



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future.

Over the coming weeks, we shall continue with our on-line Service and we will be providing updates on the reopening of our church. Your continued patience and support are very much appreciated.

### Video Services

Morning Prayer for July 4 should arrive in your inbox on July 3 at 12 pm.

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

### Bible Study on Summer Break

The Zoom Bible Study led by Fr Julian will take a break over the summer and resume some time in the fall.

### Carleton Memorial Daycare

Carleton Memorial Daycare is using our church hall for its summer day camp again this summer beginning on Monday, July 5. Because there are stringent COVID-19 protocols in place, they cannot allow anyone into their space while they are using it (including parents of the children). Therefore, **you may not use the link door to enter the church, enter the church hall or use the washrooms in the church hall during weekdays.**

### Stephanie McWatt

We received word from Stephanie this week that she has been accepted as a postulant in the Diocese of Ottawa. Congratulations, Stephanie! We look forward to hearing about your continuing adventures.

### SPMC

The SPMC team is hoping that many people will answer the questions which were sent out last week. They would like to see them by Monday.

### An Update from Debra-Dynes Family House

I received an email from DDFH highlighting ways in which we can help during what we hope is the tail end of this pandemic.

### 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.

- Ethan Morphew celebrated his birthday on July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Andrew Morphew celebrates his birthday on July 6<sup>th</sup>
- Gabriel Morphew celebrates his birthday on July 9<sup>th</sup>

### A Message from Corporation

Good News!

The Diocese is moving to the newly revised Amber Stage of their [In This Together](#) plan on July 6. Bishop Shane, in his letter dated June 30 2021 states that “assuming the pandemic continues to abate, all parishes must move forward to offering in-service worship by Sunday, September 12.”

We have not been in Amber since December 2020 and the diocesan protocols have been revised since then. Over the next while, St. Mark's pandemic team will be reviewing the revised protocols to ensure a safe reopening and the resumption of many of our church activities.

This pandemic has changed our lives and it has not been easy for any of us. We are looking forward to resuming in-person worship and continuing on with our ministry activities, but we must continue to remain diligent to keep us all safe.

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Cash donations, which are tax deductible, are always welcome. Cash enables the House to purchase food in bulk for their food bank. They also welcome gift cards to help purchase food and school supplies.

Once the church reopens, there will be a food donation box (in the Link) that I hope we can fill up on a regular basis. I will deliver to DDFH as often as necessary.

I will be collecting school supplies in August....so start stocking up! I do have a list of recommended school supplies that I will share in July.

There is a reminder in the communique that "it's never too early to start knitting for the cold weather". Donations of winter items create a huge financial relief. More information to follow.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Joan

### **The Wesley Brothers**

There is a reference in the sermon this week to the Wesley brothers. John Wesley (born June 28, 1703) was a leader of a revival movement within the Church of England known as Methodism. The societies he founded became the dominant form of the independent Methodist movement that continues to this day. He also wrote hymns that are in our hymn book. The best known to me is *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*.

His younger brother Charles was also a leader in the Methodist movement and also wrote hymns. *Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Jesus, Lover of My Soul* to name a few. He was also the grandfather of Samuel Sebastian Wesley who composed the hymn tune *Aurelia* which is the tune for *The Church's One Foundation* and a number of anthems which the choir sings.

### **Looking for Photos of the Bahamas**

For the service for July 11, I am looking for photos of the Bahamas. So if you have connections into the Bahamas or have vacationed there, please send your photos to the office by noon on July 7.

### **Live Streaming Our Services.**

When the Church opens, our Services will be live streamed. There are many benefits of online church service streaming, including reaching parishioners who are homebound, capturing our services for the archives, expanding our online presence, etc. There will be two cameras, one that is static and the other, which will require an operator.

Ideally we should have 4 or 5 people who are abler to operate the camera on a rotational basis. The camera is easy to operate and training will be provided by the company installing the equipment. If you would like to learn a new skill and help record the service, please contact the office at 613-224-7431 or [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca).

### **Video Backgrounds**

Thank you to all those who sent pictures of Canada in for the service this Sunday....and enjoy Canada coast to coast. I will continue to need photos throughout the summer and I so enjoy the contributions. Joy!

### **E-Transfers to the Church**

After long and arduous consultations with the bank, we can now accept e-transfers to the main church account. We cannot do autodeposit because of the type of account but you may e-transfer money to [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca). You will be required to give a question. Please either make the answer obvious or email the office and let them know the answer to the question. This option has no cost to the church.

### **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 2021 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)