

### **GREETINGS FROM YOUR WARDENS**

It has indeed been a busy summer and it seems to have flown by. Between overseeing parish events and programs, and one or more of your Corporation members being on vacation at one time or another, we have been kept hopping!

As most of you already know, the Cherry Festival was a roaring success. Due to the hard work of so many parishioners, it far exceeded expectations in terms of both attendance and financial gain. A special thanks to Andrea Douglas for her leadership, to Nancy Bongard for the unprecedented results of the silent auction, and to the pie makers under the capable leadership of Diane Turner. The following week, we held a BBQ to thank everyone who has volunteered for the parish throughout the year.

Another highly successful event was an old-fashioned Parish Supper, sponsored and prepared by the Archives Committee, on the occasion of the publication of their latest book, “St. Mark’s Women 1792 – 2017”. This was a great parish party!

In July, we co-sponsored, with Music Niagara, two concerts by the Trinity College Cambridge Choir, and Janet James capably coordinated the billeting of choristers for five days. Then followed the month-long Music Niagara season, with many of the concerts and their 10 day Performance Academy for young musicians being based at St. Mark’s.

While our Rector was on vacation for the month of August, we welcomed two enjoyable guest preachers, the Venerable Lynn Marchand and Rev. Bill Mous. The summer was capped off by our Art Emporium, a wonderful sale of original art aimed at raising funds for the renovation of our historic buildings. It was held in the Rectory over the Labour Day weekend, and its success was due to the creativity and diligent work of Nancy Bongard, assisted by Mary Webster, Donald MacLeod, Keith Pullen, and many additional helpers. We will soon be awarding the Contract for the repair of church masonry which we expect to begin in early October.

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