



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

Welcome to 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.

### Compline

The remaining compline service will take place on September 5 at 5:30 pm. Pandemic restrictions are still in place so please register ahead of time with the office by calling 613-224-7431 or email [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)

We will be following the same protocols as we did last September.

- Make sure you are feeling well
- Confirm that you do not have any of the COVID indicators. Questions are on the link door
- Wear a mask
- Sanitize your hands on entry
- Maintain social distancing while in the church and in the pews. (Family groups may sit together); and
- Depart church as quickly as possible after the service.

Refreshments and social time outside are planned for after the service.

Please join us for a time of quiet contemplation at Eventide.

### Video Services

Morning Prayer for August 29 should arrive in your inbox on August 28 at 12 pm.

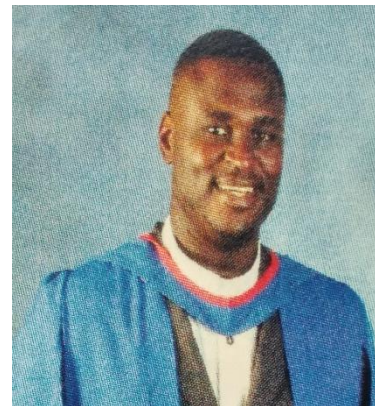


Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the music editing for this endeavour.

### A Note from Betty Caughlin

On behalf of the congregation of St. Mark's & beyond, I want to thank all the people who have provided us with virtual worship since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you Fr. Julian, Joy Bowerman, Ariane Dind and all those people who have participated as assistants; thanks to Alex Dee for his involvement in recording the services and for teaching others to do the same. The opportunities for worship you have given us have helped us remain within our community of faith during a prolonged and difficult time. Our lives are fuller and healthier because of your dedication. Thank you.

### Anniversary of Fr Julian's Ordination



Fr Julian was ordained to the priesthood 13 years ago on the Feast of St Bartholomew (August 24). We are marking that occasion in the Morning

Prayer this week (which was recorded on August 24) with readings and hymns from his ordination service. This picture was taken from the order of service from his ordination. We wish him continued blessings and joy in his ordained ministry

### **I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

The opening hymn this week is in both the American and Caribbean hymn books. While we were recording, Brenda recounted an anecdote about this hymn. After her father had passed away, Brenda was in a church in the States and picked up a hymn book. When she opened the cover, she could see her dad's writing, with a pencilled annotation of 243. She thought to herself that she would like to see the words to *I sing a song of the saints of God*. She turned to 243 and there it was. Thank you, Dad.

### **A Note from the COVID Communiqué**

“We are keeping our eyes on infection rates across our diocese, and will alert you if increased restrictions are required this fall. Meanwhile, we encourage you to urge vaccination in your parish and community. At this point, we are not requiring that all worshippers be double-vaccinated. However for certain roles—such as singing in the choir, or administering communion—every eligible person who has no medical condition preventing vaccination should be fully vaccinated before they participate in liturgies (and, in the case of choristers, rehearsals). Clergy are encouraged to announce that they are full vaccinated.”

In light of this, I would like to let everyone know that all the people working on the recorded services have been fully vaccinated. This includes clergy, assistants, singer, organist and music mixer.

### **Pandemic Restrictions**

We are working to returning to in-person worship. We will be returning to regular Sunday worship September 12. Your parish pandemic team is working on the details as the world continues to change around us.

The Diocese has newly revised the pandemic restrictions. If you wish to look at the newly revised restrictions, they may be found in their [In This Together](#) plan. (This is an updated version from last week. It was revised July 21.) We moved to the Amber Stage on July 6 and will move to Yellow Stage on August 3.

This pandemic has changed our lives and it has not been easy for any of us. We are looking forward to resuming in-person worship and continuing on with our ministry activities, but we must continue to remain diligent to keep us all safe.

Your continued patience and support are very much appreciated.

### **Carleton Memorial Daycare (last week)**

Carleton Memorial Daycare is using our church hall for its summer day camp again this summer beginning on Monday, July 5. Because there are stringent COVID-19 protocols in place, they cannot allow anyone into their space while they are using it (including parents of the children). Therefore, **you may not use the link door to enter the church, enter the church hall or use the washrooms in the church hall during weekdays.**

### **Mugs for St Luke's Table**

I am reaching out today as St Luke's Table is in dire need of coffee mugs. If you have extra that you would like to donate, please drop them off at St Luke's Table 760 Somerset St. W. (613 238 4193) Monday - Friday 9 AM - 7 PM or, Sat and Sunday 12 PM - 7 PM

Please, do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. - Kimberly Latka



**August 27, 2021**

A photo from this past Tuesday. Joan was collecting school supplies for Debra-Dynes, Nancy was dropping off a donation and Brenda, Fr Julian and Joy had just finished recording the service for Sunday.

### **Help Needed for Livestreaming**

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the livestreaming.

There will be two cameras, one that is static and the other, which will require an operator.

If you would like to learn a new skill and help record the service, please contact the office at 613-224-7431 or [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca).

### **Video Backgrounds – Last Week**

This is the last service that will be pre-recorded and will need backgrounds for the title slides so send in your photos! People also enjoy the photos during the postlude so don't be shy. Remember landscape (vs portrait) pictures work best for a background. Many thanks to the people who have been sending them in. If you don't see them all in one week, look for them the next. Joy!

### **E-Transfers to the Church**

After long and arduous consultations with the bank, we can now accept e-transfers to the main church account. We cannot do autodeposit because of the type of account but you may e-transfer money to [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca). You will be required to give a question. Please either make the answer obvious or email the office and let them know the answer to the question. This option has no cost to the church.

### **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 2021 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)