

March 4/5, 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
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SERVICES FOR THIS 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 THIS 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

GIFT BEARERS FOR THIS SUNDAY: March 5

To Be Announced

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR THIS SUNDAY: March 5

Todd Janes

USHERS FOR THIS SUNDAY: March 5

Team 5 – Captain: Todd Janes

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR THIS SUNDAY: March 5

Gwen Hanson, Heather Myers, Marilyn Beaton

SERVICES FOR NEXT 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 NEXT 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

AUDIO TECHNICIAN FOR NEXT SUNDAY: March 12

To Be Announced

USHERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

March 12

Team 6 – Captain: Herb Pack

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

March 12

Jessie Young, Phyllis Fiander, Jean Stender

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 6

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

Tuesday, March 7

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

8:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 8

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Thursday, March 9

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:15 p.m. Lenten Lunch

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Friday, March 10

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, March 11

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 9: Tara Nanayakkara

March 16: Melanie Caines

March 23: Max Baldwin

March 30: The Rev. Mark Nichols

April 6: The Rev. Derrick Bishop

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.

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 LUNCH 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 lunch 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

Leslie & Pauline Tarrant	David & Karen Thorne
Mary Thorne	Reg & Lily Thorne
Wilson & Lillian Tibbo	Amy Tong
Jody Trevors	Eugene & Eva Trickett
Donna Tucker	John & Cynthia Tucker

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 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**

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**

FISH AND BREWIS DINNER WITH MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Wesley United Church will hold a Fish and Brewis dinner with dessert and tea or coffee on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17, starting at 6:00 p.m. Following the dinner will be a presentation by the musical group *Fillidiae*. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling Marvin at 579-7900, Phoebe at 726-1689 or the Church Office at 579-3682.

'SINGERS HELPING SINGERS' CONCERT

[Sunday, March 5, 2017, 3-4pm](#). Gower Street United Church.

The Bruneau Centre for Excellence in Choral Music is proud to present a concert of choral music featuring the Atlantic Girls' Choir, Aurora Women's Choir, Cantus Vocum Chamber Choir, CARA Choir, Lady Cove Women's Choir, La Rose des Vents, and Quintessential Vocal Ensemble Mixed Youth Chorus, with guest conductor Scott Leithead and soloists Nelson Nagenda and Jonathan Hunt. Tickets \$20 or \$25 for family.