



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

April 16, 2021

Dear friends,

Welcome to the fifty-fifth 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.

- Kathy Woodard celebrated her birthday on April 14th
- Phil Conquer celebrated his 94th birthday, also on April 14th

Video Services

Morning Prayer for April 18 should arrive in your inbox on April 17 at 12 pm.

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

Re: Debra Dynes Family House

Until the Diocese re-opens our church we are not able to accept in person donations for DDFH. I would like you to consider a financial donation at this time to help fill their food cupboards. Donations are tax deductible from the donor's perspective. Please mail a cheque directly to : DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE, 955 Debra Ave., Unit 85, Ottawa, K2G 0J5. Make sure that your name and address are on your cheque so that you will receive your tax receipt. You can also make a donation through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/th e-debra-dynes-family-house-inc/>

Thank you, Joan

Tomatoes anyone?



We usually start our own tomatoes and this year we actually have a heating mat and lights to help germination. We had some old seed which Trev felt would probably not germinate very well, so he planted them all. The above picture shows what we have left after we have transplanted 100 plants. We are reasonably sure we can identify which are cherry tomatoes. If anyone would like some plants to grow up, please contact Joy (the office). Containers to put them in would be preferred.

Video Backgrounds

Thank you to those who have sent in pictures this week. It is so nice to see the gardens come alive...and lovely to have a stock of photos to choose from. If you do not see your photo this week, it may be held in reserve for another week.

Please make sure the pictures are in landscape orientation or they don't fill the screen. I can't guarantee I will use every picture but I do enjoy every picture. Thank you to all who have sent photos. You will see some of them during the postlude of the Easter service.— Joy

River Ward E-Waste Depot

There will be an e-waste depot on Saturday, April 24 from 10 – 4 in the parking lot of the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Dr. See the back page for details.

Carleton Memorial Daycare

Carleton Memorial Daycare rents our church hall during the summer to run their summer camps. They are returning this year. I have

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included a cri de coeur from the director of the daycare.

“As a Director in a childcare centre, how is it possible that childcare workers are so overlooked by our government. We come to work every day to an unmasked population, risking our own health to provide care for children. Parents are now choosing to keep their children home even while paying their fees to help keep us safe and to lessen the burden of high numbers because of this variant. We have been deemed essential, and this only happened because of a pandemic and although parents already knew how important we are to the infrastructure of any community, now governments know. We put on our PPE every day and keep smiling so that the children we care for have positivity, consistency and care during a time when so much else is uncertain. We do it so that nurses and doctors can care for the sick; teachers can educate young minds; grocery store employees can check out your order; first responders can save lives. But it’s taking its toll.

Once again, schools are being closed down and we remain open. Daycares are on their own trying to outsmart this horrible variant, asking parents and colleagues to stay the course but where are we on the vaccine list? Again and again we are overlooked. There are more documented cases in childcare centers every single day, and still we remain open, and vulnerable. The priority needs to change. We demand to be recognized as a priority.

Susan McLean-Hayes
Executive Director, CMDC:”

COVID 19 Vaccination

To make finding vaccine information a little easier, the City of Ottawa has created the COVID-19 Vaccine Update e-subscription. [Sign up today](#) and you’ll receive the latest updates on vaccine distribution in the city, delivered to your inbox. It will also include a weekly roundup of COVID-19 and vaccine-related information every Friday.

It was announced Tuesday that high-risk health conditions may pre-register for vaccine.

Residents age 60 and over citywide

Appointments are currently available to residents age 60 and over (born in or before 1961).

Visit [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) to access the provincial booking system or call the provincial vaccine booking line at 1-833-943-3900 between 8 am and 8 pm, seven days a week.

Pharmacies

The Province of Ontario has announced that pharmacies in Ottawa will provide AstraZeneca vaccinations to residents of Ottawa age 55 and older. These vaccinations are separate from Ottawa Public Health and the City of Ottawa’s vaccination roll-out. Please call the participating pharmacies directly to book or visit them on their websites.

As a side note, it turns out that both the Independent at the corner of Meadowlands and Merivale and the Loblaws on Merivale are among the pharmacies to carry the vaccine. They do not always do a great job of letting anyone know when they have the vaccine.

There is some concern that there are a number of people over 80 who have not registered to receive a vaccine. As a community, let us look out for our friends and neighbours. If you know of anyone over 80, why not check in with them to make sure they are aware that they are now eligible. If you find there are barriers to them registering, perhaps you could let the office know what the barriers are. For more information on what you need to know to assist someone to book their appointment, visit [OttawaPublicHealth.ca](https://ottawapublichealth.ca) for more information.

The Nepean Sportsplex, Halls A & B is the site of the vaccination clinic and will continue to be used as a major vaccination site. You must book an appointment to get a vaccine. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, OPH has a [Vaccine Screening Tool](#) that you can use to check. You can book an appointment the province at [Provincial Vaccine Booking](#).

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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.

Contacting the Church

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.

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



Saturday, April 24, 10-4

Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre
3320 Paul Anka Drive - Parking lot

Items accepted at the E-Waste Depot include:

Televisions, monitors, desktop computers and terminals
Laptop computers, desktop printers, fax machines
Disk drives, CD-ROM drives, keyboards and mice
Amplifiers, stereos, speakers, receivers
Cameras, digital cameras, copiers, scanners, pagers, PDAs
Radios, telephones, cellphones, answering machines
VCR and DVD players

They will not accept cardboard, plastics, any garbage, lightbulbs or hazardous material (Paint, gas, solvents)



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- The Junk that Funk crew will be wearing masks and gloves for your protection
- Customers must stay with their vehicle and follow directions of staff on site for where to park
- Junk that Funk staff will remove items from your vehicle
- Wear a mask if you must exit your vehicle
- Drive away when your vehicle is cleared
- Conduct a self-assessment before attending the event <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>
- Do not attend the E-Waste Depot if you do not feel well or have been in recent contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Take advantage of this opportunity to clear the extra electronics out of the basement and prevent them from going to landfill.