



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

January 22, 2021

Dear friends,

### Vestry 2021

Welcome to the forty third edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

The diocese has prohibited in-person vestry meetings of any kind until further notice. Accordingly, our vestry will be held on February 28 via Zoom. Keep watching for more details.

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### Vestry Reports

### Shout Outs

Yes, even in spite of the strange year we have had, there will still be a vestry report. If you would normally submit a vestry report, please start considering what you have to report. Vestry reports will be due on **January 31**. Thank you to those who have already submitted.

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 **MONDAY EVENING** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday. We are now recording on Tuesday to accommodate Stephanie's schedule of classes.

### Vestry Report for Video Services

- Dave & Pat Sinclair celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Penny & Gary Miller celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on January 24<sup>th</sup>
- Janis Perkin celebrates her birthday on January 22<sup>nd</sup>

I will be putting together a vestry report on the video services with have formed such a large part of our worship this past year. We are trying to get a feel for where the viewers for the service are located geographically. If you have been forwarding the service to anyone in a different geographical region, it would be very much appreciated if you would let the office know where it is going. – Joy

### Video Services

### Lenten Outreach Projects

Morning Prayer for January 24 should arrive in your inbox on January 23 at 12 pm. Video services will continue every week until in-person worship resumes and thereafter every other week. This week's service was recorded in accordance with new restrictions from the diocese associated with the "Stay at Home" order. More portions than usual have been recorded at home for this service and everyone in the church is masked. If you find it harder to follow when mouths are covered, please note that the entire service is close-captioned.

Lent begins this year on February 17. At the Parish Council Meeting on January 20, it was decided that the projects for this year's Lenten Outreach would be St Luke's Table and the Diocesan Refugee Ministry.

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

### New Video Production Tool



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My Christmas present from Alex this year was a clapper which is used to sync the video and sound (instead of having to clap). It has the added benefit that you can zoom in on the board and tell which piece of video it is. Thank you to Alex! - Joy

### **Thousand Doves Project**

Building on 40 years experience, our diocesan refugee ministry has been able to support hundreds of the world's most vulnerable people to have a new beginning in the Ottawa region. Together, we can do even more to help our global neighbours who are forced to seek a safe place to rebuild their lives.

With your help, the people of the Diocese will celebrate and support this work by creating 1,000 paper doves and, beginning on Pentecost Sunday, spreading their wings of hope above the nave of Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa.

This will be a unique art installation celebrating the contribution of refugees in our communities, raising awareness of the need for refugee sponsorship, and enhancing our capacity to engage in this life-giving ministry.

**BE PART OF THE THOUSAND DOVES PROJECT BY FOLLOWING THESE 5 EASY STEPS!**

Step #1: Register your willingness to make paper doves and collect pledges for the refugee ministry, at [thousanddoves@ottawa.anglican.ca](mailto:thousanddoves@ottawa.anglican.ca)

Step #2: Collect pledges from family, friends, and other sponsors for your doves. [Visit online donation form here.](#)

Step #3: Follow these [step-by-step instructions](#) to make your doves [Video, how to make a paper dove](#) (you can use any white paper, but larger squares make bigger doves).

Step #4: Bring your doves to one of our church drop-off locations by May (you will receive detailed information on the process for collecting the doves).

Step #5: See your doves as part of the flock of a thousand at Christ Church Cathedral! You will receive information on the May 23

livestream “reveal”, and how to view the installation safely in person.

**THANK YOU FOR SPREADING WINGS OF HOPE IN SUPPORT OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA'S REFUGEE MINISTRY**

### **Forward Day by Day**

The Forward Day by Day have arrived in the office. Please contact the office about picking one up.

### **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

### **Envelopes for 2021**

If you would like envelopes or to change your monthly PAR, please contact Karen Roberts at [graniteseven@yahoo.ca](mailto:graniteseven@yahoo.ca). Envelopes will be available at the church for pickup. However, your envelope number will 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.



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### 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)

We will end this newsletter with some wonderful photos taken by Joanne Pagani during the snowfall last weekend. You may also see a selection during the postlude in this week's video.

