

As discussed at the Parish Annual Meeting, the Vestry has plans to begin to enhance **St. George's Green Space (SGGS)**, especially the side lawn off Church Street. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have volunteered to help. The purpose of this project is to bring glory to God by highlighting the life and beauty of His Creation. It is hoped that **SGGS** will be a place where people gather from our Congregation and from our neighbourhood. If you would like to help in any way, please contact the Office.

Session 2 of **'How Shall We Forgive?'** a webinar with Archbishops Edwards and MacDonald is **Monday at 7:00pm**. You may also ZOOM-in from home. Please register to receive the ZOOM link on the website, or plan to come in person to the Church!

Ascension Day falls on Thursday, May 13th. It is the day Jesus went up into Heaven. In keeping with our custom, we will once again **climb the bell tower at 7:00 AM** to offer our praise and prayers. Coffee and muffins will be available in the Hall afterwards. As Jesus ascended into the heavens, let us also in heart and mind ascend there!

Operation Live Stream involves live-streaming Morning and Evening Prayer from Monday to Friday, each week, at 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. If **you might be interested in assisting** occasionally as a reader, please speak to the Rector. An **orientation** for those who are interested has been scheduled for **Tuesday evening, May 18th, at 6:30 PM at St. George's.**

The Day of Pentecost, on which the Holy Spirit descended on the Church, is on May 23rd. Following it are three special days of prayer for the ministry of the Church (Ember Days). On the first of these, Wednesday, **May 26th**, we will, with God's help, **read through the Book of Psalms** (all 150 of them!), beginning at 1230 PM. God willing, this will be live-streamed. If you are available to help, people are needed as members in the Congregation, and as readers. In the past we have taken turns reading for 30 minutes.



St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.



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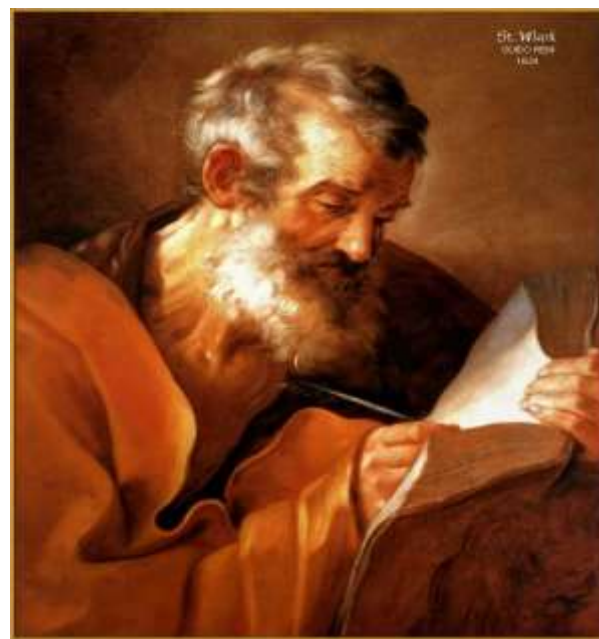
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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Third Sunday After Easter

St Mark the Evangelist

April 25, 2021



Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. please the Office. After Office Hours, please contact Cathie @ 855-7969 or cdingwell@gmail.com

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8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 66. 1-6	p. 408
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collects	pgs. 272, 193
The Epistle	p. 273
Gradual Psalm: 66. 7-8	p. 409
The Holy Gospel	p. 273

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 121, 122	p. 497
First Lesson: Exodus 32. 1-14	(Pew Bible page 82)
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15. 35-end	(Pew Bible page 931)

10:00 A.M. –HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm – sung *Thou hast hidden me, O God, from the gathering together of the forward, alleluia: from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity, alleluia, alleluia. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Glory be...*

Litany	p. 30
Children's Talk	
The Collect for Purity	p. 67
Kyrie	p. 70
The Collects	pgs. 272, 193
Gradual Psalm: 66. 7-8	p. 409
The Holy Gospel	p. 273
The Nicene Creed	p. 71
Hymn Before Homily 158 (198-Wareham)	
Homily	
Offertory Hymn: 384 (Richmond)	
Intercession	
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving	p. 78
Consecration	p. 82
Hymns during Communion: 229 (Picardy); 235 (St. Osmond); 236 (Dolomite Chant)	
The Lord's Prayer	p. 85
Gloria In Excelsis	p. 86
Recessional Hymn: 169 (St. Fulbert)	

5:00- P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalms: 123, 124, 125	p. 498
First Lesson: Exodus 33. 7-end	(Pew Bible page 83)
Second Lesson: John 21. 15-end	(Pew Bible page 876)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in loving Memory of Annette Callaway, Frank Goodwin, Mabel & Lloyd Joudrey, Leona Wambolt, William Kelsall, Garnet Dawson Stockall, Bert Davies, F/O Robert Howard

*"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."
Annette Callaway, Maude Neptune Monclesir, Therese Trahern*

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, also

Monday	"How Shall We Forgive"	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Beavers/Cubs	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

Daily Bible Readings

A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons

Sunday	Nehemiah 9: 24-end	Romans 4
Monday	Nehemiah 13	Romans 5
Tuesday	Daniel 1	Romans 6
Wednesday	Daniel 2: 1-24	Romans 7
Thursday	Daniel 2: 25-end	Romans 8:1-17
Friday	Daniel 4: 1-18	Romans 8:18-end
Saturday	Daniel 4: 19-end	Romans 9

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Acts 3.31

The Rector's Corner

The Grass is Never Greener on the Other Side of the Fence

Recently, while doing some sermon preparation at the Rectory, I took out a Bible that had belonged to the Rev. Lloyd MacFarlane. Lloyd was ordained to the priesthood in 1949; and, after many, many years of faithful parish ministry, he and his beloved wife, Helen, retired in Havelock. Upon opening Lloyd's Bible, this little story fell out:

"Several years ago, a newspaper cartoon was drawn of two fields divided by a fence. Both were about the same size and each had plenty of lush green grass. Each field had a mule whose head stuck through the wire fence, eating grass from the other's pasture, despite the fact that both mules were surrounded by plenty of grass. The neighbouring field apparently looked more desirable – even though it was harder to reach!

"In the process of reaching and stretching for the 'greener grass' the mules with their large heads and big ears, became caught in the fence; and, you can just imagine the noise as they brayed loudly and constantly, unable to free themselves. The cartoonist described the whole situation with one word: 'DISCONTENT'.

"Like the mules, when we focus on what we cannot have, we become blind to the blessings which surround us. There is nothing wrong with desiring something, but to think life is easier in someone else's pasture may not be true. Besides, no matter whose pasture we are in, we will always have to deal with the attitudes of our own heart."

Today's Epistle starts with a similar caution. Writing to the Church in general (rather to a specific Congregation), St. Peter said, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul". (1 St. Peter 2.11) He was urging the first-century Christians, who were a vulnerable minority and often persecuted, not to feel sorry for themselves but, rather, to present an example of holiness to those around them.

St. Peter likened his fellow Christians "strangers and pilgrims" because they were called to be different. The same is true for us. As the children of God, we are "to seek those things which are above". We are to "set our minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3.2). One of the marks of our new life in Christ Jesus is patience. Without patience we cannot be CONTENT. Patience is the fruit of the Holy Spirit's work in our hearts. The Spirit is constantly whispering to us, reassuring us, encouraging us to believe and trust in God, rather than the voices around us and within us.

The grass is not greener in the world, however much it may appear to be so. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has promised to feed His sheep in a green pasture and lead us beside the waters of comfort. And, as the One Who has conquered the grave we can trust His Word.

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The Rev. Julian Pillay is to be inducted as the Priest and Rector of the **Parish of Riverview** this afternoon. Let us pray for him, his wife and family, and the Congregation as they seek the Lord's blessing and direction for their ministry.

Update on the Mobile Medical Clinic for Ho: The medical van that will act as a laboratory, pharmacy and supply unit is being outfitted by **Malley Industries in Dieppe**. Tents will be carried on the roof racks to provide space for intake and examination of patients, and a tent for procedures, including minor surgeries. An onboard generator will power the clinic. Doctors, nurses and technicians will accompany the clinic in a separate vehicle. The Ghana Department of Health has endorsed the project and ensured that funding will be maintained. (The full story is in our diocesan E News.)

St Andrew's **Turkey Takeout** dinner - Saturday **May 1st** from 4-6pm. Includes Turkey, potatoes, peas, carrots pickles cranberry sauce & dessert. Cost is **\$15. Must order by April 28th**. Pick-up after 4:30pm. Must bring own bag - call Leslie Johnson 383-7588, Debbie Darte 383-9509 or Marge Lutes 383-1939.

The **Prayer Book Society of Canada** has a new, **free App** called 'Common Prayer Canada'. It is highly rated and easy to use.