



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

October 30, 2020

Dear friends,
Welcome to the thirty first edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.

FALL BACK

Make sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, particularly if you are planning to attend the service on Sunday morning!

“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 **Tuesday noon** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

- Charles Major, an online member, celebrates his birthday on October 28
- November 1 marks one year since Fr Julian became incumbent at St Mark’s

Episcopal Visit

Bishop Shane Parker will be making his first visit to St Mark’s this Sunday, November 1, at the 9 am service. If you wish to attend the service, please make sure you are registered. There is a strict attendance limit of 50 people.

Sunday Services

Please remember to let the office know if you would like to attend the service. Although walk-ins are allowed, there is a strict limit of 50 people in the building and numbers were up last Sunday.

The Pandemic Planning Committee has prepared a [Reopening Brochure](#) with [Re-](#)

[Opening Q & A](#). The Q & A has been updated. These updates can be found later in the newsletter. For those of you who would like to have more information on what we are doing as a diocese, the full Diocesan Plan was revised on October 14 and is available at [Diocesan Plan - In This Together](#). There is a summary of the plan on pages 3-5.

Video Morning Prayer Service

Morning Prayer services will continue for the foreseeable future. As usual, you should receive an email with a link to the service and the bulletin on Saturday.

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

All Saints’ Day

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

We remember the faithful members and loved ones of this congregation who have departed this life over the last year:

Shirley Conquer
Jane Delroy
George Groome
Muriel Groome
Richard Haughian
Jill Hooper
Patricia Hutton
Lorne Kelly
George May
Nevitt Maybee
Ray Oswald
Myrna Pfeifle
Julie St Jean

Synopsis of Bishop Shane Parker's Charge to Synod

The 140th session of synod of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, Canada was held on Saturday 24 October 2020. Due to the omnipresence of the Coronavirus, it was held for the first time, virtually via zoom.

Bishop Shane delivered his first charge as diocesan. The text was taken from 1 Thessalonians, where the burgeoning church was filled with fear. Paul ultimately called upon them to continue to live in love.

Using this as a springboard, the bishop encouraged all Anglicans to approach church as a diocesan family by doing God's work together. As a result, he presented 4 prongs by which his bishopric will be guided:

1. Communication
2. Shape of Parish Ministry and Buildings
3. Engagement with the World
4. Formation, Hospitality and Worship

1 & 2

An Episcopal panel will be created to address numbers 1 & 2. This will be steered by a senior staff of the diocese. One example that will be addressed is the use of buildings. To this end, some buildings will have to be closed, however, at the same time, other new ministries will be opened which will be led by gifted priests. Great care will be given that all people are cared for and that those religious symbols that were dear to the people will be respected.

3 & 4

Engagement with the world is necessary. However, to achieve effective engagement, the right structures must first be in place. Currently, that is not a present reality. Therefore, the bishop will ensure that this is done in a timely fashion. One example to be undertaken is racism. "Space" must be provided to hear and to act on the narratives of those racialized among us. He stressed that fact that this segment of people is denied

opportunities and their self-worth can be damaged in the process.

This synopsis of the bishop's charge is only a snippet of the day's proceedings. Unlike any other synod, it ended under 2 hours. We continue to pray for Shane our bishop, clergy, and laity that God will give us the wisdom to do the work He has set before us.

[Video of Bishop's Charge to Synod](#)

Bishop's Podcasts

Season 2 of the Bishop's podcasts has begun. Here is a link to last Saturday's podcast:

[Bishop's Podcast - Season 2 Episode 4](#)

Video Background

For the video on November 15, which is the last Sunday of ordinary time (November 22 is Reign of Christ) until January, I would like to do a slide show of late fall. That is slides which show the progress of the bright leaves to leaves falling to the first dusting of snow. Remember that landscape orientation works much better than portrait for the videos. If you have anything suitable, please send them to the office at stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca by November 10.

Forward Day by Day

The Forward Day by Day booklets for November through January are available in the office. Please call the office to make arrangements for pick-up or ask at church on Sunday morning.

St Mark's Bazaar 2020

We are still working out details for the bazaar. Rather than making everything available at once, we will release items in small groups as the information is gathered and the logistics figured out. The first item which will be released is Preserves. If you have any preserves you would like to contribute, please email the office/Joy and let her know what you are contributing and how many jars (of each).

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Church Calendars

Church calendars are now available for \$6.00 each. Our church photo is in for the month of May. You can order a calendar by calling Cynthia at 613-723-2680, or by bringing the money in an envelope with your name on to church on Sunday, and I'll give you a calendar, safely distancing of course. – Cynthia Greer

Social Media Workshop



INTRODUCTION to

Wednesday, November 4th
12pm until 1pm
(with an extra half hour for anyone who wants to stay on with more questions).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Join Heidi Fawcett, Diocesan Social Media Coordinator and Jane Scanlon from the Stewardship Subcommittee for a FREE Lunch and Learn Workshop!

Bring your lunch, zoom in, and learn the basics of Social Media and your Parish.

In this workshop we will discuss:

- * The basics of social media,
- * The benefits of social media, and
- * How to build your parish's Advent Social Media Plan & analyse its success

REGISTER AT: <https://intro2sm.eventbrite.ca>
(registration deadline 2pm, Tuesday, November 3rd)

Click on [Workshop Registration Link](#) to register.

Mask Prayer

At the end of Morning Prayer, Fr Julian has been using a prayer by Adrian Francis Chatfield which speaks to the spiritual aspects of wearing face masks during the pandemic

Creator,
as I prepare to go into the world
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth -
let it be an “an outward sign
of an inward grace” -
a tangible and visible way of living
love for my neighbours,
as I love myself.

Christ,
since my lips will be covered
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
help me to speak clearly,
not only with my words,
but in my actions.

Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully -
and full of care -
to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth
be shield and banner
and each breath that it holds
be filled with your love. **Amen**

Sharing Coffee Hour

If you would like to share a photo, a recipe of what you would have made for coffee hour and/or a short hello message with a few details of what you've been up to, then you are welcome to do so. The editor will not seek out people but would be happy to receive submissions.

Contacting the Church

Contacting the office has actually not changed at all. You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored and the business of the church is continuing, albeit remotely.

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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 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.

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.