



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

Welcome to the twenty second 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.

There were no shout outs this week.

However, Fr Julian celebrated the anniversary of his ordination on August 27.

Getting Ready to Open

St Mark's will be opening its doors on Sunday September 6 with an in-person Eucharist service at 9 am.

The Pandemic Planning Committee has been working hard to prepare for this, under the directions of the Diocese and guidelines from public health authorities. We have prepared a brochure that gives you the main points of what our new reality will be for us at St Mark's. Please click on the link to read the brochure. [Reopening Brochure](#)

Also included are some Questions & Answers (Q&A) which will hopefully address some questions and concerns that you may have. [Re-Opening Q & A](#) With your input and help we will expand this document over time to address additional concerns and questions

For those of you who would like to have more information on what we are doing as a

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diocese, we have included a summary of the Diocesan Plan set out in a colourful table [Re-Opening Summary](#). The full Diocesan Plan is available at [Diocesan Plan - In This Together](#).

Sunday Morning Service

Although we cannot attend Sunday morning worship, we have put together a recording for August 30. It should arrive in your inbox on August 29.

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.

Welcome Stephanie McWatt

Stephanie McWatt, a student at Wycliffe College, will be doing a field placement with us this fall. You may remember Stephanie as she was with the Reverend Canon Hilary Murray last February when Rev Hilary joined us during Black History Month. You will have a chance to see her both online and in-person.

Preserving Jars??

Although the bazaar will likely be online this year, the canning fairies are hard at work making delicious preserves. If you have any empty mason-type jars which you don't need, they would find a worthy home at St Mark's. Please contact the office to make arrangements (You can leave them outside the link door as long as someone knows to go and get them.)

Extra Yarn on your hands?

Doreen Matweow is looking for extra yarn that may be available to make scarves for

various charities. Please contact the office if you have yarn to donate.

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 with the details of the meeting you would like scheduled.

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. 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.