



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

**December 3, 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.

- Doreen Matweow turns 93 on December 6.

### Passport Woes

On his way back to Ottawa on Monday, Fr Julian's passport went missing in the airport at Ft Lauderdale, Florida. At the time of writing, Fr Julian was stuck in Florida while his passport is replaced. Rev Rhondda has graciously agreed to step in for us this Sunday.

### Livestreaming

The livestream will begin this week at 9:55. We will light the Advent Wreath for the second 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. The link for this week's stream is [here](#).

### New COVID Screening Process for Worship Services, beginning December 5

In-person worship continues at St Mark's at both 8 and 10 a.m. However there are some modifications of COVID procedures beginning December 5. Please be mindful of the following:

1. The COVID procedures at the 8 a.m. service remain unchanged.

2. All persons attending the 10 a.m. service will be required to provide proof of full vaccination either electronically or paper document and provide an approved government picture identification (drivers licence, Ontario photo ID, passport, etc.).
3. All persons involved with the 10 am service, as well as those attending, are requested to enter through the Link doors only. This will ensure that everyone will have shown proof of full vaccination and have provided contact information prior to the commencement of the service.
4. Pre-registration is recommended for either service, but particularly for the 10 am service, since capacity limits will be in place in the nave until further notice. Pre-register through the office by calling 613-224-7431 or by emailing [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca). And don't forget to specify which service you wish to attend.
5. For either service, masks are mandatory at all times while inside the building, with physical distancing strongly encouraged.
6. There will continue to be no indoor social time after either service until further notice.

Also, please continue to follow these additional protocols at both services:

- Make sure you are feeling well
- Check that you do not have any of the COVID indicators. Questions for self-screening are on the exterior Link door
- Sanitize your hands on entry
- Maintain social distancing while in the building
- Depart church as quickly as possible after the service.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience

### **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”

### **Our New Website**

Our new website is up and running as of mid-afternoon Friday November 26. The transition to the new host is completed. Thanks are due to the committee overseeing the new website: Suzanne Bisson, Joy Bowerman, Joan Hounsell and Georgia Roberts. Every week you may find the link to the latest or upcoming YouTube video, the latest newsletter and any recent news on the home page under the rotating pictures. The archive of all the newsletters is there as well if you look in the menu. You can find the menu in the top right hand corner. It looks like 3 bars stacked on top of each other. (In some circles, known as a hamburger (!)) Check it out at <http://www.stmarksottawa.ca>

### **Requests for Funding**

St Mark's 2021 fiscal year is drawing to a close. So, it is time to start looking ahead to 2022. In order to assist with the preparation of our 2022 budget, we are asking that you submit your requests for funding for particular groups, events or activities by the middle of December, if possible. These requests can be sent to [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca).

### **2022 Offering Envelopes**

If you do not currently have envelopes and would like them, or have them and no longer want them, please contact the office. If you

currently have envelopes and have made a contribution in the past year, (even if not in an actual envelope), your envelopes will automatically be re-issued.

### **Christmas Flowers**

If you would like to give flowers in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones this Christmas, please contact the office.

### **Community Ministries Gift Guide**

The Diocese of Ottawa has a gift guide for the community ministries. “Through your special Christmas gift, you can support our Community Ministries participants and give a meaningful gift to a family member, friend or colleague. With each gift that you make, you will receive a personalized gift card you can send out for Christmas, letting your loved ones know you made a gift in their honour.”

[Community Ministries Gift Guide](#)

### **Giving Opportunities with PWRDF**

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.

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](http://pwrdf.org/Advent2021)

### **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture**

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.

You can either join by zoom or the lecture will be livestreamed on YouTube at [Diocese of Ottawa YouTube](#) channel.

### **Chocolates for Flood Relief**

Jenny will be making a limited number of chocolates available for sale for \$2/bag. All funds will be donated to PWRDF for Flood Relief in BC.

### **Bazaar**

After church on Sunday, orders will be available for pick up. You must maintain distancing.

[Here](#) is the bazaar order form. There is nothing new this week however **Fruit Pies will be available on Sunday**. There will be a few extra pies available but if you want to make sure you get one of those, you must let the office know by the end of the day today, December 3. Blueberry, Raisin and Pecan Pies as well as Cherry and Apple will be available.

Next week is the last week of the bazaar. There will be Mince Tarts available and the Christmas cookie boxes. Make sure to order ahead to reserve yours.

There are still 6 types of frozen cookie dough on offer and a variety pack of 2 dozen cookies with 4 of each type. **This is the last week the frozen cookie dough will be available**. You must order by Wednesday, December 8.

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. There are two packages left although they are not on in the catalog. **This is the last week to order cards**. Orders must be placed by the end of the day on Sunday.

There are still some preserves although availability is limited. There is continued stock of other items, check the order form for availability.

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.** You may drop your baked cookies into the office on Wednesday or Friday morning or at choir practice on Thursday evening. They may also be dropped off to Joy.

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](mailto:greercynthia69@yahoo.com)

### **Doreen At DDFH**

Monday Doreen delivered a trunk full of items for DDFH, including 19 scarves and 18 toques she knitted, along with baby quilts, a duvet, toiletries, etc. The DDFH group sang Happy Birthday to Doreen.



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### **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. I will try to get to them soon.

### **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](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>.

### **Contacting the Church**

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto: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](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)





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# LECTURE SERIES



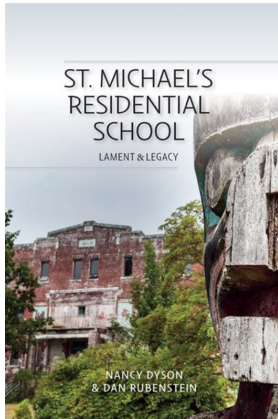
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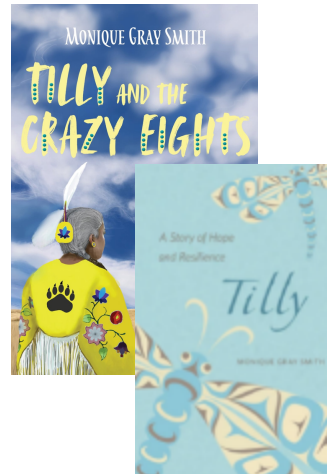
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# Journeying as Allies

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](mailto:allmyrelations@ottawa.anglican.ca)