



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

### Video Morning Prayer Service

Welcome to the twenty fifth edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

Morning Prayer services will continue for the foreseeable future. As usual, you should receive an email with a link to the service and the bulletin on Saturday.

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

future. A limited number of paper copies will be placed at the link doors for people who do not have access to email.

### Q & A Update

#### “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. **Please note:** Because Joy is going away from Sep 28 to Oct 4, the service for October 4 will be recorded on September 25. If you have any shout outs for October 4, they must be received before 9 am September 25.

Q: How do I safely receive and consume the communion bread?

A: To keep everyone safe, after receiving the communion bread, please walk at least 2 meters away from everyone around you. Then remove your mask and consume the communion bread. Afterwards, please sanitize your hands before returning to your seat.

- Sheila Ferguson will be 70 years young on September 20
- Brenda Zanin celebrates her birthday on September 23

### Food Donations for the Ottawa Food Bank/Debra Dynes Family House

Please bring your items to Sunday Service. There will be a bin in the link area for this purpose. If you want to donate but cannot make it to the church, please call the office to request pick up.

#### Sunday Services

Please remember to let the office know if you would like to attend the service. Although walk-ins are allowed, there is a strict limit of 50 people in the building.

Items always needed are white rice, dried or canned beans, soups, stews, lentils, pasta and pasta sauces, canned tomatoes, canned fish, peanut butter, personal hygiene products, etc.

The Pandemic Planning Committee has prepared a [Reopening Brochure](#) with [Re-Opening Q & A](#). The Q & A has been updated. These updates can be found later in the newsletter. For those of you who would like to have more information on what we are doing as a diocese, there is a [Re-Opening Summary](#). The full Diocesan Plan is available at [Diocesan Plan - In This Together](#).

The Ottawa Food Bank provides food and supplies for over 39,000 people every month. The number of food bank clients who walked through their doors doubled in April at the height of Covid-19, and has yet to dip back below those pre-pandemic numbers. It is predicted that this trend will continue for the DDFH Emergency Food Bank program (and for most food bank programs across the city) as benefits come to an end, rents remains high, and people struggle to once again find secure work.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause. Life remains a challenge for those who live in poverty or are the working poor.

If you wish to make an online donation, you may do so at

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13770>

**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.

**Calendars**



Calendars have been ordered for the coming year. At last, after a lot of work by Margaret Lodge, our church photo is in the month of May. Calendars are \$6.00 , the same as last year.

They can be ordered from me, Cynthia Greer, at 613-723-2680 or from the office at 613-224-7431.

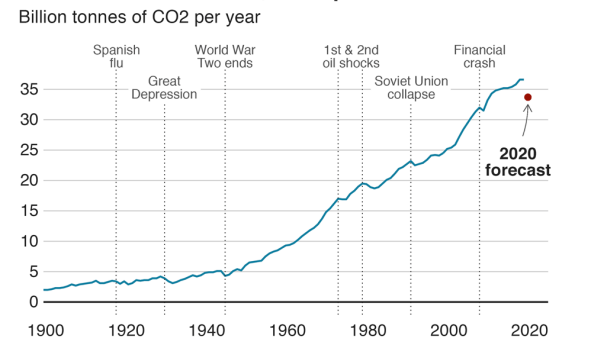
**Creation Season**

Creation Season runs from September 1 to October 4 (which is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi). Following the lead of the World Council of Churches, Christians around the world have added creation season to their calendars. General Synod 2019 passed a resolution adopting the Season of Creation in the Anglican Church of Canada as a time of prayer, education and action. You may see words from our Primate and the resolution passed by general synod [here](#). At St Mark's, we have recognized Creation Season since 2015 and for the past two years a series of inserts has been prepared to highlight environmental issues. This year we are looking at Creation Season in our on-line services and the newsletter will highlight an issue week by week. This week we will look at the effect that the pandemic has had on carbon emission and therefore climate change.

**Covid-19 and Climate Change**

The pandemic has caused a massive drop in the use of carbon throughout the world. With lockdowns and massively reduced transportation, the amount of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) being generated has dropped dramatically.

**Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, 1900-present**



The International Energy Agency (IEA) says that the world will use 6% less this year - equivalent to losing the entire energy demand of India.

One of the biggest factors affecting carbon emission is the reduction in the amount of transportation. Both the reduced amount of land and air traffic during lockdown reduced emissions.

Production of electricity can also affect the amount of carbon emissions. Interestingly, the amount of reduction varies widely region to region. In much of Europe, electricity is being generated using nuclear or solar and wind power. When transportation decreased dramatically, carbon emissions also fell dramatically. However, if the majority of electricity was generated using fossil fuels, then the carbon emission in the area only dropped slightly. This can be seen by comparing Paris, France, which experienced a 72% drop in emissions in March as opposed to New York, which only saw a 10% drop in emissions during the same time period.

Back in 2008, the European electricity industry was hit badly by the global financial recession and demand for power fell sharply.

But when that demand picked up again, it was solar and wind sources that were by then large enough to supply all the growth.

Europe's use of fossil fuels to produce electricity never returned to the level it had been at before the crash.

Experts now believe something similar could happen with the coronavirus pandemic.

To keep the world on track to stay under 1.5C warming in this century, the world needs similar cuts for the foreseeable future to keep this target in view.

"If Covid-19 leads to a drop in emissions of around 5% in 2020, then that is the sort of reduction we need every year until net-zero emissions are reached around 2050," said Glen Peters, from Cicero.

"Such emissions reductions will not happen via lockdowns and restrictions, but by climate policies that lead to the deployment of clean technologies and reductions in demand for energy."

Energy experts believe there will be a bounce back next year, but that long term, the world will move to greener fuels.

But it may not be enough to keep temperatures down to safer levels.

"That downward slope will accelerate over time beyond peak fossil energy," said Erik Holm Reiso, from Rystad Energy.

"That doesn't chime with 1.5C, but maybe 1.8-1.9C degrees could be within reach and this situation right now could help achieve that, I think."

Many climate researchers are optimistic that this deadly pandemic has taught governments some critical lessons that they can apply to the problem of rising temperatures.

The big challenge is to ensure the recovery has a green focus.

According to Prof Gail Whiteman from Lancaster University, UK, it was almost impossible to believe that governments around the world, when faced with a health emergency, would put humanity ahead of the economy. But they did.

"We can recover from an existential, complex threat and emerge much stronger and more resilient," she says.

"Which strengthens the idea that we can do things differently on climate, that we can tackle this one.

(Taken from BBC News, Science and the Environment  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-52485712>)

### Sharing Coffee Hour

If you would like to share a photo, a recipe of what you would have made for coffee hour

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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).



**Saturday, Sept. 26, 10-4**

Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre  
3320 Paul Anka Drive - Parking lot

#### Items accepted at the e-waste depot include:

Televisions, monitors, Desktop computers and terminals,  
Laptop computers, Desktop printers, Fax machines  
Disk drives, CD-ROM drives, Keyboards and mice  
Amplifiers, stereos, speakers, receivers  
Cameras, digital cameras, Copiers, fax machines, scanners  
Pagers, PDAs, Radios  
Telephones, cellphones, answering machines  
VCR and DVD players

They will not accept cardboard, plastics, any garbage, lightbulbs  
or hazardous material (Paint, gas, solvents)



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#### COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE

- The Junk that Funk crew will be wearing masks and gloves for your protection
- Customers must stay with their vehicle and follow directions of staff on site for where to park
- Junk that Funk staff will remove items from your vehicle
- Wear a mask if you must exit your vehicle
- Drive away when vehicle cleared
- Conduct a self-assessment before attending the event <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>
- Do not attend the E-Waste Depot if you do not feel well or have been in recent contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Take advantage of this opportunity to clear the extra electronics out of the basement and prevent them from going to landfill.