

eNewsletter from St. Mark's Niagara-on-the-Lake

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER CELEBRATIONS

# HAPPY EASTER



Greetings!

Many of us at St. Mark's, and with the Shaw Festival next door, love theatre and drama. With actors and performers returning for a new season we look forward to the curtain rising on the telling of amazing stories in the flesh.

Holy Week is at the heart of the Christian story, some say the greatest story ever told. It is full of the drama of triumph, of suffering, of misunderstanding, of intimacy, of betrayal, and yes of love and death. That Jesus of Nazareth is the only religious leader who faced a cruel and agonizing death at the hands of the powerful, makes us stop and think. Why, what has he done?

The telling of our story and the answers to the many questions it raises, is what the church has struggled with for 2000 years. It is a personal as well as a communal matter which is why we invite you all to come and share in this journey, in this drama this week.

From the Palm Sunday Hosannas to the Easter morning Alleluias, we go by way of the cross to deepen our experience of human nature and divine grace. And the curtain rises on a new day.

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NIAGARA ON THE LAKE

# Old Town Churches

Gathering for two Ecumenical Lenten Services



Lenten service and  
soup lunch  
Friday, March 23  
12 noon  
St Mark's Church



Good Friday Service  
at St Vincent de Paul  
March 30, 10:30 am  
with mixed choirs



ALL ARE WELCOME



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES and EVENTS

**Palm Sunday with Dramatic Reading of the Passion March 25**

8:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Beginning in Addison Hall with Procession into Church, and departure in silence

**4 pm Our Stained Glass Windows for the Gospel Journey**

All Invited for a closer examination of our 12 beautiful and historic stained glass windows with Fred Habermehl and reflective prayers with Father William.

5:30 pm Food and drink in Rectory with discussion of Richard Rohr's 'Falling Upward'.

**Wednesday in Holy Week**

8 am Men's Communion with breakfast  
10 am Communion in Chapel

### **Maundy Thursday**

5 pm Seder Supper in Rectory with Adrian Goldberg and Syme Jago (RSVP)  
7 pm Commemoration of the Last Supper  
8:15 Choir Practice

**Good Friday 10:30 am at St Vincent de Paul**

**Holy Saturday Vigil at 7:30 with the Lighting of the new fire**

## **EASTER SUNDAY MORNING ALLELUIA**

8:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Choral Eucharist with St. Mark's Choir under direction of new Music Director Jim Bourne, joined by The Newark Singers and Michael Tansley conductor.

Reception afterward with Sherry  
Easter Brunch in Rectory for 12 (RSVP)

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## **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM**

It is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of parishioners who have meant so much to so many over so many years at St Mark's. As well as Mary, David and Bill, we recently learned of the passing of Joy Nelles and Sylvia Lavell, with further details forthcoming. As we Celebrate their lives and witness, keep their families and loved ones in your prayers. We pray that 'we who were close to them, may now be even closer to each other'.



### **Mary Coltart: Celebration of Life Saturday March 24 at 3 pm**

Mary was a bright spark but very humble, wise and a kind woman who treated everyone equally no matter their station in life. She was raised in the Episcopal church of Scotland. Prior to becoming a member of St Marks in 1956.

She had a most amazing affinity with children even to her last days which is a true gift. Even in her 90's young and old gravitated towards her. She taught Willing Workers at St Marks in the 50's, was a Sunday school teacher and helped at



### **David Westlake: Celebration of Life Monday March 26 at 11 am**

David was known to many at St. Mark's through his beautiful baritone voice and his love of music. He was a student at Ridley and came to know Michael Tansley who nurtured David and his many talents through the choir and other activities. He also was a willing worker and helped around St Mark's, smiling as he drove the truck for our float in the Christmas



all the fundraisers at St Marks well in to her 80's. She was an amazing cook for many of St. Mark's receptions and events, as well as one of the first seamstresses at Shaw, and of course her many years of service at the Oban Inn. [More of Mary's amazing life can be found by clicking here.](#)



Parade just last December.

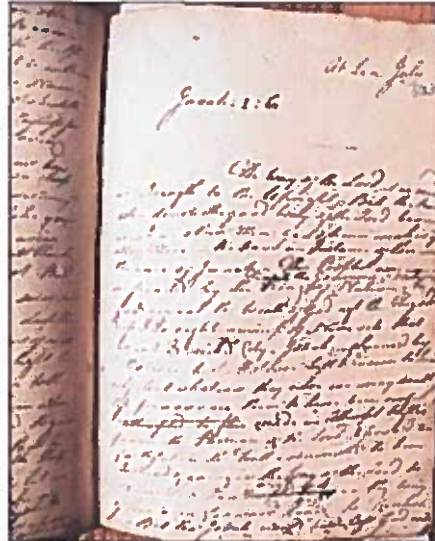
His early death has come as a shock to us all, his wife Jayme and his children, father Arn and brother Bruce. As well his many friends at Shaw where he was a set builder and his many friends around town, and the world, will miss him [More of David's talents and life can be found by clicking here.](#)

### **Bill Plumer: Celebration of Life Wednesday April 18 at 2 pm**

Bill Plumer was like a grandfather to many at St. Mark's. He was a Lay-reader for over 50 years, a regular at the Men's Wednesday morning communion, assisted with many events and activities, and received the Order of Niagara in 2012. He fought with the RAF in Britain during WW II, was a proud member of the NOTL Legion. From these experiences his Remembrance Day reflections at St. Marks were very well received for many years. [His last Remembrance Day talk was video recorded and you can watch it here](#)

He strongly believed in having a "purpose to your day" and in retirement after a career with TRW in St. Catharines, was a tireless supporter in the church and many community organizations. He always considered himself "a lucky man." [More of Bill's full life fully lived can be found by clicking here.](#)

# Ten 1785 Sermons from Robert Addison's Library



Peter Babcock and Murray Wilcox were intrigued by this manuscript of ten 1785 sermons in the collection and began a careful transcription. Encouraged by the Archives Committee and Susan

This is an important Canadian document which deserves the greatest respect. Van Huizen, the bookbinder, will print the 200 page text on 70lb. natural text stock, Smyth sew the text pages,

We invite interested and supportive individuals, or couples to become patrons of this unique Addison Library publication. Patrons' names will be listed in the front of the editioned volumes and they will receive their unique copies at a formal reception in St. Mark's Addison Hall this May.

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