

Stay Connected – Sunday 9th March

First Sunday of Lent

This Week's Reading

Bible Reading: Bible Reading: John 4.1-30, 39-42

Peter's Blurb

Well, here we are again already – how quickly the week goes by 🙄.

The social highlight of the week was undoubtedly the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper under the direction of



Pansy together with many of the members of Guild who all pitched in in various ways to put on a magnificent “healthy” meal (we actually had low calorie syrup on hand 😊) The event was well attended and was a real family affair with a lot of youngsters, naturally, what child doesn't like pancake suppers 😊. The children responded by participating in a number of games after supper. Thanks to Annie for being on hand with her camera to capture some of the moments. A happy evening was enjoyed by all. Lisa_Dawn is such a big kid at heart 😊😊

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On the evening following Shrove Tuesday, a good number of our congregation and most of our choir betook themselves over to HTC to join them in our joint Ash Wednesday observance. It was a lovely service, complete with “Ashing” and the singing was satisfying. Fr. Gav gave the talk for the occasion.

Sadly, Fr. Gav was poorly (an old English word for unwell 😞) this morning and was unable to take the main service. It was fortunate that we happened to be observing International Womens’ Day today and Helen was already lined up to give us the Talk as our “guest speaker”. She was thus able to step into the breach and lead the service in Gav’s absence using pre-consecrated bread and wine. But, wait, there’s more. Not only did Helen manage the service in its entirety, she also gave a most informative talk on the significance of IWD, the need for there to be more attention given to the rights of women and to the importance of them being seen as equals in every way. Helen was formally (and beautifully) introduced, on behalf of the Guild, by Kaia Sainsbury and thanked at the end by Amiah Cabrall who also presented a small gift as a token of appreciation. Well done to two young women who will come to appreciate the importance of the subject matter in their own lives.

Wishing all our readers a blessed week – see you next time. 😊

Peter

Helen’s Talk

Helen’s International Womens’ Day talk may be read online here: <https://anglican.bm/gender-equality/>

Royal Gazette Article

Most of our readers will already be aware that Fr. Gav. has decided, after 3 years, to discontinue his weekly articles in the Royal Gazette. For an alternative viewpoint his space has been taken up by Karsten Decker a German theologian. He was the pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Bermuda from 2010 to 2017, and after returning from Germany is now the temporary pulpit supply at Centenary United Methodist Church in Smith’s.

From the Distaff Side

Helen’s Talk – Not this week

In our prayers

We ask for your prayers for Father Don, Margaret Blanchette, Al Spearing, Gill Rossiter, Sam & Marjorie, Phyllis, Gwyneth & Ralph, Jill, Barbara (Dyer), Sonny, Vinette, Marianne, Nancy, Gail, Janet & Gary, Tina, Val & Mark,

Robert & Kalreeta. Carys & Glenn, Charles & Sue. We ask for special prayers for sisters Phyllis and Barbara.

This Sunday



Helen's Talk may be read and/or listened to here:

<https://anglican.bm/gender-equality/>

Previous services and other videos are on our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchBermuda> and/or our

Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksbermuda/>

Next Sunday

Coming Sunday, 16th March, there will be Peaceful Worship at 8.00am followed by our Contemporary Worship at 9.30am both led by Fr. Gav. Youngsters will attend Youth Church in the Hall. All are welcome. We gather together in the Hall after the service for fellowship and refreshments

Coming Events

- **Lent Courses** – an eight-week series of Lent courses will be available at the **Cathedral** commencing **Monday, 24th February** and a five-week series will be available at **St. Paul's Christian Education Centre** from **Tuesday, 11th March**. Please see article in newsletter above for details.
- **Life Group** meets every 2nd Monday (**next meeting 17th March**). The group meets at Bob and Jeanie Flath's home and share a light meal together. The group is currently going through Ephesians. Reach out to Bob/Jeannie for directions.
- **Vendor's Market** – The next Vendor's Market will be held on **Saturday, 22nd March**;
- **Bereavement Support Tea** – our next monthly chat will take place at **3.00 p.m. on Sunday, 6th April** in the Parish Hall;

Down the Debt – St. Mark's needs your help in reducing the size of our debt which inhibits future investment in our church. If you feel you may be able to help with this please go to <https://stmarks.bm/donate/> where you will find details and an opportunity to donate.

Links:

Just a reminder – if you want to check vot's happnin' or vot's comin' dahn de road – you can find it all at our:

- **Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksbermuda/>
- **YouTube Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchBermuda>
- **Website:** <https://stmarks.bm/>
- **Holy Trinity Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitychurchbda>

End Stuff:

Here's a thought. It is always a great time for us all to review our pledging. If each of us is able to increase our pledge by 10% that would be a great boost to our cash flow (which as you know is tenuous at best). And, with our in-person collections still inhibited by numbers restrictions, please consider the opportunity to convert to pledging by Direct Deposit (see below). Your support is vital.

As always, another huge thank you to all of you who continue to support our church family with your pledges and donations via online transfer.

Direct deposits can be made to: Butterfield Bank for the account of:

St. Mark's Church Wardens – A/c No. 20-006-060-104125-100.

- **For Pledge Envelope donations** – if you already have a Pledge envelope number just be sure to enter your Name and Env # e.g. "Nash Env 190" in the **Beneficiary** space on the on-line transfer form.
- **For Grave Payments** – when paying Grave Maintenance fees be sure to enter Grave Number and Name of

Lessee e.g. "Grave 273 Peter Nash" in the **Beneficiary** space on the on-line transfer form.

- **For Cash donations** – if you do not have an Envelope # just be sure to also enter your Name and "Donation" e.g. "Nash Donation" in the **Beneficiary** space on the on-line transfer form.

Use of the "Beneficiary" space is IMPORTANT – it is the only way we have to identify who is paying and for what.

Come to St. Mark's – not just a Church but a family!