

FALL NEWSLETTER 2012

St. Mark's Anglican Church

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus!

This Fall newsletter includes information on a number of special events and services taking place before December. Please mark your calendars and participate with other members of our extended community as much as you can.

God's Peace,

Fr. John K. Morrell, Rector

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Sunday, September 23rd – 11 am.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ST. MARK'S WEBSITE following the 10 am service.

Saturday and Sunday, September 29th & 30th

ST. MARK'S WELCOME WEEKEND

This is an outreach event similar to the "Back to Church" Sunday in previous years. It is designed to invite the local community to visit St. Mark's, share a meal, a concert and a worship service. Please support the weekend by coming yourself and bringing a friend or neighbour.

Saturday, September 29th

Noon – Free Community BBQ

1:45 p.m. Dedication of the Rose Garden in memory of Barbara Tremills given by members of the Halifax Branch of the Royal College of Church Organists (RCCO)

2:00 p.m. - Organ Concert by members of the Halifax Branch of the RCCO.

Sunday, September 30th

8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Chebucto Christian Youth Choir, reception to follow.

With this mailing you will have received two St. Mark's Welcome Weekend Invitation Bookmarks. Please choose someone to invite, pray for them over the coming weeks, and offer them a ride to church that weekend.

Saturday, October 6th – 9:30 am

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE for the St.

Mark's Food Bank – food and cash donations welcome. You can still bring your donations to church Sunday morning.

Sunday, October 7th

HARVEST THANKSGIVING Celebrations at both Services. A Special Envelope for your Thanksgiving donation is enclosed.

The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Sunday, October 14th – 11:00 am

PARISH PLANNING AND VISIONING PROCESS following the 10 am Service. Bring a bag lunch. What will St. Mark's look like in 2017 when we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Halifax explosion? How can we use our facilities more efficiently????????????????

Sunday, October 21st – 10:00 am

225th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF BISHOP CHARLES INGLIS as the first overseas Bishop in the Church of England. Special preacher at Archbishop Arthur Peters.

Saturday, Oct. 27th - 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

FALL FAIR

LUNCHEON from 11:30 - 1:30

Sunday, November 4th – 10 am

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY with Cadets, Veterans, Colour party and wreath laying.

Saturday, November 17th 5:00 pm

SOUP KITCHEN AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

Friday - Sunday, November 2-4

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Camp Scotian Glen, near New Glasgow, NS.

The Diocesan Youth Conference is a unique opportunity for young people and those who care for them to share time together in ways that challenge and nurture our faith. If you would like to get the information about this gathering of young people from Anglican parishes all across Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, check out the Facebook Group "DYC 2012 – Diocese of NS and PEI Youth Ministry" or send an email to youth@nspeidiocese.ca. Consider sharing the article in the September issue of the Diocesan Times with a young person!

Saturday November 3rd – 9:30 – 12:30 pm

TOOLS FOR ACTION - Effective Outreach for Churches – sponsored by the Outreach Committees of the Presbyterian and Anglican Churches of Halifax. See the enclosed poster on the back of **My Story** Book Cover.

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NEW STUDENT MINISTER

On Sunday, September 16th we welcomed Vivien Hannon to St. Mark's. She will be working in the parish during this her 3rd year at AST and will be involved in many areas of parish life. Vivien is a member of St. George's, Halifax and has assisted in their worship on many occasions. She is also known to Fr. Jim and he and I both look forward to supervising her time with us. St. Mark's has been a strong supporter of student placements over the years and we welcome Vivien to our loving community.

PARISH FINANCES --- With holding services every Sunday during the summer, receiving accounts payables from Ward 5 and the Daycare, plus HST rebates, we were able to keep our accumulated deficit to \$15,000 for the first 8 months of 2012. Our budgeted deficit was predicted to be over \$ 21,000.

Thanks to everyone for your continuing financial support.

MY STORY – - A COLLECTION OF INSPIRATIONAL VOICES - Stories about living with Multiple Sclerosis including our own Lynn Eyland.

Earlier this year a donation letter was sent out to raise funds for our church member Lynn Eyland to undertake liberation surgery for her MS. Her surgery in March was successful and she has regained better use of her motor skills and is now able to walk up to the altar rail to receive Communion on Sundays.

She was approached by the MS Society of Canada to submit an auto-biographic story to be considered for inclusion in a new book called **My Story**. Many MS people from across the country submitted stories and hers was one that was chosen.

A black and white copy of the book cover is included in this mailing.

Please speak to Fr. Morrell if you wish to order this book so we can get a discount on shipping.

Information on ordering the book follows.

My Story - A Collection of Inspirational Voices - Stories about living with Multiple Sclerosis

Edited by Liz Pearl PK Press 2012

ISBN 978-0-9738040-6-5

\$20 each plus shipping

Link to order form:

<http://at.yorku.ca/pk/ms-order.htm>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to help with the Food Bank on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Contact Fr. Morrell.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

SUNDAYS - 8:30 am and 10:00 am

WEDNESDAYS 10:00 am

Office Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 am to 12:30 pm

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