# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church 1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa ON K2C 1X6



## **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.

- Vernon MacLean celebrated his birthday on September 8
- Joy Bowerman celebrates her birthday on September 14

## **In-person Worship Begins September 12**

This Sunday will begin our in-person worship.

Pandemic restrictions are still in place so please register ahead of time with the office by calling 613-224-7431 or email <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>

Details of the rectrictions in place will be found <u>here</u>.

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.

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#### Livestreaming begins this Sunday

This Sunday also be the beginning of our live streaming. You may have to bear with us as we sort out this new technology and figure out how all the pieces fit together. We will be livestreaming on YouTube which is where all of our previous recorded videos are. YouTube automatically saves the streams so they will be available to watch later. The stream will start at 8:55 and <u>this</u> is the link to connect to the stream.

## Blessing

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Alternative Services, 679)

## 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. ... 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)."

## Slim & Trim

Slim and Trim will resume on Monday, September 20 in the hall. It will take place on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9 to 9:30. There is a maximum of 10 participants. Please contact Jenny Morphew to register. 613-225-6301.

## **Compline on September 5**

Our final compline service took place on September 5. Fr Julian led the service. The greatest excitement (well, I suppose that depends on who you are) was that there was a small choir in attendance. It was the first time that there has been more than one singer in the sanctuary since March 8, 2020.



#### E-Transfers to the Church

W can 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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. 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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. 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 <a href="mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca">stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</a>