



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

December 17, 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.

- Carolyn Findlay celebrates her birthday on December 18th
- Patrick Findlay celebrates his 14th birthday on December 22nd.
- Michael Perkin also celebrates his birthday on December 22nd

Livestreaming

The livestream will begin this week at 9:55. We will light the Advent Wreath for the fourth Sunday of Advent. This week is a service of Lessons and Carols. Links for all the Christmas Services are provided in the list of services. They area also available on the home page of our website:

<http://www.stmarksottawa.ca>

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 Services

Please, please register ahead for the Christmas services. Capacity is limited. Proof of Vaccination is required at all services.

As we have all learned over the course of the pandemic, life can change very rapidly. If there are any breaking

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Dec 19	8 am	Holy Eucharist (POV)
	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. The underlined services above are all linked to their streams.

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

developments, you will be notified as soon as possible.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to give flowers in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones this Christmas, please contact the office **before noon on Wednesday!!**

Bazaar

The bazaar wrapped up last Saturday – our second on-line bazaar. I am pleased to report that just over \$5,000 was raised this fall with some orders still to be delivered. There was some money raised in the spring from cards, turkey pies and hot cross buns which added another \$600, bringing the total to \$5,600 to date. This venture would not have been possible without the tireless work of Cynthia Greer and Pauline Adams who volunteered, for the second year, to coordinate the filling and distribution of orders. Special thanks is also due to Pat Sinclair who does the lion's share of the turkey pies, assembles all the soups and provides all the delicious fruit pies. The assembly of the turkey pies is done by Pat, Heather (her daughter), Tim (Heather's husband) and Joy.

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Thanks are also due to all the people who preserved, knitted & baked: Karen Barber, Margaret Blakeney, Shelly Crowley, Gail Denton, Julie Desforges, Carolyn Findlay, Cynthia Greer, Margaret Lodge, Doreen Matweow, Penny Miller, Gillian Morris, Joanne Pagani, Janis Perkin, Georgia Roberts

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

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

New COVID Screening Process for Worship Services, beginning December 19

In-person worship continues at St Mark's at both 8 and 10 a.m. However there are more modifications of COVID procedures beginning 19 December 2021 due to the upsurge in the Omicron variant. Please be mindful of the following:

1. **All persons attending either service will be required to provide proof of full vaccination** (electronically or paper document) and provide an approved government identification (drivers licence, Ontario photo ID, passport, etc.).
2. **Pre-registration is recommended for either service**, but particularly for the 10 a.m. 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.
3. **Masks are mandatory at all times** while inside the building, with physical distancing strongly encouraged.
4. 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.

Since many windows will be open for improved ventilation, it is a good idea to wear warm clothing and/or bring a wrap or blanket.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience

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.

Changes to PAR

It is simple to change your monthly PAR. Just contact Karen Roberts by phone or email and let her know. 613-236-7992
graniteseven@yahoo.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.

Cookies

The cookie boxes were packed last Saturday. Here is a picture of the bounty that goes into the cookie boxes.



Dot Kirby's Shortbread Recipe

Joanne Pagani, in looking through her recipe box, found the recipe for Dot Kirby's shortbread which she would like to share. Dot Kirby was a long-time member of the choir. Our Jubilee hymn is dedicated to her (and June Armstrong) and the bells in front are also dedicated to her.

1 cup salted butter, creamed

Add 1/2 cup white sugar

Add 2 cups flour (or slightly more).

Roll out between wax paper (sprinkle a bit of flour on wax paper before rolling).

Cut into shapes.

Transfer to a baking sheet (suggest with with parchment paper underneath)

Bake 20 minutes at 300 degrees.

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.

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