



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.

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.

- Ron Lewis celebrated his birthday on December 9th
- Fr. Julian's application for permanent residence was approved by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada on December 4, 2021

Livestreaming

The livestream will begin this week at 9:55. We will light the Advent Wreath for the third 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](#).

Christmas Flowers

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

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

There will be a mini-bazaar after church with all remaining bazaar items (there aren't many).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Dec 19	8 am	Holy Eucharist
	10 am	Lessons & Carols with Eucharist (POV)
Dec 24	7:30 pm	Choral Eucharist (POV)
Dec 25	10 am	Choral Eucharist (POV)
Dec 26	10 am	Choral Eucharist (POV)

There will be livestreaming and in-person worship for all except the 8 am service on Dec 19. Links for all the services will be available in the next newsletter,

For in-person worship:

- Pre-register through the office by calling 613-224-7431 or by emailing stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Capacity limits are in place.
- Provide proof of full vaccination and id on arrival (if we have not already seen it)
- Wear masks at all times inside the building
- Keep distanced as much as possible

There is no order form this week. There are still a few plates of mincemeat tarts available for purchase as well as some cookie boxes available for purchase. As well, there are a couple of jars of a new hot sauce which is the hottest of the lot.

Please contact the office to place your order. 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.

An enormous debt of thanks is owed to Cynthia Greer and Pauline Adams who have filled the orders and kept everything organized....even when new things kept being added. I am sure there are times when they thought "What now?"

Puddings

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

To order puddings, please contact Cynthia Greer. They will also be available after church

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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.) if they have not previously shown proof of vaccination.
3. 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. And don't forget to specify which service you wish to attend.
4. For either service, **masks are mandatory at all times while inside the building**, with physical distancing strongly encouraged.
5. 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

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.

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.

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

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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

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. Every week I think this is the week.

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