



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

**November 20, 2020**

Dear friends,

Welcome to the thirty fourth 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.

- Pat Longsworth celebrated her 90th birthday on November 20
- James Martinez-Ball celebrates his 10th birthday on November 22.
- Karen Greer celebrates her birthday on November 23

### 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

Each week for the next several weeks we will be adding new items to the selection available. This week, we have Gail Denton's delectable carrot cakes available for pick-up on December 4. We are also pleased to offer a selection of Janis Perkin's amazing Christmas Cards. These are mostly one of a kind, but Janis is willing to do custom orders for that special someone. Printed Christmas Cards are also available. Don't forget all the previous offerings! This week's order sheet shows remaining quantities of all previously offered items. Don't forget to try our new venture this year: frozen cookie dough. Just pop it in the oven and have those wonderful freshly baked cookies! There are still some of Pat

Sinclair's wonderful pies available to order for pick up on December 7. Click [Bazaar Order Sheet](#) to see the list of items available. To order, contact the church office by email or phone and give your contact information then 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 cheque made payable to St Mark's, credit card or cash. Within a few days, you will be contacted to make arrangements for pick up or delivery. You are encouraged to share the order sheet with your friends and neighbours.

### **Christmas Cookie Boxes**

We will continue our Christmas cookie boxes this year. However, this year, because of changing demands on the organizer, they will come out in mid-December. If you are willing to bake cookies – or if you wish to order cookies, please contact the office.



**St Mark's Gardens**

On Sunday mornings, you may have taken a moment to stop and admire the lovely flowers in the gardens bordering the link walkway. The front of the church has colourful garden beds and pots of seasonal flowers. For the past three years, Margaret Blakeney has been sharing her gardening skills. On any given weekday morning or Sunday after service, we find Margaret weeding, planting, raking and pruning. She generously donates not only her time and ability but also purchases the plants. We are thankful to Margaret for taking on this task and send out a special mention to Jenny

Morphew and John Hancock for their helping hands.

### **Thank You**

Corporation and all of us at St Mark's owe a debt of gratitude to Joy Bowerman for her tireless commitment to the church community. As our parish administrator for almost 6 years, Joy has ensured the smooth and efficient operation of St Mark's by overseeing the daily activities and operations, and managing the business side of the church. More recently due to the pandemic, Joy has also taken on the weekly parish newsletter plus the organizing and execution of an on-line Morning Prayer service, launched on March 22. These YouTube posts have included inspirational slideshows and most of the sung portions of the service. And now, as Christmas approaches, she is organizing the on-line bazaar. From all of us at St Mark's, a huge THANK YOU!



St Mark's is also thankful to Alex Dee who has spent countless hours editing the videos, splicing bits together, filtering out glitches, adding open captions and even providing his

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percussion expertise and rich baritone voice to some of the vocals.

(Also a thank-you to Alex from his mother. He has had to educate his mother on recording technology from scratch, not always altogether patiently (It is his mother, after all) and put up with the how do I do this? Could we do this? Would you... We would not be doing what we are doing without him.).



### **Video Backgrounds**

Thank you to those who contributed to the video background for this week's Morning Prayer. There are some great and truly Ottawa Valley photos in there! Whenever you see a particularly photogenic sight which you think would suit as a background, please feel free to share. Landscape pictures are the best. I can't guarantee I will use every picture but I do enjoy every picture. – Joy

### **Calendars**

Our calendars are completely sold out. If you are interested in a calendar please contact Cynthia before November 24. If there are enough requests, she will order more. 613-723-2680

### **PWRDF**

As your parish PWRDF Rep and as we are now starting to think about Christmas. Please think about the PWRDF "World of Gifts" and the Christmas cards. The website is well programme serving five African countries has been extended and is now being matched by the Government at 6: 1. You should also have received the "World of gifts" in your Crosstalk. Jenny 613 225 6301

### **Free Financial Workshop for People over 50**

Virtual Workshop - Addressing Financial Concerns for Seniors

#### **Description**

The Canadian Foundation for Economic Education ([www.cfee.org](http://www.cfee.org)) together with IG Wealth Management, has organized a series of virtual workshops designed to help seniors develop a better understanding of financial issues relevant and important to them.

Our goal for the workshops is to help participants:

- learn how to set and reach financial goals
- adapt, plan for and manage retirement from a financial perspective
- recognize various expenses and plan a practical budget
- learn how to continue saving in retirement
- plan and start a second career
- cope with the loss of a partner or spouse
- make estate arrangements
- wills and legacy giving

The workshop will also address the financial challenges of living in a COVID-19 pandemic.

This workshop will be presented by Kevin Maynard, Vice-President of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education, and hosted on the Zoom videoconferencing platform.



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This event is sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and ELFEC (Lutheran Foundation).

Time: Nov 24, 2020 12:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

To register: [https://cfee-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QsgCKNheRP6lknkDJczmdg](https://cfee-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QsgCKNheRP6lknkDJczmdg)

### **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.

### **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/resourcethriftottawa>) for more information.

The store is located at 1400 Clyde Ave in the Blecker 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).worth a visit: <https://pwrdf.org/> Our "All Mothers and Children Count Covid-19"

### **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.

### **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 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).