

H A P P Y E A S T E R

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Catch the Spirit News

Spring 2019

Holy Week, Easter Services

Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Wednesday at 10:30 am and 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM

Good Friday at 10:30 AM

Holy Saturday at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM





RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the realities of the Easter story is that when Jesus rose, he went to the people that he had spent his life with. He went to Mary in the Garden and told her to go to the disciples and tell them that he had risen. He went to the disciples in the upper room to reassure them and fill them with the Holy Spirit. He went to the disciples on the Road to Emmaus to open the scriptures to them. He went back to the disciples in the upper room and particularly to our good friend Thomas to show him his hands and side. He went to the disciples on the sea shore and ate breakfast with them. He went to Peter and asked if Peter loved him and then called him to feed his sheep. Jesus went to particular people, the people he had known, spent time with, and shared life with. He didn't speak to the world. He didn't appear to humanity in general. He didn't go on Twitter and tweet, "You thought you got me, you thought I was dead, but I'm alive. #Goodnews #Resurrection #Victorious."

Jesus only went to particular people with the good news of the resurrection and he did that in order raise them to new life in their particular situations. Mary was sad and hopeless, the disciples were fearful and hiding and walking away, Thomas was doubting, and Peter had denied him. Each one of them experienced the resurrection in the particularity of their situation and that created a new and particular future for each of them. They each proclaimed the good news of Easter, but they each did it in different ways that fit their life, their circumstances, their personality and at the same time they lived together in the common life of the church. They each had a place in the life of the church and a particular way of being part of it and it's mission to preach the good news far and wide. Through the resurrection they were incorporated into a common life but made particular contributions to that life.

We are living in a time when the culture around us is struggling with particularity and difference seeing these realities as threats to our existence and something that can destroy us. Our culture suggests that we shrink and pull back from those different from us to limit the differences in order to preserve our existence. Our culture suggests that we live in a state of fearful retreat where the challenge of other's ideas and ways are avoided so that we can keep living. That is not what the church suggests. That is not what God suggests. That is not what the risen Christ went to particular people to promote. He went to free them from their past so that they could live and live fully and completely into the glorious future of the Kingdom of God. Our existence does not rely on limiting threats, our existence relies on God's power to defeat the powers that really destroy, the powers of sin and death. That's what God did when he raised Jesus. That's what Jesus did for Mary and the disciples when he went to visit them after the resurrection. That's what Jesus does for us through the church. Fearfulness is not a faithful witness to the God that raised Jesus from the dead. Separation and alienation are not a faithful witness to the risen Christ. Retreat from difference and particularity is not a faithful witness to the resurrection that has touched our lives. Each person's situation is different. Each person needs resurrection in the particular reality of their life, and when they are raised through baptism they become part of the common life of the church to make their particular contributions to it. Difference and particularity are enriching realities in the risen life of Christ and we see that in the growth of the apostolic church. We should confidently seek out difference, we should courageously look to reach out and stretch and grow, incorporating difference wherever and however we can. We do not have to worry that this will break us or destroy us because God defeated sin and death. God raised Jesus and through Jesus has raised us all to new life and because of that there is nothing to fear.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Lemon" followed by a small cross symbol.

The Rev'd Canon Robert Lemon
Rector, St Marks by the Lake

Warden's Letter

We are very blessed at St. Mark's by the Lake to be part of a strong fellowship community. As the first signs of Spring begin to materialize and we look towards Easter, we are thankful for all of you who help to make St. Mark's ... St. Mark's.

The Outreach for Justice Team continue their good works through the guest speaker series, special collections (such as underwear and socks for those in need), and weekly food bank collections. The bulletin reminders are very helpful!

The Parish Activities Committee staged another hugely successful Pancake Supper. Thanks to all who volunteered, and those who came out to eat!

The Chancel Guild members, under the leadership of Coni, are preparing for Holy Week and we thank them in advance for all the effort that goes into that week, including making palm crosses, setting up for the daily services, stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday, and decorating the church for Easter Sunday.

The Choir, under Andrea's leadership, continue to provide us with beautiful, impressive anthems. Beginning with the Ash Wednesday service and moving towards Easter, we know that we will hear inspiring, moving pieces of music.

Recently we held our first "Dinner Church" evening. Although we did not serve many community members at this first event, we had a strong contingent of St. Mark's volunteers. We are looking at ways to reach out to more people in the community so that people can enjoy an evening of Fellowship and Faith. Stay tuned for further information.

You have probably noticed the new air conditioning units in the church. Thanks to a very generous donation from a parishioner, we will be able to enjoy our summer services in cool comfort!!

As always, we want to thank Christie for keeping the church office running smoothly. We are very fortunate to have Christie as our Parish Administrator.

We also thank Rob for his continued wisdom and counsel. He is truly a blessing to us at St. Mark's by the Lake.

We wish all of you a blessed Easter season.

Respectfully submitted

The Wardens



Amanda Dibbs
Rector's Warden



Carolynne Mastellotto
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Deputy Rector's Warden



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Deputy People's Warden



St. Mark's by the Lake church families,

This is an invitation for all children and youth to come on out on April 13th from 1:30-4:30pm to explore the many events that happen during Holy Week! Through drama, art, baking, music, games and activities, the children will have a 'hands on' experience to help them understand all of the events that happen between Palm Sunday and Easter.

This program is offered every year because it is so important that our children get to know and better understand the story of Holy Week. Each year, the planning group finds new ways to tell our story-so even if you have attended in the past, please join again as we re-tell the story of our faith! Bring a friend! Please sign up at the Welcome desk or call the office (519-735-4921) before April 11th to sign up.

At 5pm, we will share a family dinner together and the children will get a chance to highlight some of the events of the day! Please let the church office know by April 11th if you are planning to stay for dinner.

We are looking forward to sharing the day with you! If you have any questions about the event, please text/call Jane Cornett at 519-818-5263 or email at janecornett@yahoo.com.



First Communion classes will be held on April 27, May 4 and May 11 – 10:30 am 12:30 pm. We will celebrate in church on Sunday May 12. Please sign up at the welcome desk if you are interested in attending. This class is geared for those 6 -12yrs to help children better understand the sacraments. A parent/ adult is encouraged to attend with your child. Contact Jane Cornett for more information.

ST. MARK'S BY -THE-LAKE IS HOSTING A
(150 ST. MARK'S RD, TECUMSEH)

WALK
THROUGH
HOLY
WEEK



SAT. April 13th 130-430PM
WITH A FAMILY DINNER AT 5PM (Free-will Offering)

THIS EVENT IS GEARED FOR CHILDREN FROM 4YR- 12YRS TO HELP UNDERSTAND THE
EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK THROUGH

DRAMA ACTIVITIES ART MUSIC

Please register by signing up at the Welcome Desk or by calling the
Church Office 735-4921 by April 9th

For more information, please contact
Jane Cornett 519-818-5263



GOLF TOURNEY 2019

Our 2019 Golf Tourney will be held on Sunday June 2nd, 2019 at Rochester Place.

We are looking for Golfers of course plus those of you who would like to join us for Dinner.

We also need help collecting Door Prizes for our Golfers and Hole Sponsors to support the event

Our Golf Committee has already started working to make this event a wonderful time for all.

Speaking of our Golf Committee most of the committee are long time members and we would love it if anyone is interested in joining us.

Please speak to me if you are interested.

Looking forward to seeing you on the course

Chris McVeigh
Golf Committee Chair



2018 Golf Tourney



Parishioner Photos

We would love to see your pictures. If you have pictures of parishioners, recent events or other pictures from the church, we would love to have them sent to us.

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**Bishop of Huron among the candidates
for the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada**

Diocese of Huron – Media Release

London, Ontario, March 27 – Bishop of Huron, the Right Rev'd Linda Nicholls is among the five bishops nominated today for the election of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada in July this year.

The other candidates nominated by the House of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada are: The Right Rev'd Jane Alexander, Bishop of Edmonton; The Most Rev'd Ron Cutler, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada and Bishop of Nova Scotia and P.E.I.; The Most Rev'd Greg Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of Rupert's Land and Bishop of Calgary; The Right Rev'd Michael Oulton, Anglican Bishop of Ontario.

The new primate of the Anglican Church of Canada will be elected at the 42nd General Synod of the Church which will be held July 10-16, 2019 in Vancouver. The current Primate of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz announced in January 2018 that he will step down from his role on the final day of 2019 General Synod.

Please keep all candidates in your prayers.



Candidates with the current primate. From L to R: The Most Rev'd Michael Cutler, The Rt. Rev'd Michael Oulton, The Rt. Rev'd Jane Alexander, The Most Rev'd Fred Hiltz, The Rt. Rev'd Linda Nicholls, The Most Rev'd Greg Kerr-Wilson

Community Dinners

Dates: ♦ April 25 ♦ May 23 ♦ June 20

Time: Complimentary Dinner at 4:30 pm

Where: St. Clair Beach Community Centre
(Room A) (13731 St Gregory Road, Tecumseh)

What: Come and join us for a complimentary meal, good time spent with others, and an opportunity to explore faith in community. We have no expectations beyond sharing a meal and time together. Come and meet new friends, enjoy a meal cooked by someone else, listen to live music, and be fed body and soul.

All are Welcome

Contact the St. Marks by the Lake office for more information 519-735-4921



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