



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

**December 18, 2020**

Dear friends,

Welcome to the thirty 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.

- Carolyn Findlay celebrates her birthday on December 18<sup>th</sup>
- Patrick Findlay celebrates his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 22<sup>nd</sup>

### No Newsletter Next Week

There will be no newsletter on Friday next week. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Christmas and best wishes for the New Year - Joy

### 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.

### Christmas In-Person Worship

You many now register for the in-person service Christmas Eve at 7 pm. There is a strict limit of 50 people so if you would like to attend, you might be wise to register early.

### Video Services

This coming week there will be a service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve which will be released at noon on December 24 (all things being equal). There will also be services of Morning Prayer for Advent 4 released on December 19 at noon as well as one for Christmas Day released early on December 25.

Although in-person worship continues, there will be no video services for December 27 or January 3. Starting on January 10, video services will continue every other week.

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

### Christmas Flowers

There will be flowers in the church at Christmas. If you would like to make a donation to flowers, please let the office know by Sunday, December 20.

### St Mark's Bazaar 2020

The bazaar is now winding down. There are not many items remaining. There are still dish cloths, 2 boxes of cookies, 2 frozen chocolate chip cookie dough, some strawberry jam, salsa, picallili and Seville Orange Marmalade. The first batch of turkey pies have been made and there are a limited quantity available. If you are interested in turkey pies, please let the office know. If there are not any remaining in this batch, your name will be put on the pre-sold list for the next batch which we hope to do sometime in January.

## Video Backgrounds

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

## Rev. Rhondda MacKay's Artwork

The Rev. Rhondda MacKay is an artist and currently has an online show with 50% of the proceeds going to PWRDF. You may enjoy the show at this link.

<https://sites.google.com/view/rhondda-art>

## 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.

## Envelopes for 2021

The envelope secretary is preparing the 2021 offering envelopes. If you would like envelopes or to change your monthly PAR, please contact Karen Roberts at [graniteseven@yahoo.ca](mailto:graniteseven@yahoo.ca). It has been a little difficult this year to figure out how to get the envelopes to you. What is going to happen is that the envelopes will be out at the church for pickup, if you attend church. If you do not, you can contact the office to arrange for pickup. However, your envelope number will



Artwork provided by Anna Mikhailov, River Ward resident and student of Canterbury High School.  
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS Joyeux Noël

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas,  
Happy New Year and safe Holiday Season

Je vous souhaite, ainsi qu'à votre famille, un joyeux Noël, une bonne et  
heureuse année et un temps des Fêtes en toute sécurité

If I can be of any assistance during this Holiday Season or into the winter months, particularly  
at this challenging time with COVID-19, Please reach out to my office.

Si je peux vous être d'une aide quelconque durant les Fêtes ou cet hiver, tout particulièrement  
en ces temps difficiles en raison de la COVID, n'hésitez pas à contacter mon bureau.



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be the same as 2020. You can just put your offering in a plain envelope and write the number on – or we can always look it up.

## 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.

## Contacting the Church

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).