

March 18/19, 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 18/19, 2017**

SERVICES FOR THIS 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 THIS 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**

GIFT BEARERS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 19

To Be Announced

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 19

Tristan Paranavitana

USHERS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 19

Team 7 – Captain: Ivy Handregan

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 19

Herb & Sandra Pack, Joe & Jean Murcell, Rhonda Wicks

SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

March 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 NEXT WEEKEND: March 25/26

**Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Ruby Kelly
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Howard Hodder
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Art King, Ernestine Worley**

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

March 26

John Tucker

USHERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

March 26

Team 8 – Captain: Daisy Petite

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR NEXT SUNDAY: March 26
June Churchill King, Marion Jeans, Martha Shinkle, Susan Gover

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 19

Parish Annual Meeting following 10:30 worship
2:00 p.m. Yoga

Monday, March 20 (Office Closed for St. Patrick's Day)

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. C.L.B.
7:30 p.m. Pub Theology

Tuesday, March 21

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:30 a.m. Retired Clergy Meeting
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
8:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 22

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. ANC Moms & Tots
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Thursday, March 23

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

Friday, March 24

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, March 25

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.

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 23: Max Baldwin

March 30: The Rev. Mark Nichols

April 6: The Rev. Derrick Bishop

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 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

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!

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

Stephen & Susan Wheeler

Eric & Jean White

Lloyd White

Shirley White

Tom & Gladys White

Claude & Sylvia Whelan

Keith White

Mary White

Tamie & Jamie White

Barb White & Ian Hodder

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, March 17, in observance of the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

St. Mark's Sunday School Lenten Giving Campaign

Blessing Bags for the homeless

in partnership with The Gathering Place

Goal: To fill 50 large ziploc bags with essential everyday items

How parishioners can help:

Assemble a complete kit. Make it a meaningful activity with your child/grandchild/little friend to put together a complete care package for a man or a woman. You know you're done when the bag is full!

Donate items. Provide multiples of one/several items. For example, box of granola bars, tea bags or other food items individually wrapped, small tissue packs, chap sticks, toothpaste, gloves....

Ideas for items??? Think compact.... chap stick, tissue packs, wipes, gloves, hand-warmers, socks, band-aids, first aid kit (travel sized), shampoo, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, deodorant, instant oatmeal packs, gum, raisins, peanuts, crackers, energy bar, hot cocoa, tea packets, on-the-go coffee mixes, beef jerky sticks, etc.

Sunday School children will insert encouraging messages.

Deadline for items: Sunday, April 9th, 2017.

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**

