

March 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

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SERVICES FOR THIS 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 THIS 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**

GIFT BEARERS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 26

To Be Announced

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 26

John Tucker

USHERS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 26

Team 8 – Captain: Daisy Petite

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR THIS SUNDAY:

March 26

June Churchill King, Marion Jeans, Martha Shinkle, Susan Gover

SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

April 1/2

**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: **April 1/2**

**Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Harold Press
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Glen Roebathan
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Fraser Davidson, Louise Rice**

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

April 2

Jessie Young

USHERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
Team 1 – Captain: Gerry Bowers

April 2

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR NEXT SUNDAY: April 2
Gerald & Heather Bowers, Kim Petley, Jean White

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:30 p.m. ANC Men's Group
8:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

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 31

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Clergy at Lunch & Learn with the Bishop
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, April 1

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 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 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 29: The Rev. Canon John Courage, Diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy Coordinator**
- **April 5: Lisa Payne, Life Coach and Queen's College Ordination Student**

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

Rene & Rhonda Wicks
Edgar & Ruby Williams
Scott Wilson & Stephanie Genge
Job & Penny Winter
Meghan Woodland & Ian Stedman

Ronald & Linda Wiggins
Margaret Wilson
Derek & Michelle Winsor
Robert & Heather Woodland
George & Ernestine Worley

THE GREAT BIG BOOK SALE 2017

Save the dates for this year's sale at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre: Tuesday, March 28, 6 - 9 p.m.; Wednesday, March 29, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; and *Half-Price* Thursday, March 30, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Over 40,000 gently used books! Fiction and non-fiction – all ages and interests. Most \$2.00 or less – CASH ONLY. Students with ID card spending \$10.00 or more at the sale receive voucher to select free books Thursday from 2 – 3 p.m. The sale supports Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Scholarships, education and community projects.

THE SINGING LEGIONNAIRES

Celebrating 50 Years of Volunteer Service in Song -1967 – 2017 - by WWII veterans, members of Royal Canadian Legion and supporters in Newfoundland and Labrador. Reaching out to our veterans at the DVA Pavilion and many RC Legion branches, and our senior citizens in nursing homes, long term care facilities and seniors' retirement homes. Remembering our veterans in song at our National War Memorial, churches, schools, recreation centres. Offering the therapeutic benefits of group singing to our members and those for whom we sing. We are inviting all men who love singing to join us at rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. in St. John's City Hall. No Auditions, no singing alone. Phone 364-2875 or e-mail williamgreen@nf.sympatico.ca. Fulfilling all requests at no charge, however donations towards our operating expenses are gladly accepted.

SAINT LUKE'S HOMES VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

Volunteers of Saint Luke's Homes are invited to a Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, April 25, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Southview Lounge. Please confirm your attendance on or before April 18 (phone 752-8900).

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.

A Home for St. Mark's

The decision was made at the June 1978 Vestry meeting to purchase the Virginia Waters School, with its four portables.

In September 1978 St. Mark's was given parish status with The Reverend Charles Hiscock inducted as first Rector.

In January 1980 the Women's Organization suggested to Vestry that a building fund be started. By September Vestry had sought permission to do so.

By October 1981 Synod had approved construction of a new church building for St. Mark's. Estimated cost in 1982 was \$583,400. At the time there was \$50,000 cash in the building fund.

Construction began with the unveiling of the cornerstone May 15, 1983, on the site of the Virginia Waters School.

Funds were raised through loans from several city churches and Synod, pledges by individuals, donations to a memorial fund and fundraising events in the parish.

The first service was held in the new church building December 24, 1983.