



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

**August 16, 2020**

Dear friends,

Welcome to the twentieth edition of our weekly newsletter. A limited number of paper copies will be placed at the link

doors for people who do not have access to email.

### “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.

This week’s shout outs include:

- Steve and Kate Close celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Sabrina Pagani celebrated her 15th birthday August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Suzanne Bisson also celebrated her birthday on August 12<sup>th</sup>

### Getting Ready to Open

Work is now underway to deal with the many details for St Mark’s to re-open safely, using the COVID-19 plan that has been set out by the Diocese.

Leading this work is the pandemic planning team consisting of Fr Julian, Joseph Amuah, Terry Frederick, Joan Hounsell, Michael Perkin (co-leader), Georgia Roberts (co-leader) and Karen Roberts. The team is meeting regularly with the goal to have the first in-person service at 9 am on Sunday September 6. Details of the restrictions that will be in place at that time will be relayed to you very soon. It is also planned to offer online services for the time being.

For detailed information about the Diocesan COVID-19 plan, go to

[www.ottawa.anglican.ca/index.php/covid-19](http://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/index.php/covid-19).

### Sunday Morning Service

Although we cannot attend Sunday morning worship, we have put together a recording for August 16. It should arrive in your inbox on August 15. Alex is working different hours this week so it is possible that it will not arrive at noon on Saturday.

Accompanying the recording will be a file which has the complete service including the readings if you would like to read them. Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the video editing for this endeavour.

Because of the method of recording different sections at different times and then melding them together, we are able to follow the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa guidelines on Physical Distancing. There are no more than five of us in the church at any one time and we maintain a distance of 2m between us.

### School Supplies for Debra Dynes Family House (DDFH)

The Director of the DDFH has let me know that they are currently taking registrations from families for school supplies. Although DDFH works in partnership with Caring and Sharing, there was a significant gap in what they needed to supply families last year. There is an increased demand this year and with the impact of Covid there’s the possibility of an even greater demand for school supplies.

Although St Mark’s is currently closed, we are accepting donations of school supplies. School supplies may be dropped off every Thursday in August from 10 am to 1 pm.

Bins will be placed between the doors in the link entrance. Should you wish to drop off a monetary donation, please make your cheque payable to Debra Dynes Family House and

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include your mailing address for income tax receipt.

I will be at the Church from 10 to 1 on the Thursdays in August to accept donations. If these dates and times are not convenient or if you would like a pick-up, please call me at 613-727-5892 and I will make arrangements to accommodate you.

Many thanks for your usual kind generosity to this worthwhile cause.

Suzanne Bisson  
St. Mark's Outreach Coordinator

*Sample School Supplies*

Three-Ring Binders  
Pens, pencils, crayons, coloured pencils,  
highlighters, washable markers,  
Pencil Sharpener  
Glue sticks,  
Blunt-tipped scissors  
Erasers  
Sticky Notes  
Tabbed Dividers  
Wide ruled notebook, pads of paper,  
Single-subject spiral notebooks  
Backpack  
Calculators  
USB Flash Drives

**PWRDF- Beirut Explosion Emergency Appeal**

PWRDF stands in solidarity with the people of Lebanon, and we pray for all who are responding to this disaster. Many people are still missing and tens of thousands have lost their properties. PWRDF has been in contact with partner the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) to express our sorrow, solidarity and prayers. PWRDF has pledged \$25,000 to the ACT Alliance appeal for Beirut. ACT is in contact with their implementing members on the ground in Lebanon to determine how best to respond.

All donations to PWRDF for the Beirut Explosion are eligible for a 1:1 match from the Canadian Government. The government

of Canada will match every donation made by individual Canadians to the Humanitarian Coalition and its members between August 4 and 24, 2020, up to a maximum of \$2 million. The Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) is a member of the Humanitarian Coalition and PWRDF is a member of the CFGB so we qualify. Here is the link to Global Affairs Canada announcement - <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/08/canada-launches-matching-fund-to-respond-to-beirut-explosion.html>.

There are 2 weeks to qualify for the match. Donations can be sent by phone 1-866-308-7973 or 1-416-822-4083, on line at <https://pwrdf.org/give-today> or by mail to 80, Hayden St, Toronto. ON M4Y 3G2

A donation on behalf of the congregation will be sent from the book money.

**Fabric Face Masks**

Face masks are now required in Ottawa at all indoor public spaces.

If anyone would like a fabric mask, there are sewers at St Mark's who can make you one. Just let the office know.

**St Mark's Zoom**

St Mark's now has a Pro Zoom account. Karen Roberts would be happy to schedule meetings for any church groups that might want to use the account. She just needs to know date/time and duration of a meeting and then she can send along the login information. Once a meeting is set up, attendees can join without a 'host'. If you are a St Mark's group/committee and would like to schedule a meeting, please email [zoomstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:zoomstmarks@gmail.com) with the details of the meeting you would like scheduled.

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### **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.

### **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). That gives us some source of income during this time that there is no public worship. 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 in to the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

### **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](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).