



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Welcome to the thirty second 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.

- Craig McCaul celebrates his birthday on November 6

### 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 and numbers were up last Sunday.

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, the full Diocesan Plan was revised on October 14 and is available at [Diocesan Plan - In This Together](#). There is a summary of the plan on pages 3-5.

### 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.

### St Mark’s Bazaar 2020

The team is working through a number the logistics of an online bazaar. We will be offering items each week for the next several weeks – including an exciting new venture. This week, the preserves are available for purchase. Click [Preserves Order Sheet](#) to see the list. To order, you can print the list and scan it to send it back or you can just send an email or leave a phone message. To order, list the item number, name and number ordered. Please include the time you are calling if you are ordering by phone. (We can see the time on an email.) You can pay by credit card or cash. The final details on pick up or delivery are being worked out and arrangements will be made when your order is received. Feel free to share the order sheet with your friends and neighbours.

### Bishop’s Visit

Bishop Shane made his first official Episcopal Visitation to St Mark’s on November 1, All Saints’ Day. Bishop Shane celebrated the Eucharist and preached to the congregation. Afterwards, he and Fr Julian greeted parishioners outside.



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### **Video Background**

For the video on November 15, which is the last Sunday of ordinary time (November 22 is Reign of Christ) until January, I would like to do a slide show of late fall. That is slides which show the progress of the bright leaves to leaves falling to the first dusting of snow. Remember that landscape orientation works much better than portrait for the videos. If you have anything suitable, please send them to the office at [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca) by November 10.

### **Forward Day by Day**

The Forward Day by Day booklets for November through January are available in the office. Please call the office to make arrangements for pick-up or ask at church on Sunday morning.

### **Cenotaph Remembrance Ceremony**

For the first time, the Royal Canadian Legion is asking the public to pay their respects virtually instead of in person for the 2020 [National Remembrance Day Ceremony](#). You can watch the solemn ceremony and take part in the two minutes of silence via the [Legion's facebook page](#).

Please consider supporting the Legion through the purchase of items from their new [Poppy Store](#) or making a donation to the [National Poppy Trust Fund](#). Many branches



### **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 5](#)

are suffering financially due to COVID-related restrictions.

### **River Ward's Older Adult Summit**

River Ward's Older Adult Summit occurred online on October 29. For those of you who were unable to attend, the proceedings were recorded and can be watched at [Older Adult Summit](#). This summit included presentations from Ottawa Public Health and Council on Aging.

### **Re-Source Thrift Shop**

The re-Source Thrift Shop Ottawa is pleased to announce that we are NOW OPEN!!

Stop in for a visit to say hello to our friendly volunteers and pick up some great deals!

Interested in volunteering? We have many different opportunities available and provide a safe, fun atmosphere where your contributions can make a real impact in supporting Christian education in Ottawa. Please contact Brenda at [info@re-sourceottawa.ca](mailto:info@re-sourceottawa.ca) or visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/resourcethriftotawa>) for more information.

The store is located at 1400 Clyde Ave in the Bleeker mall, and is open from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays. Donations are accepted during store hours at the back of the building.

Funds generated from the re-Source Thrift Shop Ottawa will be used to support Christian education in the Ottawa area, including Redeemer Christian High School (Nepean), Ottawa Christian School (Barrhaven), and Community Christian School (Metcalf).

### **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.

Sheila Ferguson has sent in a smile for us this week.

### **GOING IN SANE**

Please be careful. Because people are going crazy from being locked down at home. I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my coffee, and we all agreed that things were getting bad. I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine. Because she puts a different spin on every thing. Certainly couldn't share with the fridge cause he's been acting cold and distant. In the end, the iron straightened me out: She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out.

The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up. But the fan was very optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon. The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion. But the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip! !

You can just about guess what the curtains told me. They told me to "Pull myself together".

So next time you are down read this a couple of times your mood changes.

### **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.

### **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

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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 into 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](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca).