

Stay Connected – Sunday 6th April

Fifth Sunday of Lent

This Week's Reading

Bible Reading: John 12. 1-8

Peter's Blurb

March is being very kind to us this year. We have been continuing to enjoy very pleasant weather – a couple of showery days here and there but only enough to keep the island looking like – well, looking like it's Spring, I suppose. We had a young(ish) lady worshipping with us this morning. She is visiting relatives and likes to come to St. Mark's when she's here. Well! She **walked** to St. Mark's from St. David's this morning. That's awesome! One very fit lady obviously accustomed to walking, as are many Brits 😊, (although after 60+ years in BDA my walking skills are sadly diminished 😞) She explained that her late father worshipped here when he was on the island years ago and, anyway, she loves our style of worship too.

Our "first family" were back in harness again after their vacation in UK. Supposed to be R & R but I don't think they got much of either from the sound of it – they were travelling "all over de place" visiting family and so forth. I expect they will be glad to be "home" and hopefully there will be R & R enough for them here (although it is the Easter season 🙏)

Talking of Easter there is stuff coming up for me to tell you about. **Next Sunday will be Palm Sunday** – the beginning of Holy Week – services as usual. Then, amongst other things, there will be:

Diocesan Chrism Service Tuesday, 15th April at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral – a lovely service at which the various oils and ointments and related sacraments which will be used in Baptisms, Weddings and other services during the year ahead will be consecrated and blessed.

Agape Supper Wednesday, 16th April in St. Mark's Parish Hall at 6.30 p.m. – a short service of worship followed by a traditional Easter Dinner put on by members of St. Mark's Guild – always delicious. RSVP's to Barbara for catering – 292-2269/747-8893 or bbwillis1949@gmail.com. It's FREE by the way. 😊

Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Day, 20th April at Tucker's Point Golf Club (as usual) at 6.30 a.m. This is an event I scorned for decades but actually it is a magical service taking place as the sun slowly shows itself over the Eastern horizon and attracts a good crowd. There will be coffee available and, if we're lucky, maybe a HotX bun?

More news on these and other activities next week once Gav's feet have slowed down and he is fully back in harness 😊😂😞

After last week's combined service, which all but filled the church, today's attendance was small by contrast. But, in fact, it was more like our normal congregation – a couple of families missing, perhaps – and Gav & Helen led a lively service as usual. We are thankful that they are back with us.

In the news this past week are the two Lukes – Luke Horan and Luke Fulton – in an article in the RG about their progress in the world of cricket. Here's an excerpt:

"Two young cricketers who share a first name are expected to play a huge role for Bermuda at the Under-19 Cricket World Cup regional qualifiers in the United States this summer.



“Luke Horan and Luke Fulton, who are studying at two top cricket-playing schools in England, will be some of the stars to watch out for when the regional tournament takes place at a yet-to-be-named US venue from August 7 to 17.”

We celebrate these fine young men for their dedication and commitment to their sport. Who knows but we may be hearing a lot more about the two Lukes as they develop their cricketing careers. Congratulations to parents Dave and Nicki; and Rick & Shirene for their encouragement and for facilitating their development.

For the full story, in case you didn't see the article:

<https://www.royalgazette.com/cricket/sport/article/20250404/two-lukes-ready-to-step-up-for-warwick-and-bermuda/>

Wishing all our readers a sunny and happy week – see you next week. 😊

Peter

Fr. Gav's Talk

Fr. Gav's talk can be watched, listened to or read here:

<https://anglican.bm/what-does-the-symbolism-and-spiciness-mean-in-johns-gospel/>

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), Vinette, Marianne, Nancy, Gail, Janet & Gary, Tina, Val & Mark, Robert & Kalreeta and for Charles & Sue.

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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

Next Sunday, 13th April - , There will be 8.00 am Peaceful Worship and our All Ages Service will return to the usual 9.30 am. There will be Junior Church and services will be led by Fr. Gavin.

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, this week will be the last, will be available at **St. Paul's Christian Education Centre** from **Tuesday, 11th March**.
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- **Vendor's Market** – The next Vendor's Market will be held on **Saturday, 26th April**;
- **Bingo Night** – St. John's Guild invite you to their **Light Supper and Bingo** evening on **Saturday 26th April** in the Pembroke Sunday School Hall. Please see poster below for the relevant information.
- **St. Mark's Guild Anniversary** – St. Mark's Guild will be celebrating their **81st anniversary on Sunday, 27th April** with an **Evensong Service at 3.00 pm**. The Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Cecille Snaith-Simmons – Retired nurse, historian, writer and author of "The Bermuda Cook Book" first published in 1982.
- **Bereavement Support Tea** – our next monthly chat will take place at **3.00 p.m. on Sunday, 4th May** 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://anglican.bm/churches/st-marks/>
- **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.

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BINGO NIGHT

At this exciting event, get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some fantastic prizes.

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(or call 232-4382)

\$25

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