



St. John the Evangelist, Niagara Falls

**E-News for Oct. 13 AND Oct. 20,
2024**

*(because the Office will be closed the week of
Thanksgiving Day)*

BEFORE THIS SUNDAY

This Saturday, Oct. 12, beginning at 10 am, we will gather at the Church to decorate for our Thanksgiving Services. (but read the next notice!)

Possible Location Change on Sunday?

When heat was turned on in the building on Wednesday, the VAMCO professionals discovered that the **church's thermostat's 'transformer' is now broken**. Depending on whether a new transformer can be found and replaced before Saturday, the Sunday services may be in the Church Hall. We will decorate (*on Saturday*) whichever space we will be in for Sunday. And if we ARE in the Hall, at least we won't have to 'socially distance' as we did in during COVID.

For THIS SUNDAY

Please bring all **donations for the final Mission Saturday THIS SUNDAY -**

Thanksgiving Sunday (*as the office will be closed next week*). Susan Maddeaux made a particular request for peanut butter, snack foods, and warm clothing (gloves, sweaters, coats, ...). There is a great need for these right now.



for both weeks:

8 AM - Morning Prayer

11 AM - Eucharist

** Oct. 13 we will have Harvest Thanksgiving services.*

*** On Sunday, Oct. 20, we are grateful that The Rev. Canon Howard Anningson will cover for Rev. Mark's Sunday off.*



In case you didn't attend or watch the video of our services October 6, **Rev. Mark announced at the**

end of the service that he will be re-retiring. His first Sunday here was Canada Day in 2018. His last Sunday will be November 17, 2024.

We are very sorry to see him leave, but happy that he can enjoy more retirement with less responsibilities.

Further information about parish leadership will be shared when we hear from the Bishop.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 12 - Decorate the Church (or Hall) for Thanksgiving

October 13 - Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Oct. 19 - final Mission Saturday at Robinson Street

Oct. 20 - Christmas Market Meeting after 11am service

October 26 - Yard Cleanup at 10 am

November 9 - Outdoor Planter Workshop

Nov. 16 - Christmas Market

Nov. 17 - Rev. Mark's last Sunday with us



A New Joint Venture in South Niagara!

South Niagara Falls Mission Saturdays

@ All Saints, 5850 Robinson Street

On 4 Saturdays this fall (*see list below*) we set up tables and chairs in the driveway in front of the church and offer some **light refreshments**. We bring **food items from our Grace Food Pantry** at St. John's for those who might need assistance. We also offer clothing items from the **used clothing stores** at St. David's, Welland and Holy Trinity, Chippawa. We do this as a joint venture with these parishes and Niagara Falls Christian Ministries. **The goal is to engage with the many refugees** living in the hotels in this part of Niagara Falls **and the local community** around All Saints.

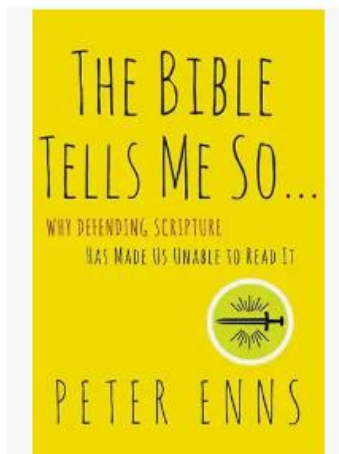
Mission Mornings

Saturdays

Sept. 7th & Sept. 21st

Oct. 5th & Oct. 19th

9:00 a.m. to Noon



Continuing Wednesdays at 7 pm...

We are working through a 7-week video series based on the book "**The Bible Tells Me So... Why**

Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It" by Peter Enns. While it is helpful to read the book or attend previous sessions, it is not necessary, as the videos are easy to follow.

This paperback can be purchased from Amazon for \$21, as an immediate Kindle App download for \$11.99, or from your local bookseller.

It is also available free from the Niagara Falls Public Library's Hoopla app; just download it instantly (once you have a library card) to your tablet, computer, or phone, and renew it every 3 weeks to keep it on your device. *(Talk to Val if you need help with this.)*



Val will be taking 3 vacation days for 2024 right after Thanksgiving Day (Oct 15-17).

The office will be closed these days, but Rev. Mark will be in and out. Call him on his cell if you need him: **289-303-7070**, or email him: kmarkgladd@gmail.com



Notices about our Christmas Market, Nov. 16

Meeting Sunday, Oct. 20 after 11 am

service: We are looking for Convenors and Volunteers, and will work out arrangement for the event. We will need extra help with the deli table, the bake table, and the kitchen selling hot drinks.

Attic Treasures (new and used Christmas

items). Jill Shupe is doing this again. She will pick up and store until the Market. Call Jill at 905 932-5422.

Raffle Basket Tickets. This year we have 2 beautiful gift baskets to raffle off at the Christmas

Market. One is valued at \$200, and the other is valued at \$100. Tickets are \$5, or a book of 5 for \$25. See the Wardens or Judy Giberson to get your tickets before they are sold out !!



Gill Tucker Farewell Gathering

Sunday, Nov. 3 from 1-3 pm in the Church Hall

For health reasons, Gill is moving to her son and daughter-in-law's (*John & Tina's*) home in Waterloo. While she would like to spend time with each of you and celebrate your special relationships, it is far easier for her to say farewell in a group setting.

You are invited for some light refreshments while you share your goodbyes.



Outdoor Planter Workshop
Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 am-noon in our
Church Hall

Come and join in putting together a beautiful outdoor, winter planter. Materials and tuition are included in the \$50 fee.

Registration is required as space is limited. Contact Barb at 905-358-5831 for more information and to reserve your spot. Proceeds will be donated to the Church Roof Fund.

WAYS TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Breakfast Club Red Jam: is always needed for St. Georges/St Catharines. Please drop off red jam jars at the back of the Church.

Grace Pantry: appreciates donations of non-perishable food.

St. John's - "A Community of friendship, faith, and care for our neighbours and all of creation"

The Church phone number is 905-354-1227.

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM

Reverend Mark can be reached as needed at 289-303-7070
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