



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future.

register ahead of time with the office by calling 613-224-7431 or email stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

Details of the restrictions in place will be found [here](#).

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

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 **Wednesday noon** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

Prayers

Please pray for Fr Julian and his family as they grapple this week with the death of his nephew, Roscoe from COVID-19. Roscoe's twin sisters marked their birthday on the day he died at the age of 36. The family was still mourning the death of their aunt, Madrica from COVID.

David Knight, son of Joan and brother of Will has passed away from cancer and will be interred this week at Capital Memorial Gardens. We keep the Knight family in our prayers as well.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Bible Study Resumes

The Bible Study looking at the Acts of the Apostles is resuming on Wednesday, October 6 at 7 pm. It will be a Zoom meeting so please contact Fr Julian at frejc@stmarksottawa.ca and he will send you the link.

In-person Worship

This Sunday will be the last regular service at 9 am. **Next Sunday, October 10 will have services at both 8 am and 10 am.** When you register to attend, please specify which service you would like to attend. Please

- 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.

Livestreaming

Livestreaming is continuing this week. There were a few hiccups last week and we are still learning the system.

The stream is automatically recorded so it can be watched later and I will add captions before the middle of the week – all things being equal. - Joy

The link for this week's stream is [here](#).

HELP!!

We need more volunteers!

St Mark's is now back to in-person worship and will have 2 services each Sunday, starting on October 10. Thus, we are needing more sidespersons and people to assist with COVID-19 Return-to-Worship duties. Won't you consider volunteering? For more information about what is involved, please contact Les Cundell (613-225-8779, lesliecundell@rogers.com) or Georgia Roberts (613-226-5693, georgia.roberts@ncf.ca).

As well, more readers at 8 am particularly would be most welcome. Reading can be

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combined with both COVID and sides duty. To volunteer for reading, contact the office.

Thanksgiving

Harvest Thanksgiving is next Sunday and we are looking for both canned goods and fresh produce to decorate the church. All items will be donated to the DDFH food bank after they are used in the service. You may drop off donations on Friday morning from 9 until noon. If you would like to donate but cannot drop off then, please contact the office to make other arrangements.

Safe & Warm for DDFH

DDFH is launching a community outreach event called "Safe and Warm" during the week of November 25. They will be distributing little packages of hats, mitts, gloves, scarves and socks particularly to the children in the community. I am therefore asking any knitters at St Mark's if you are able to help with this project.

Please contact me or Gillian for additional information.

In addition the collection box is still in the Link for food donations. I will make a delivery to DDFH next week.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Joan

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Looking for Jars

Don't forget, if you have any (spare) canning jars, please pass them along to the church.

The people who do such things are working away and the jars are in somewhat spotty supply.

Bazaar

The bazaar will be held virtually again this year, again over a period of time rather than trying to get everything together for one day.

Keep watching this space to see what is coming. You will likely see the lists for ordering available towards the end of October/beginning of November. You may

look forward to preserves, soup mixes, fruit pies & hopefully turkey pies (have to be able to find the turkeys). Other details will be released as they become available.

If you have any contributions, comments or suggestions, please contact Joy (or the office).



Helen McGill enjoys a visit with her friend Frida, a Portuguese Water Dog.

E-Transfers to the Church

We 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 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

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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. 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

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF HOPE



Today 4 Tomorrow @ delivering hope in our communities!

Hold the date for the Building a Community of Hope Virtual Tour, Fundraiser, and Silent Auction for the Community Ministries.

October 21st, 12:30 to 1:15pm

Help deliver hope in our communities by participating in "Building a Community of Hope" our 2nd virtual fundraiser and silent auction. Together, in 2020, we raised \$79,000 to help five social service agencies serve people struggling with poverty and mental health issues. This year we are expanding our reach to support seven agencies: Centre 105, Centre 454, Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, Refugee Ministry, St Luke's Table and The Well.

This year you are invited to join The Right Reverend Shane Parker, Community Ministries staff and participants, community leaders, and volunteers for a virtual tour of the seven social service agencies:

- Experience the positive changes they have made throughout the pandemic to serve the most at-risk people in our communities;
- Connect with them to hear about how they will deliver services as they transition into a post-pandemic world.

Here's how you can support our Community Ministries to make the post-pandemic transition with the people they serve.

- Register for the Building a Community of Hope Tour, Fundraiser, and Silent auction
- Make a monthly or one-time donation at www.todayfortomorrow.ca/make-a-gift
- Look for the brochure inserted in October *Crosstalk*

Please register at this link, <https://www.todayfortomorrow.ca/event-registration> to receive more information about the event, silent auction and how you can help.