



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

November 19, 2021

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

- James Martinez-Ball celebrates his 11th birthday on November 22
- Susan Martin celebrated her birthday on November 18, 2021

Vacation

Father Julian will be on vacation from November 9 through November 30. Canon Rhondda MacKay will be taking the services during this time. Welcome to Rev. Rhondda!

Upcoming Changes to Worship

Based on discussion by both the pandemic team and Corporation the following will be the course of action for St Mark's:

1. Maintain the status quo at both services until December 5, the second Sunday of Advent, when Fr Julian will have returned from vacation. This means that for both services on November 14, 21 and 28 there will be masking, capacity limits, physical distancing, and contact tracing, but no proof of vaccination will be required. Advance registration is advised.
2. **Beginning on Dec 5**, the 8 am service will remain unchanged, so no proof of vaccination will be required. However, **the 10 am service will require proof of full vaccination and personal ID**. Physical distancing will still be strongly encouraged.

3. There will be no indoor social time after either service until further notice.

Livestreaming

The livestream will begin this week at 9:55 with a short act of remembrance

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](#).

In-person Worship

In person worship continues at both 8 and 10 am. When you register to attend, please specify which service you would like to attend. Please 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.

- 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.

PWRDF Advent Resource

Ideal for personal prayer or group study, Thread of Hope ties together a diverse array of writers, viewpoints and activities suitable for adults and youth alike. Each week of Advent begins with an illustration and scripture passage that takes us through the familiar Advent story, from the angel messengers and the journey to Bethlehem, to

the shepherds responding to the call and the birth of Jesus.

Sundays you'll read a reflection from a PWRDF partner, volunteer or staff member, followed by a guided meditation from Rev. Cheryl Barker (read or listen!).

During the week, a different writer will reflect on a scripture passage and offer a prayer for each day, followed by a PWRDF story.

This resource can be received as a daily message in your email or downloaded in its entirety.

To learn more or to subscribe, go to pwrdf.org/Advent2021

Lecture Series & Book Study

Check out the posters at the end of the newsletter for information on the new lectures series from the diocese and the Indigenous Book Study series from All My Relations.

Office Hours

The office will be open most Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. Please call ahead to make sure someone is in.

Forward Day by Day

The Forward Day by Day is now available for November through January. Copies are available at the table in the link.

Church Directories

A new church directory will be printed shortly. If any of your contact information has changed, please notify the office. If you wish to have a copy of the directory, please notify the church office. You may receive the directory in paper or electronic form. To receive a directory, you must have given permission to have your own name printed in the directory.

Bazaar

After church on Sunday, orders will be available for pick up and there will be a display of items for purchase. You must maintain distancing and the portable HEPA filters will be on in the hall.

[Here](#) is the bazaar order form. Check the order form carefully, there are all sorts of new and exciting things this week.

Carrot Cakes are available on Sunday.

New this week, there are hand towels available for \$5.00 each. We also received some lovely garlic courtesy of Margaret Williamson's, Ian who grows it.

I think the full line of baked goods is on offer with a timeline for availability. Next week, All-Butter Shortbread will be available – Don't forget to order ahead.

There are still 6 types of frozen cookie dough on offer and a variety pack of 2 dozen cookies with 4 of each type.

There are still some preserves although availability is somewhat limited

Knitted dishcloths are available, although the supplier has changed.

Soup mixes are still available but the turkey pies have sold out.

A catalogue of Janis's amazing cards is back. New this year are packages of Christmas note cards. They are at the end of the cards section.

Exciting and new this year, we have a catalogue of knitted hats and scarves which you can peruse. There are some lovely luxurious and elegant little scarves, some sturdy scarves and some warm and cozy hats with a double-thickness ear band.

Please contact the office to place your order. Order forms will be available at the table in the link as well. Cynthia Greer and Pauline Adams will be fulfilling the orders. Any orders received during the week will be ready for pick up the following Sunday, or by arrangement with Pauline and Cynthia.

This year you may pay by cash, cheque or e-transfer to the church. (See instructions on e-transfer below) If you e-transfer, please let the office know so that it can be retrieved from spam, if required.

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If you offered to bake for the Cookie Boxes, please have your cookies to Joy by December 10.

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

Puddings

Puddings are now available: 400 grams \$7.00, and 800 grams \$14.00.

To order puddings, please contact Cynthia Greer. There will also be a sign up sheet in the Link. Cynthia will try to give them out on Sundays. Please put the cheque or cash in an envelope with your name on.

Cynthia Greer 613-723-2680
greercynthia69@yahoo.com

River Ward Older Adult Summit - Virtual

On November 26 City Councillor Riley Brockington of River Ward will be hosting a Virtual Older Adult Summit from 1pm to 3pm via zoom. Speakers from the Council on Aging, Ottawa Fire Service, Safer Roads, and Ottawa Public Health will be making presentations. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

To register for the event, please visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/OlderAdultSummit>

For assistance with registering, contact the River Ward office on 613 580 2486 or email Rhiannon.Wilson@Ottawa.ca

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.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Joan 613 262-4108.

joan.hounsell@gmail.com

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 donation by credit card, you may do so at CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47820>.

Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored.

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



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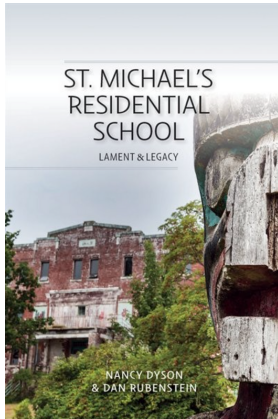
MICHELLE GOOD

is the author of the powerful Governor-General's Award-winning novel *Five Little Indians*. Michelle will deliver the first lecture in a series that commemorates the 125th anniversary of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa on [Monday, December 6, 2021](#) at 7:30 pm.

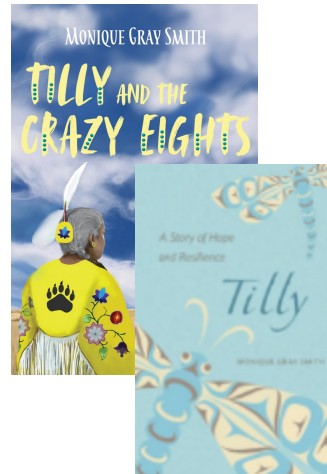
watch for upcoming lecture dates

Journeying as Allies

Join us to read and discuss books in the spirit of reconciliation



October 3:
St. Michael's Residential School: Lament & Legacy
by Nancy Dyson and Dan Rubenstein



November 28:
Tilly or Tilly and the Crazy Eights
by Monique Gray Smith
(Readers can choose one or both)



January 30:
Life Among the Qallunaat
by Mini Aodla Freeman



March 27:
Five Little Indians
by Michelle Good

Meeting times are 2pm-4pm on Zoom. Join our mailing list to receive connection information in advance of the discussions.

Contact All My Relations: allmyrelations@ottawa.anglican.ca