



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

February 5, 2021

Dear friends,

Video Services

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

Morning Prayer for February 7 should arrive in your inbox on February 6 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.

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

Shout Outs

Black History Month

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.

February is Black History Month and we are observing it with a series of guest speakers during Morning Prayer. In his newsletter, Councillor Riley Brockington gives 5 reasons to celebrate Black History Month.

- Fr Julian came to Canada 2 years ago on February 9th to take up duties with the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

“Five reasons why celebrating Black History Month is important:



1. Celebrating Honours the Historic Leaders of the Black Community
2. Celebrating Helps Us to Be Better Stewards of the Privileges We’ve Gained
3. Celebrating Provides an Opportunity to Highlight the Best of Black History & Culture
4. Celebrating Creates Awareness for All People
5. Celebrating Reminds Us All that Black History Is OUR History

We are stronger as a community and city when all residents are celebrated, respected, treated fairly and equitably.”

The Ottawa Public Library has a number of virtual programs running for Black History Month which you can find [here](#).

Vestry Report

The Vestry Report is now available and may be found [here](#).

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.

We are working through the steps on how to do this.

1. If you would like to attend vestry this year, you **must** pre-register with the office. You will be sent a google form which will contain your vestry declaration and information which will help us manage the meeting.
2. If you have corrections to the reports, please submit them ahead of time, if possible.
3. We are including motions of thanks at the end of the meeting but please submit them to the office ahead of time, if possible.

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.

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.

Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday

We are, of course, unable to have our usual Pancake Supper of Tuesday and current restrictions have meant that we are unable to organize any kind of take-out pancakes. However, we invite you all to have a virtual pancake supper together in our own homes with sausages, pancakes, and ice cream or apples for dessert.



Ray Davidson would like to introduce his newest great-grandson Byron Harold Marlo born on Saturday January 30, 2020 to his granddaughter Erin.

From the Ward 9 Newsletter:

Be a Hydrant Hero this year! Send a photo of your cleared hydrant to hydrants@ottawa.ca and receive your official Hydrant Hero certificate! As part of this initiative, students can also request confirmation of their community involvement hours. Also send your Hydrant Hero photo to ward9@ottawa.ca to be featured in our Newsletter!

On Friday February 5th at 9:00a.m. there was a Joint Built-Heritage and Planning Committee meeting to discuss the new design for the Chateau Laurier. Additionally, there is an Ottawa Public Health meeting on Monday at 5:00p.m. Meeting recordings remain on YouTube and can be watched anytime on the [Ottawa YouTube Channel](#).

Lastly, a reminder of the Ward 9 Virtual Community Meeting with Dr. Brent Moloughney, Deputy Medical Officer of Health, to answer all of your COVID-19 questions, will be on February 9th at 6:30p.m. Please e-mail ward9@ottawa.ca to register, you will receive a Zoom link closer to the date.

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Snow Angel Challenge

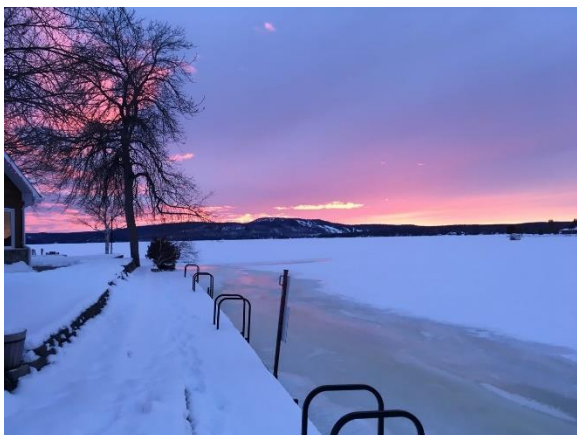
This February, families, schools, community & sports groups and the business community are building snow angels and gathering pledges to help support The Snowsuit Fund of Ottawa!

The Snowsuit Fund purchases and distributes more than 16,000 snowsuits annually to children 15 years and younger in need in our community. Our core mission is to ensure that Ottawa's most vulnerable children can have warm snowsuits to play outside in winter – without their families having to sacrifice other priorities.

We're encouraging people to get outside and (while socially distant!) dive into the snow. Make an angel, and upload photo of you doing it to your favourite social media site. [Register here](#) and tag us in your post challenging your friends & neighbours to do the same! You can also do this while raising funds to help us fulfil our mission of keeping every child warm this winter! The Snowsuit Fund's Snow Angel Challenge, February 1st to 28th, is presented by your local Canadian Tire dealers of Ottawa.

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. 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

(Photo taken at Calabogie by S. Bisson)