



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

January 29, 2021

Dear friends,

Welcome to the forty 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 **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.

- Miller Throp, grandson of Wanda Bowman, celebrates his 2nd birthday on January 30th

Video Services

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.

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

Vestry 2021 – February 28 11 AM

The diocese has prohibited in-person vestry meetings of any kind until further notice. Accordingly, our vestry will be held on February 28 at 11 am via Zoom. If you would like to attend vestry this year, we would ask you to pre-register with the office. If you are

unfamiliar with Zoom but would like to attend the vestry, or you would like to practice with Zoom before the vestry meeting, please let the office know and we will set up a practice session ahead of time. You can also access the Zoom meeting via phone if you or anyone you know would prefer to participate via phone rather than computer.

Vestry Reports – DUE IN 2 DAYS

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.

Vestry Report for Video Services

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

Lenten Outreach Projects

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.

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

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Envelopes for 2021

If you would like envelopes or to change your monthly PAR, please contact Karen Roberts at 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.

Contacting the Church

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.

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