

Stay Connected – Sunday 6th July

Third Sunday after Trinity

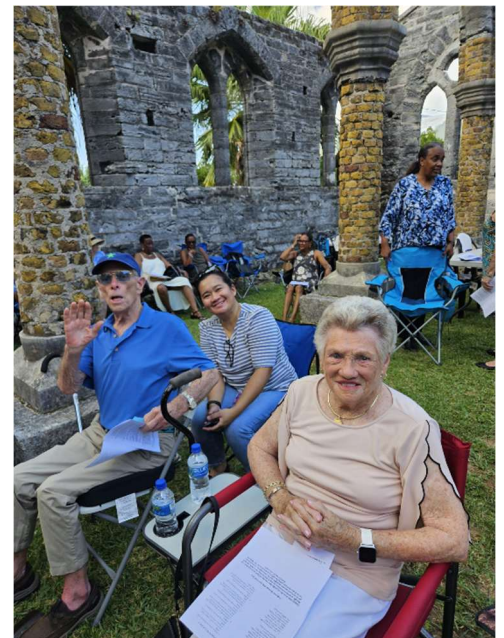
This Week's Reading

Bible Reading: Matthew 16.13–19

Peter's Blurb

Hello everyone,

Here we are again. I didn't report to you last week as I was treating myself to a week off. It was the weekend for the Combined Service of the East End Churches who gathered at the Unfinished Church in St George's. Myself having just had surgery Friday that week I did not feel like making the effort and battling the heat. Sorry about that



😊 People did share a few pictures with me, however, – here's a couple to give you the flavour of the event. That's St. Peter's new incumbent priest – Rev. Thomas W.L. Nesbitt – presiding. Many will remember his father, the late Canon Thomas "Tommy" Nesbitt, who was one of the pioneers in the ugly days of discrimination against black Anglican clergy in Bermuda. How wonderful that he left footsteps for his son to follow in.

Then, during the past week it was the wish of our SMC choir to host a farewell party for Gavin, Helen and Keir in appreciation of their 5 years with us at St. Mark's and in thanks for all their generosity extended to us both individually and as a group. Our "Music Group" has doubled, nay trebled, in size during that time and our repertoire has been expanded and enhanced by the introduction of a lot of powerful, meaningful, modern worship songs which we all so enjoy singing together. Along with the sound



system, which (we hope) has enhanced our performances (and which we, naturally, hope you not only appreciate but also derive spiritual comfort from) the choir has made great strides under the direction of Angie and Gav.



As chance would have it, of course, our farewell dinner was on the eve of my birthday and the group also conspired to help me celebrate it in style. Thanks guys and gals of the Choir for making my evening doubly special. 😊 Thanks also to all our members and friends who have reached out to me with their good wishes by email, WhatsApp and by phone. Another year already! Where does the time go when you're having fun.

Our service this morning was a pretty normal affair, but we did have a good turnout and a fair number of youngsters as well. Another good Talk from Fr. Gav. (more below). What was notable was our "enhanced" choir – enhanced by the addition of Annarita Marion (hopefully) rejoining us at last. Annarita was a long-time member of the original St. Mark's choir pre-Gav and it would be lovely to have her sing with us again regularly. Also Carys sat in with us today along with relative newcomer Carly Bush (and let's not forget baby Cory – start 'em young 😊) We were augmented especially today as we were all planning to go with Gav over to Wesley Methodist for their Pride Worship service where

Fr. Gav. was the guest speaker (reader too 😊) and where we reprised "The Power of your Love" and "Rainbow Voices" (written by Angie) which were also part of our own worship today. So, we were well rehearsed – and I think we gave a good account of ourselves at Wesley.

The really exciting news this week – you may have already heard – is that Canon John has now been appointed as Archdeacon to fill the vacancy left by the recently departed Archdeacon Jerry Smith. We look forward to an imminent Installation Service soon, when this will all be formalized and he will then become The Venerable Reverend Archdeacon John Mark Stow. Our sincere congratulations to Archdeacon John on this singular honour. I don't know enough history to know if this is a Bermuda first, but it must be an especially poignant occasion for Fr. John whose own father, The Venerable Reverend John Water's Stow, served as rector of St George's Parish from 1947 to 1961 and also served as Archdeacon of Bermuda from 1951 to 1961.

Well that's what I have for this week. 🙏 Love, Peter

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Fr. Gav's Talk

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

<https://fab.church/insights/how-can-i-be-more-self-controlled/>

From the Distaff Side

Helen's Talk – Not this week

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In our prayers

We ask for your prayers for Father Don, Margaret Blanchette, Al Spearing, Gill Rossiter, Sam & Marjorie, Gwyneth & Ralph, Jill, Barbara (Dyer), Vinette, Nancy, Gail, Janet & Gary, Tina, Val & Mark, Robert & Kalreeta and for Sally Brown and Hilda Warner . We also ask for special prayers for all members of the church family who are travelling over the next few weeks. We pray especially for the friends and family of the late Phyllis Trott, who was laid to rest last week. May she rest in Peace.

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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 July – There will be 8.00 am Peaceful Worship and our Contemporary Worship will be held at the usual 9.30 am. There will be Junior Church and services will be led by Fr. Gavin.

Coming Events

- **Emancipation Edition** – (see poster below) will take place on **Thursday, 10th July** from **6 - 8 p.m.** at Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute (BUEI).
- **St. Paul's Paget Guild Gospel Concert** – (see poster below) St. Paul's Guild will be hosting a fund-raising Gospel Concert on **Saturday, 19th July at 3.00 p.m.** in the church. Tickets \$25.
- **Vendor's Market** – The next Vendor's Market will be held on **Saturday, 26th July;**
- **Bereavement Support Tea** – our next monthly chat will take place at **3.00 p.m. on Sunday, 3rd August** 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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Thursday, July 10th, 2025
6:00pm - 8:30pm

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