

FROM THE PEOPLE'S WARDEN

I am indeed blessed to have the opportunity to serve you our Parish Members. I look forward to spending time with each of you, getting to know you better and to find out what is most important to you as our Parish embarks on an exciting and spiritually enriching new path under Father Williams caring leadership.

A couple of weeks ago, when winter us her last icy blast we questioned whether or not to hold Sunday services. Father William knowing how much parishioners need the inner peace that comes from our time worshipping as a community said , "I'll be there for anyone who wants to come". A small group of approximately 28 braved the weather and a beautiful service was held in the Chapel where we were seated in a semi-circle facing each other. How special it was to see everyone (not just the back of heads). At the conclusion of the service we all engaged with one another in caring conversation and it felt to me a soul nourishing experience.

Bill Plumer's wonderful Celebration of Life service was another example of how having a common purpose of love and caring can enrich our St Mark's Parish experience for all who attend. We will never forget the pride reflected on the faces of his family as they walked down the aisle following his service.

Your ideas and support for our Parish Family are welcomed and encouraged.

Blessings to all of you.

Lynne

FROM THE RECTOR'S WARDEN

Since our last newsletter, much has happened at our Church. We have welcomed back most of our sunbirds and we have missed them. We have been able to have our first Corporation meeting with all amiable in person. Those call ins really don't work. Nice to have Andrea and Lynne on board in person.

Our Agenda is always full – as is finance and parish council. Many important topics to move us ahead on events, planning, special liturgies

and music. It has also been a sad month in losing our beloved Bill Plumer and what a wonderful service. And Mary Coltart, David Westlake Joy Nelles and Sylvia Lavell

Our peoples Warden has outlined the plans for the Cherry Festival and once again, the delicious pies and THE SILENT AUCTION.

At Parish Council we are formalizing our 2018 Committees- volunteers needed. We have so much talent at St. Marks, some of you need to step up and get involved. A Committee awaits you and not for meetings but to be a doer.

See you in Church and call me or see with any questions.

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