

Parish Council 2018

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Parish council meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month excluding July.

On January 28th, our custodian Sue Yuile began her retirement. We are pleased to announce that Jody Ogilvie has accepted this position.

Through Lent to Easter

February 18, 2018



St. Mark's Anglican Church
155 Memorial Drive
Brantford, Ontario

From Ashes to Easter

Ash Wednesday

The first day of Lent is marked with a special service. The theme for this day, though not for all of Lent, is that we all fall short of God's desires for us, and that we need to continually seek forgiveness and wholeness. Ashes have traditionally been a symbol of repentance and forgiveness and the day's theme is symbolized by drawing the shape of a cross on the forehead of each person using the ashes from the Palm Sunday branches and crosses used the previous year.

Palm Sunday

This is the Sunday before Easter and the beginning of Holy Week. The day commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, using palm branches. The joy and enthusiasm of recognizing Jesus as King and Lord precedes the rest of Holy Week in which the events of Jesus death and resurrection are remembered.

Maundy Thursday

This is the day before Good Friday and is a time for remembering the Last Supper that Jesus and His closest friends and followers spent together. The word "Maundy" is an English adulteration of the Latin word maundatum, which means "commandment". At the Last Supper Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment; that you love one another." Maundy Thursday is the day that we also focus on servanthood, which is symbolized by Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. In some parishes this is re-enacted by washing another's feet during a worship service.

Good Friday

This day commemorates the day upon which Jesus was crucified and died. It is a day for remembering that Jesus' death and all the implications that death has for us. Special services are held throughout this day to help us remember through readings, prayer and vigil.

The Easter Vigil

This service is appropriate from after sunset on Holy Saturday until sunrise Easter morning. This was the traditional time of baptism in the early centuries of Christianity. This service begins in darkness and a new fire is lit, from which the Christ candle is lighted. It signifies the light of Christ coming into the world anew at the resurrection. This service ends the season of Lent and begins the joy of the Easter season.



Collation Service

At St. Mark's, on Sunday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m., a Service of Collation will be held for the new Archdeacon of the Brant/Norfolk Deaneries, the Rev. Canon Dr. Timothy Dobbin.

'Collation' means to 'bring together' a number of parishes under his care. As Archdeacon, he now has responsibility for implementing Diocesan policy, for the physical structures and the pastoral care of all parishes and people in the Deanery in addition to his responsibilities to the parish of St. Mark's.

Members of St. Mark's are invited to attend this service to offer our support for Tim as he assumes this new role. A reception will follow.

Life Source

A Five-Session Course on Prayer for Lent

At times, prayer can seem like hard work or a bit of a mystery. At other times it is an encounter with the Living God. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, *Life Source* will encourage a new-found joy and delight in prayer - for novices and old hands alike.

This course combines Bible study and discussion with a creative, hands-on exploration of five prayer patterns drawn from our rich Christian heritage.

In five interactive sessions we will explore together:

- Source of Life - prayer as a relationship
- Source of Joy - prayer as enjoying God
- Source of Light - prayer as listening
- Source of Wholeness - prayer as honesty
- Source of Love - prayer as care

Classes begin on Wednesday, February 21st from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at St. Mark's. If you are interested in this book study, please call or email the church office to add your name to the list.

A Service of Confirmation

A group of young people are preparing for confirmation under the direction of Rev. Tim, Pat McMillan and Jody Ogilvie. The Service of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Guiding and Scouting Service

Sunday, February 25th at 10:30

All those involved in a Guiding or Scouting programme are encouraged to wear their uniforms to this service.

Please note that there will be no communion at that service.

World Day of Prayer

All God's Creation is Very Good!

Friday, March 2, 2018

Services in Brantford:

- * Grace Anglican Church at 1:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: the Rev. Roslyn Elm
- * St. Pius X Church at 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Fr. John Redmond

A time of fellowship will follow.

Life in the Eucharist Classes



Classes for children 7 years old and up will begin with a parent's meeting on Sunday, February 25th following the worship service. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions about the programme.

Parent and candidate classes will be held on two consecutive Saturdays on March 3rd and 10th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

A celebration for the candidates will take place on Thursday, March 29th (*Maundy Thursday*) at the dinner and service.

Contact the church office to add your child's name to the list.

Holy Week and Easter Worship Services



During the last week of Lent, we commemorate the suffering of Jesus through various worship services as we prepare for the celebrations of Easter. Plan to attend these times of worship and take time to reflect on what Jesus' resurrection means for us.

Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 25th

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Palm crosses will be available at both services.

Maundy Thursday - March 29th

6:00 pm Pasta Supper

A sign up sheet will be available.

7:00 pm A Celebration of Jesus' Last Supper

Life in the Eucharist class celebration.

Good Friday - March 30th

10:00 am Multi-generational Worship

A Family Focused Event

2:00 pm The Way of the Cross

Easter Vigil - March 31st

7:00 pm Easter Eve Service

Easter Day - April 1st

9:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Mid-Week Eucharist - April 4th

11:00 am Senior's Eucharist and Lunch