



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

February 26, 2021

Dear friends,

Welcome to the forty eighth edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.

### Shout Outs

If you would like some special occasion like an anniversary or birthday acknowledged in the Sunday service, Fr Julian will be more than happy to announce it. However, it must be into either Father Julian or the office by **MONDAY EVENING** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday. We are now recording on Tuesday to accommodate Stephanie's schedule of classes.

- Helen McGill celebrated her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Susan & Anthony Martin celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on February 20<sup>th</sup>

### Video Services

Morning Prayer for February 28 should arrive in your inbox on February 27 at 12 pm. Video services will continue every week until in-person worship resumes and thereafter every other week. The diocese has relaxed a few of its restrictions and speakers no longer have to wear masks.

Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the audio editing for this endeavour.

### Black History Month

The diocese is having a Black History Month Service on Friday, February 26 at 7 pm. You may participate in the service via Zoom by registering [here](#). Zoom participation is limited to 300. The service will also be livestreamed to the Diocesan YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ANGDIOO>. Bishop Shane will be the preacher.

### Calendar

- Feb 26 – Diocesan Black History Month Service at 7 pm
- Feb 28 – Vestry at 11 am. You must pre-register
- Mar 3 – Lenten Study. Details p 2
- Mar 5 – World Day of Prayer Zoom service at 1 pm. Contact Cynthia or Jenny for link Details p 2
- Mar 17 - Lunch and Learn for the Thousand Doves project. Details p 2

### Spoilers for Sunday

There are two books mentioned in the sermon this Sunday. If, after watching the sermon, you are interested in finding the books, they are here: [I am who I am](#) and [Oneness Embraced](#).

### Vestry Report

The Vestry Report is now available and may be found [here](#) and the agenda [here](#).

### Vestry 2021 – February 28 11 AM

The diocese has prohibited in-person vestry meetings of any kind until further notice. Accordingly, our vestry will be held on February 28 at 11 am via Zoom.

We are working through the steps on how to do this.

1. If you would like to attend vestry this year, you **must** pre-register with the office. You will be sent a google form which will contain your vestry declaration and information which will help us manage the meeting. **Every person in the household who wants to attend must fill out the Google Form.** So if, two people are attending, please fill the form out twice. This is so that we have the vestry

declaration for each person and they will be allowed to vote.

2. If you have corrections to the reports, **please submit the full text by email** ahead of time, if possible.
3. We are including motions of thanks at the end of the meeting but please submit them to the office ahead of time, if possible.

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom but would like to attend the vestry, or you would like to practice with Zoom before the vestry meeting, please let the office know and we will set up a practice session ahead of time. You can also access the Zoom meeting via phone if you or anyone you know would prefer to participate via phone rather than computer.

### **Lunch & Learn Virtual Event The Thousand Doves Project**

Interested in supporting the Diocese's Refugee Ministry through The Thousand Doves Project but afraid making paper origami doves is too difficult? On March 17th come and see how simple it really is! Have some square pieces of white paper ready (any size paper cut into a square will work), and Karen McBride, from our Refugee Ministry Panel, will lead us step-by-step through the dove-making process and talk about how you or your group can get involved in spreading their wings of hope above the nave of Christ Church Cathedral for Pentecost Sunday.

REGISTER [here](#)

### **Lenten Outreach Projects**

At the Parish Council Meeting on January 20, it was decided that the projects for this year's Lenten Outreach would be St Luke's Table and the Diocesan Refugee Ministry.

### **Lenten Study**

The Lenten season will offer 30-45 min. reflection/Bible study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7pm beginning on February 24. We will do a thematic approach to the Collect of the day along with two lectionary readings for each upcoming Sunday of Lent. The readings will be sent to you in advance. If you want to be a part of this

exercise, please confirm by contacting the office.

One of the blessings of these strange and unusual times is that time and space are not barriers to participation. Even if you don't live in the city, even if you don't drive at night you are welcome to join in.

### **World Day of Prayer**

This year the service should have been at St Mark's. This is not possible so we have agreed to host the service next year. The world day of prayer service, which is an ecumenical event, takes place this year on Friday March 5th at 1 p.m. We at St Mark's had offered to organize it, but when Covid took over, we decided against holding it.

However, Rev .George Kwari from St .Stephen's, has organized a Zoom service, with participants from several churches. If you are interested in attending virtually, please let Jenny or Cynthia know, so that we can let you have the Zoom connection which we won't receive until this weekend. The women of Vanuatu, an island in the South Pacific North East of Australia have prepared the service. There is also a service available on line at [wicc.org](http://wicc.org).

### **Lent Madness**

Ground Hog day is behind us and the hope of spring is in front of us. My sources tell me that it may be possible for us to gather in person on Palm Sunday, excuse the use during lent, Hallelujah! In the interim for those of us who are stuck at home I have some fun for you.

If you are on St. Mark's facebook page you may have noticed some posts called Lent Madness. Yes, I have been posting these. They are fun and informational about our saints past and present. They are presented in a competition format just like the Stanley Cup. We started out with 32 saints both lay and clergy. Then we began the heads up elimination matches which will culminate in only two competitors challenging for the Golden Halo just before the end of lent. Each day during the week you can read the

short history of the competitors and then vote for your favourite.

During this time of waiting, some light hearted fun and I have been advised by the organizers that it is totally OK to participate during Lent. I invite you to join me each day in 'Lent Madness'. I will continue to post on St. Mark's Facebook page but you can also sign up for Lent Madness via e-mail at <https://www.lentmadness.org>.

Join me and others as we determine who wins the Golden Halo.

Michael Perkin

### Call for Readers

In planning ahead, we will do a dramatic reading of the Passion according to Mark for the Palm Sunday recording (even if we are in-person at that time). There are 10 readers required. If you can record a part at home (which is safest and doable no matter what restrictions we may be under), please let me know. This year we have a more time to prepare and I have a **lot** more video skills that I did last year at this time. – Joy!

### Ray Davidson's First Choir Director

As part of our celebration of Black History Month, Ray Davidson has contributed an article about his first choir director. He adds: *"I was a lead choir boy in her choir for five years and she also gave me personal training to sing as a treble boy soloist in the New Brunswick music festival for four years.*

*She was a beautiful and kind person and she was very delighted when I was able to attain high marks in the festival that she had trained me for.*

*As a young boy, her passing was my first experience of losing a close friend."*

Miss Louise Webster Knight, A. R. C. co-founder of the New Brunswick Musical Festival, its secretary director until last season and prominently identified with the organization of the Radios' Morning Musical Club of this city and the Community Concert

Association, died in the General Hospital Saturday afternoon after a lingering illness.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2.30 pm. with service in St. John's (Stone) Church of which Miss Knight had been choir director for a number of years,



Miss Knight was the eldest child of the late Joshua and Frances Louise (Spike) Knight. Her father was prominent in the provincial lumbering industry as a member of the firm of J. & L. B. Knight, Musquash, Saint John County. L. B. Knight of that partnership died two years ago.

Mrs. Joshua Knight was daughter of the late Rev. H. M. Spike, well known Anglican clergyman of years ago. The Knight family is of Loyalist ancestry.

Miss Knight received her supplementary education at the Edgehill School for Girls, Windsor, N. S., majoring in music. She pursued her studies at the Royal College of Music, London, England, where she graduated with the degree of associate.

Returning to Canada she was appointed to the faculty at Edgehill where she added French and Italian to her own advanced studies, whilst teaching.

Illness at home necessitated Miss Knight's return to Saint John and for nearly 20 years she taught singing here with success of a far-reaching character in many pupils.

Helped Promote N.B. Festival

Although living busily in her professional work Miss Knight investigated the possibilities of establishing an annual music festival such as are held in the United Kingdom and some sections of this continent.

Accordingly, when Sir Hugh Robertson of Glasgow, internationally known festival director, conductor and music-writer, came to this city a decade ago to visit his sister, Mrs. Hope A. Thomson, Miss Knight and others held a conference with him. Sir Hugh outlined the plan they sought and it was in these circumstances the present-day N. B. Musical festival had its actual beginning. Miss Knight's promotion of the idea was notably efficient and she rallied much effective support to it.

#### Other Musical Promotions

This long cultural step for New Brunswick—a whole-hearted province-wide competition—has heightened and brightened the singing and instrumental talents of all communities, a prominent musician stated yesterday. "It will ever be a graceful memorial to the untiring efforts of Miss Knight." Her grasp of the details of the organization was taxing upon her strength and time, friends have felt, yet she went steadfastly on, smiling and encouraging co-workers and the host of aspiring competitors.

"When the Ladies' Morning Musical Club was organized, Miss Knight was associated with its establishment. She directed its ensemble, a choir heard several times in public and representative of some of the city's leading vocalists.

Miss Minnie Poole, president of the club, voiced the sorrow of Miss Knight's associates in the loss of their director and sister-member. It was expected the L.M.M.C. would attend the funeral in a body.

W. Grant Smith, M.L.A, president of the Community Concert association, paid tribute to the memory of Miss Knight. Mr. Smith considered the late lady to have been New Brunswick's foremost woman in matters of music; foremost as a volunteer worker in the interests of widening the field of culture and refinement. Her death was undoubtedly a distinct loss to the province, he felt.

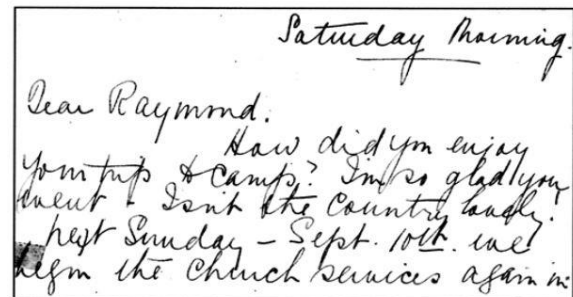
#### The Family

Surviving Miss Knight are sisters Mrs. C. L. Foss, Fairville, X. B.; Mrs. J K. Belyea, wife of

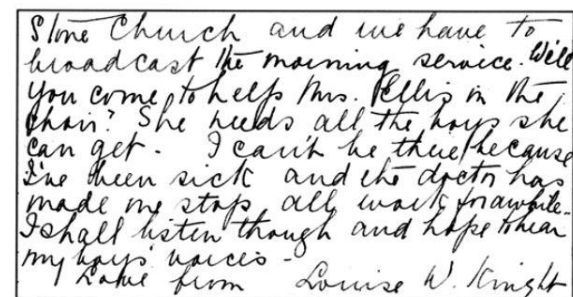
the rector of the Anglican Church, Sackville, N. B. and Ernest S. Knight, Kamloops, British Columbia. Two brothers deceased were Charles and Henry Knight who died in the Canadian West. There are a number of nieces and nephews. Of the nephews, in whose military career the late Miss Knight took keen interest, is FO. Charles Foss, fighting in the Burmese campaign, and a niece, Nursing Sister Elsie Foss, serving in Egypt and South Africa. Jack Knight and Roy Knight are Air Force members.

Miss Knight's body will be buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Lancaster, near her summer residence at MacLaren's Beach.

Last card I received from her



Saturday Morning.  
Dear Raymond.  
How did you enjoy your trip & camp? I'm so glad you went & sent the country back best Sunday - Sept. 10th. we'll begin the church services again in



St. Mark's Church and we have to broadcast the morning service. Will you come to help Mrs. Pellis in the choir? She needs all the boys she can get. I can't be there because I've been sick and the doctor has made me stay all week. I shall listen though and hope to hear my boys' voices - Louise W. Knight

#### Video Backgrounds

Whenever you see a particularly photogenic sight which you think would suit as a background, please feel free to share. Landscape pictures are the best. I can't guarantee I will use every picture but I do enjoy every picture. - Joy

#### Donations to the Church

We are extremely fortunate at St Mark's that there are a number of people who use Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). If you are not on PAR, we would encourage you to continue your donations. Of course, putting a cheque



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in the mail is always a great option for getting your donation to us. If you wish to make a donation by credit card, you may do so at CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47820>.

You will have to remember when you go to do your taxes for 2020 where you have put your receipts from CanadaHelps. If you cannot find them, contact CanadaHelps and they will be happy to issue duplicate receipts. All money donated will be put into the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

### Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca). Messages are being monitored and the business of the church is continuing, albeit remotely.

### Comments and Suggestions

If you have anything you would like to see in next week's newsletter, please email the church at [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)



City Councillor Riley Brockington invites you to be his guest at his annual



# Women's Day Speaker Series

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

6:30pm On **Zoom**

## Guest Speakers:



**Suzanne Obiorah**

Director of Gender and Race Equality, Inclusion, Indigenous Relations, and Social Development Services  
City of Ottawa



**Her Excellency  
Natasha Smith**

High Commissioner to Canada  
Australian High Commission



**Kathleen Wynne**

Ontario Provincial Parliament, Don Valley West  
Former Premier of Ontario



City Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, the Council Liaison for Women and Gender Equity, will co-host the event with Councillor Riley Brockington.

All are welcome! Please join us on Wednesday, March 10  
RSVP at [tinyurl.com/RiverWardWomensDay](https://tinyurl.com/RiverWardWomensDay) or by calling 613-580-2486



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