



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.

Summer Vacations

Joy Bowerman will be away from August 1 to August 15. The phone and the email will continue to be monitored in her absence.

Fr Julian will be away until Sunday and again from August 9 to August 16. Archdeacon Chris Dunn will have pastoral oversight during his absence. 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

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) are planned for the summer evenings. 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

The Diocese has newly revised the pandemic restrictions. If you wish to look at the revised restrictions, they may be found in their [In This Together](#) plan. We moved to the Amber Stage on July 6.



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 18 should arrive in your inbox on July 17 at 12 pm.

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

There will not be YouTube services from St Mark on August 8 & 15. You're encouraged to tune in to any other Anglican Church that might have services online during those Sundays. The up-to-date Diocesan list of online services (with links to the services) may be found [here](#).

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.**

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School Supplies for Debra-Dynes Family House

As promised here is a list of school supplies recommended by OCDSB for the coming school year. I will be in the parking lot every Tuesday in August from 10am until noon to accept your donations. If these times are not convenient for you please call me at (613) 262-4108 and I will do a home pick up.

Recommended items are :

Kindergarten to Grade 3

12 pencils, 2 white erasers, 1 package of crayons, 1 package of coloured pencils, 1 package of coloured markers, 1 metric ruler, 1 pair of blunt scissors, 2 glue sticks.

Grade 4 to Grade 8

12 pencils, 2 white erasers, 1 metric ruler, 1 pair of blunt scissors, 3 ballpoint pens, 1 package of coloured pencils, 2 packages of 3-hole lined refill paper, 6 duotangs, 1 package of coloured markers, 1 calculator, 6 lined notebooks, 1 geometry set, 2 highlighters, 3 binders, binder dividers.

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

Joan

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED for Livestreaming

We are desperately looking for volunteers willing to operate the camera for livestreaming. Ideally we should have 4 or 5 people who are able 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.

There will be two cameras, one that is static and the other, which will require an operator.

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.

Celebration of Bruce's Birthday

On July 3, the day that would have been Bruce's 80th birthday, the choir and friends gathered with Margaret outside the choir

room. Most were wearing orange (if they had any) which was Bruce's favourite colour.



From the Anglican Church of Canada Update:

via Episcopal News Service

The Episcopal Church's online "Lift Every Voice and Sing" gathering July 27-30 will feature nightly spirited worship; daily noon plenary sessions examining systemic racism, inclusion and challenges to voting and civil rights; a celebration of the late Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris, The Episcopal Church's first woman bishop; and a commemoration of the 40th publishing anniversary of the African American hymnal whose title is echoed in the revival's name. It will also memorialize the disproportionate number of African Americans who died from COVID-19. More information [here](#).

Quilts for Survivors

For any interested quilters, there is now a facebook group called Quilts for Survivors who are assembling quilts for Residential School Survivors.

Video Backgrounds – Limited Time Left

There are 5 more services that will be pre-recorded and will need backgrounds for the title slides so send in your photos! People also enjoy the photos during the postlude so don't be shy. Remember landscape (vs portrait) pictures work best for a background. 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

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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 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