



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa ON K2C 1X6

Weekly Newsletter

October 9, 2020

Dear friends,

Welcome to the twenty eighth edition of 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 **Tuesday noon** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

- Paul & Cynthia Greer celebrate their wedding anniversary on October 11
- Pauline Adams celebrates her birthday on October 12
- James & Carmen Kelly celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on October 12
- Connie Bowerman celebrates her 93rd birthday on October 15
- Ray Davidson celebrates the birth of his great-grandson, Danny Marc Robert Gougeon. Son of grandson David (Lorraine's boy) Born Oct 3rd at 1145pm. Weighing 8lbs 14 oz.

Letter from the Metropolitan

Archbishop Anne Germond has issued a letter for thanksgiving. You may read it [here](#)

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.

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](#).



Danny Gougeon, Great-grandson of Ray Davidson

Video Morning Prayer Service

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.

Call for Photographs

As many of you may know, Joy uses photographs in the morning prayer videos to provide visual interest and reflect the changing of the seasons. Next week, she would like to do a series of photographs with the theme of “Fall in the Ottawa Valley”. Some people have already sent in photographs, but if you have a lovely picture reflecting this theme feel free to send it to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Photographs in landscape format work best for the video.

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Photographs in portrait format leave large black bars along the edge.

All Saints' Day

It is our tradition at St Mark's to remember on All Saints' Day those members of our congregation who have passed on in the year from November to November. This year, we would like to include any loved one you would like remembered in this way. There will be a list included in the bulletin on Sunday and a slide on the Morning Prayer with the names listed. If you have a name to add, please contact the office.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

CCC is still in business --- and having coffee (even if virtually!). It has been seven months since our last coffee morning at St. Mark's.

In this difficult and disruptive time, the CCC team's priority has become more focused on "Caring – Concern - and Communicating" with our friends, the Thursday morning regulars, by phone and e-mail. In some cases, there even have been "in person" visits, obeying the very latest protocols of the day!

We had hoped that in August we might be able to meet with very small groups out in the parking area, obeying all safety measures. However, that was not possible and as the second wave developed, virtual meetings of "like minds" is our only way of still being together. Our CCC team of Georgia Roberts, Penny Miller, Suzanne Bisson and Laurie Slaughter had begun phoning and e-mailing earlier in March, with our fellow attendees also reaching out to one another. If anyone would like to chat with someone that they enjoyed at CCC mornings, let one of the team know and they will check with that person to obtain their permission to give out their contact information. In this way, people who met others over coffee can continue friendship and sharing. Please feel free to call Georgia, Penny, Suzanne or Laurie as well.

We miss everyone who became part of our weekly social activity and who contributed so much to its growth and vitality.

Laurie Slaughter, on behalf of the CCC Team.

Team Contact Numbers:

Suzanne Bisson – 613 727 5892

Penny Miller – 613 226 2363

Georgia Roberts – 613 226 5693

Laurie Slaughter – 613 737 9475

Thanksgiving - Donations for the Ottawa Food Bank/Debra Dynes Family House

This October, due to Covid, it was decided not to decorate the church with a harvest display of vegetables, which are then donated to the Ottawa Food Bank/DDFH. However, there is still a need for food donations. It is worthwhile to know that your one dollar donation can multiply to provide five dollars' worth of food for families in need in the community.

A basket will be placed in the link during the month of October for any loose change you may wish to drop in. For donations of ten dollars or more, DDFH will provide you with a tax receipt. Envelopes will be placed near the basket for cheques or cash over \$10. Please write your name and address on the envelope.

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>

Check out this link to the Debra-Dynes newsletter with information on Soupacious, Scholarship programs and more: [Debra Dynes Newsletter](#)

Bishop's Podcasts

Season 2 of the Bishop's podcasts has begun. Here is a link to last Saturday's podcast:

[Bishop's Podcast Season 2 Episode 1](#)

Calendars



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

They can be ordered from Cynthia Greer, at 613-723-2680 or from the office at 613-224-7431, stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca.

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.

This week Ray Davidson submitted a picture of his daughter Helen's crabapple jelly – made with St Mark's crabapples.



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.


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 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.

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.



Help the Community Ministries of Ottawa Build a Community of Hope!

Participate in a virtual Fundraiser and Silent Auction, replacing the annual Breakfast of Hope, for our Today 4 Tomorrow partners – The Community Ministries of Ottawa. They are five Anglican social service agencies that serve so many people struggling with poverty, homelessness and mental health issues: Centre 454, Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, St Luke's Table and The Well.

This virtual event and silent auction will feature a panel moderated by our Bishop – The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker – to answer questions about how the Community Ministries are responding to COVID-19 to care for the people who are most at risk. Along with a pre-recorded video from Dr. Vera Etches (Medical Officer of Health – Ottawa Public Health), the panelists are: The Rev. Canon Dr. Peter John Hobbs (Director of Community Ministries), Martine Dore (Executive Director, Cornerstone Housing for Women), Rachel Robinson (Executive Director, Centre 454, St Luke's Table and The Well Day Programs), Sharon York (Executive Director, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre), Kaitie Burkholder Harris (Executive Director, Alliance to End Homelessness), Catherine McKenney (Ottawa City Councillor, Somerset Ward) and Kim Van Herk (RN, Ottawa Inner City Health).



Please register at this link, www.todayfortomorrow.ca/event-registration, to receive more information about the event, silent auction and how you can help.

WWW.TODAYFORTOMORROW.CA

Hold the date for the Building a Community of Hope Virtual Fundraiser and Silent Auction for the Community Ministries of Ottawa

(Replaces the Breakfast of Hope)

OCTOBER 15, 2020
12:30pm - 1:15 pm

Our Community Ministries have done so much to quickly and compassionately adjust their services to help the people who are most vulnerable during this time. Here's how you can support the Community Ministries to take care of people in the midst of this pandemic:

Register for the Building a Community of Hope fundraiser and silent auction at www.todayfortomorrow.ca/event-registration

Make a monthly or one-time donation at www.todayfortomorrow.ca/make-a-gift

Look for the brochure inserted in October Crosstalk and send in a donation in the postage paid envelope

Your event registration will give you access to early bidding opportunities for our extensive silent auction of 40+ items.

Charitable Registration Number: 108084658 RR0030