

May 2018 Report From the Wardens

As your People's and Rector's Wardens, we had the "Gift" of representing you at the Consecration Service for our new Bishop Susan Bell for a once in a lifetime profound experience. The music, sermon and service was truly unforgettable. We hope to have our new Bishop join us in the near future and know Father William is already working on it.

As your People's Warden my greatest blessing is the opportunity to meet with and seek your ideas on what would continue to strengthen and unite our "Parish Family".

We are both inspired by the new opportunities Father William has introduced for Parish members to spend time together enjoying "Christian Fellowship" such as listening to talented young students from Sewanee University in Recital. How blessed we at St. Mark's were to see this talented group during their Canadian Tour where they performed at Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal, Holy Trinity Cathedral in Quebec City and St James Cathedral in Toronto prior to their visit with us.

Our Rector with Steve Hinchliffe and Sam Kingdon BBQ'd dinner for them before their performance. With the warm welcome they received including the hospitality following the performance, the freewill offering for the concert was donated back to St Mark's Parish to support other fellowship opportunities.

On May 26 parishioners were provided another fellowship evening with a Fresh Lobster Roll dinner at the Rectory followed by easy listening Jazz in the Parish Hall where other parishioners and even members of the community who are considering coming to St Mark's. The evening was "very lively" and all who attended enjoyed the venue, food, entertainment and most of all the fellowship.

We continue to welcome your ideas for fellowship opportunities such as a Parishioner Supper (or lunch) Club, unique events at the Rectory, Casserole Ministry.

Cherry Festival planning is actively in progress and the record-breaking number of pies created by our Cherry Pie Team is setting the stage for both a fun and successful event. It is the major opportunity we have for St. Mark's to come together as a team to reach out into the community and at the same time raise funds to support the ongoing Ministry and Outreach for our Parish. We thank all of our parishioners (and friends too) for their contributions of time, talent and items to auction or sell for the event. Cogeco will be filming us in action this year and capture all our smiles as we enjoy the day.

Blessings to all of you,
Allan Magnacca and Lynne LeGallais