



An Invitation to you from St. Mark's

There are many activities happening at the church, and we would like to invite you to take part. Church services on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:00 am continue as well as the Thursday morning service at 10:00 am. Bible study at 11:00 am on Thursdays has resumed. You can attend online or in person in the Elizabeth Room. If you are not already a regular participator in this activity, be sure to let one of the clergy know that you would like to attend to ensure that they have your email address so that you can be contacted ahead with the reading and how to join online if you choose. The Lions, our children's ministry programme is underway led by Tracey Croft and her amazing group of volunteer teachers.

The spring season looks to be a busy one. Take note of the activities and dates below – we hope that you might choose to join us for any or all of them,

Upcoming Parish Events

- April 6 **Lunch and Learn** with Barbara Mason from Family Transition Place
The topic of human trafficking is one that many of us do not know much about and are surprised to learn happens here in Orangeville and the surrounding area. This promises to be a very informative session and we hope that you will consider joining us at 11:30 am after the 10:00 service and coffee hour.
- May 4 **Parish Nurse Lunch and Learn** with the pharmacist from Dufferin Area Family Health Team
We will have the pharmacist with us to discuss polypharmacy defined as the simultaneous use of multiple drugs by a single patient, for one or more conditions. This promises to be an informative session for those of us who take more than one drug, or may have multiple prescriptions in our future.
- May 10 **St. Mark's Day Dinner and Silent Auction**
A roast beef dinner and a fun silent auction. This is always a great fund-raiser for the parish. Tickets will go on sale on April 13 after both services. In the meantime, can you or the company you work for make a donation of a silent auction item. Consider donating such things as:
- A gift basket
 - Having a group of people to your home for dinner
 - A gift of time, sharing your talent
 - Gardening services for an afternoon
 - Theatre tickets/ sports tickets
- Items can be dropped off at the church or contact Cathy Wilson
(fitzroywilson@gmail.com)

Ongoing Parish Activities

St. Mark's Book Club

This group is meeting on March 31 at 7:00 pm in the Elizabeth Room. The group will be discussing "When the World Fell Silent" by Donna Jones Alward. New members are welcome.

Meditation

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Board Room for an hour of quiet meditation and relaxation.

Bible Book of the Month Club

The Rev'd Canon Stephanie Pellow leads a group who gather each month to discuss a book of the Bible. All are welcome whether or not you have read the book and would simply like to come out and learn more about the Bible. The next meeting is Monday, April 7th at 7:00 pm in the Elizabeth Room. We will be looking at Psalms 1 – 50 and participants are invited to share their favourite.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A group of women meet biweekly in the Elizabeth Room at 2:00 pm to knit or crochet prayer shawls that are blessed and distributed at the hospital and to those who become known to us locally and internationally. Whether you are a knitter or you crochet, or you want to learn, please join us. Our next meeting is April 1.

Soul Sisters Breakfast

A group of parish women meet for breakfast and fellowship monthly at a local restaurant. We have been getting out 25+ each month and we would love for you to join us. If you do not already get an email with the information about the next breakfast, please send your email address to Cathy Wilson (fitzroywilson@gmail.com) and she will be happy to add you to the list. Our next breakfast is **Tuesday April 15th at 9:30 am at Halibut House.**

Men's Breakfast

The men of the parish are also meeting monthly for a social breakfast at a local restaurant. Our next breakfasts will take place on April 16th at Wimpys and May 12th at Stacks. Please RSVP to Richard (rkbeaudoin75@gmail.com) that you plan to attend so that the restaurant can prepare for our group.

Upcoming Easter Services

April 13 Palm Sunday at 8:30 and 10:00 am
April 14 -17 Holy Week Services 7:00 pm each evening
April 18 Good Friday Service 10:00 am
April 20 Easter Day Services at 8:30 and 10:00 am.

God bless you and those you love and as The Rev'd Canon Lynne Thackwray always adds, and those you should love.