



This Week at St. Mark's

We started the week with our morning services, which are getting warmer in the heat of August, but no less lively! The Scripture passage was taken from Matthew 14, where Jesus fed the five-thousand, and Rev. Terry reminded us of the recent message from "Carrot Steve", that with God's help, little becomes big. There was also some comparison to Cup Match, with the crowds and the cheering and exhaustion as the days wore on, and perhaps a bit of jubilation by a certain priest-in-charge who may have enjoyed the final score more than others. However, we are a family and our love for one another prevails.

The church gave thanks for a member's hard work and generosity in repairing the outside wall of the church. We also recognized and thanked John Nicholls for the installation of new security cameras on the property.

The church recognized Peter Nash, and thanked him for all his years of service to St. Mark's. Peter is not going anywhere, just stepping back from a few things in order to help lift the load. We will be celebrating him in a larger way soon, so stay tuned!

Our weekly news bulletin will be delivered as usual, with the addition of a longer and hopefully entertaining newsletter, "*Family Matters*". The first edition of this new missive will reach your inbox on September 1st. Perhaps the title gives it away, but we will be reaching out to members of our St. Mark's family for their interesting stories and news to include in the monthly editions. Your Social Media & Comms team is seeking any members with an interest in **writing, photography or social media** to join our team. Please contact Cathy at cathjwest@gmail.com and we'll be delighted to welcome you.



Previous services and other videos are on our YouTube channel. and/or our Facebook page at:

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

Next Sunday

Sunday, **9th August** –Join us for our **Peaceful Worship** service at 8 am followed by our **Contemporary Worship** service at 9.30 am both led by Rev. Terry.

As we are in summer mode, we aim to keep our services short and sweet and kid friendly! Prepare for another fun surprise this Sunday, as Shepherd Steve will be on point with a new lesson for the kids! But will he be Shepherd Steve or someone else? Come join us to find out!

There will be refreshments to follow.

Prayers & Thanksgiving

Congratulations to David Bedard on the safe arrival of his second grandchild last week!

We pray for all those who are ill or facing unknown medical diagnoses. We pray for those in hospital. We pray for the shut-ins, and those in our community struggling with financial burdens. We pray for those we love, and those we don't know. We pray for our island home, and it's safety during this year's hurricane season. We pray for our church and for its continued ministry and growth under the guidance of Rev. Terry and Nicole. We pray for their health and well-being. May we strive to always surround them with love and care. We pray for peace in our midst and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

If you have specific prayer requests or praises that you would like to have included in the weekly email, please reach out to Terry or Cathy.

Coming Up

Life Group Startup – Life Groups will start again in the fall. An additional group led by Nicki and Dave Horan is set to begin and they are excited to welcome new members. Reach out to Steve West cswestmd@logic.bm or Nicki Horan nickijhoran@gmail.com if you would like to know more. **Start dates TBA.**

Bereavement Support Tea – our next monthly chat will take place in the Parish Hall, **date TBA.**

Vendor's Market – The next Vendor's Market will be on **Saturday, 21st August, 9am-2pm.**

Money Matters

Your monetary gifts help keep the ministries of our church going. Whether you give faithfully each week or are just beginning to think about what regular giving might look like for you, know that every gift, large or small, helps St. Mark's to continue to serve our church family as well as the wider community. As we do not collect an offering during our services, your regular tithes and offerings are vital and we so appreciate them.

Ways To Give

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

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 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.
- **Set up a Standing Order instruction** so that you don't have to remember each week.

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

Those of you who generously donate to the church by way of Standing Order may wish to double-check that your orders have not passed their end-by date and expired. Of course, if they have, we would love you to re-instate them!

Where To Find Us



Please ask Rev. Terry or one of the Wardens to be added to our WhatsApp chats!

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