



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.

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.

A Message from Fr Julian

Summer is here! Along with the warmth comes the movement of people to cottages and vacations. In that regard, here is an update of a few matters in the parish.

Joy Bowerman

She goes on vacation August 2 through August 15 2021.

Arianne Dind

She took a few days in June and is also taking time while Joy is on vacation.

Fr. Julian

He goes on vacation July 12 to July 19 and August 9 to August 16 2021.

As a result, there won't be YouTube services from St Mark on 2nd and 3rd Sundays of August (August 8 & 15). You're encouraged to tune in to any other Anglican Church that might have services online during those Sundays. Here are some choices:

Host Churches for Summer 2021 Online Vacation Coverage

- All Saints, Westboro, Ottawa
- Christ Church Cathedral
- Julian of Norwich, Ottawa
- Parish of Mississippi Lake
- Parish of the Valley

Summer Compline Services

5:30 pm

July 25

August 8

August 22

September 5

Please contact the office to register.
Pandemic restrictions in place.

- Parish of West Quebec (Not August 1st, 29th, September 5th)
- St. Alban's, Ottawa (July and August only)
- St. Bartholomew's, Ottawa (Not July)
- St. Helen's, Orleans
- St. Paul's, Kanata
- St. Thomas the Apostle, Ottawa
- St. James, Manotick
- Area Parish of the St. Lawrence

The up-to-date Diocesan list (with links to the services) may be found [here](#).

We are working to returning to in-person worship. We will be returning to regular Sunday worship September 12. Your parish pandemic team is working on the details. In the interim, four compline services (July 25, August 8, August 22 and September 5, every-other-Sunday) are being planned for the summer evenings.

Time: 5: 30 p.m. Fr. Julian along with a few laypeople would be leading this time of reflection. Pandemic restrictions are still in place so please register ahead of time with the office by calling 613-224-7431 or email stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

During my absence, Archdeacon Chris Dunn will have pastoral oversight. In cases of **pastoral emergencies**, you may contact him at (613) 293-5762. For any other matter, you may contact any of the wardens, Suzanne Bisson and/or Bill Barber.

Pandemic Restrictions

The Diocese has newly revised the pandemic restrictions. If you wish to look at the revised

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restrictions, they may be found in their [In This Together](#) plan. We moved to the Amber Stage on July 6.

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.

Your continued patience and support are very much appreciated.

Video Services

Morning Prayer for July 11 should arrive in your inbox on July 10 at 12 pm.

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

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.**

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.

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

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.

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. You will be required to give a question. Please either

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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 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. 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