



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.

The PWRDF is accepting donations for victims of the floods in British Columbia.

You make donate online at:
<https://pwrdf.org/give-today/>

Livestreaming

The livestream will begin this week at 9:55. We will light the Advent Wreath for the first Sunday of Advent

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, which they weren't again this week. The link for this week's stream is [here](#).

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.

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!

Silent Auction

Autumn Trees by Rhondda MacKay, watercolour ink on watercolour paper, 8" x 10". Experimenting with inks, this reminded me of our prolonged autumn with all kinds of colour.

Rhondda is offering this piece of art in silent auction after the 10 am service today. All funds raised will go to PWRDF to support their assistance to flooded areas in British Columbia. The minimum bid is \$60.



Our New and Revamped Website

We are very, very close to being able to unveil the revamped website. It should go live within hours. Check in every so often to see if it is up and running.

<http://www.stmarksottawa.ca>

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**. You will be able to show your proof of vaccination either electronically or in a paper document. Physical distancing will still be strongly encouraged.

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

Clarification from the Diocese

In recent weeks, we have seen a couple of instances of people removing their masks to read. The diocese was asked for clarification on this issue and this reply from Archdeacon Linda Hill:

“Regarding readers:

The wearing of masks is a keystone to keeping us all as safe as possible during this pandemic, so readers must not be allowed to remove their masks. (...)

I hope this helps. I can't wait until this pandemic is over, and I bet you feel the same!

Keep up the good work. Blessings, Linda”

Giving Opportunities with PWRDF

There are PWRDF Christmas Cards which may be ordered before December 1 from: <https://pwrdf.org/christmascards2021/>

There is the World of Gifts catalogue which may be found at: <https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/shop-pwrdfs-world-of-gifts/>

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.

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. New this week, is Hot Sauce. These are 5 oz wozy bottles of Bajan-style and Jamaican-style hot sauces for \$5.00 each. (Yes, the bottles with the narrow necks and a flow reducer on top are really called wozy bottles – who knew?)

All Butter Shortbread are available on Sunday.

Next week, Blueberry, Raisin and Pecan Pies 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.

A catalogue of Janis's amazing cards is back. New this year are packages of Christmas note cards, a couple of new note card packages have been added this week. They are at the end of the cards section.

There is still knitting available and a couple of new items have been added.

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.

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

Perspectives from November 15



Joy's Backyard in the morning



Cat Island in the morning

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. I will try to get to them soon.

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.

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Thank you for your continued generosity.

Joan 613 262-4108.

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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.

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