF partners continue to accompany the South Sudanese in Kenya and Egypt.

In the months to come, PWRDF will increase its support for the people of South Sudan, inside the country and to those fleeing to Uganda.

PWRDF is accepting donations for South Sudan and South Sudanese refugees and will continue to update Anglicans across Canada on the tragedy of this situation, as well as our response and impact. We thank you for your prayers and support.

Donations can be made in the following ways:

On-line

<http://pwrdf.org/donate> - Emergency Response – specify South Sudan

Phone

Contact Jennifer Brown 416-924-9192 ext. 355; 1-866-308-7973

By Mail

Please make cheques payable to PWRDF, Emergency Response: South Sudan and send to:

**The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
The Anglican Church of Canada
80 Hayden Street
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2**

YOUTH CONFERENCE – GPS 2017

Attention youth and youth leaders! Mark your calendars for the Fourth Annual Avalon Youth Conference - GPS 2017! This year is bigger than ever as we welcome people from Labrador as well as from the Diocese of Brandon, Manitoba. There will be sessions for both youth and young adults. Here are the details:

Who? Youth ages 11-19 (There will be sessions for youth and for young adults, as well as for leaders and clergy)

What? GPS 2017 - Seeking God's Direction in Everyday Life and Life Everyday!

Where? All Saints Anglican Church, Foxtrap

When? March 30 to April 2

Guest Speaker: Bishop Bill Cliff

Interested? Questions? Register? Contact Donna at anglicanyouth.enl@gmail.com or speak to your local Anglican Priest. Registration is FREE! RSVP by March 17st.

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JEWISH-CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE

You are invited to the 12th annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue, *Religion's Place in a Secular Society*. Free event, all are welcome. CBC's Ted Blades, moderator. Dr. Sean McGrath, Dr. Mahmoud Haddara and Rabbi Jim Bennett, speakers. Q&A with the audience, followed by refreshments. Learn more about the three Abrahamic religions and building understanding and respect in our community. Tuesday, March 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at MUN Medical School, Main Auditorium. Use the beautiful new glass entrance to the Medical School on Clinch Crescent. Free parking next to the entrance in campus Lots 9 and 9L.