# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church 1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa ON K2C 1X6



# Weekly Newsletter

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.

# Livestreaming

The service will be streamed at 10 am on Sunday, February 13. Here are the links for the <u>service</u> and the <u>bulletin</u>. The link is also available on the home page of our website: <u>http://www.stmarksottawa.ca</u>

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 stream is available to watch immediately.

# News from the COVID Communiqué (91)

"Because of the promising decline in COVID-19 infections, we are pleased to announce some small updates to our modified Yellow rules. As of February 17th, congregational singing is allowed and capacity limits are increased to the number of persons who can physically distance in the worship space."

A reminder that last week's communiqué announced the requirement for all with roles in the service (clergy, readers, LAC's servers, choir, etc) to show proof of a booster shot by March 1. Feel free to show proof of your booster to update your vaccination record as you come to church this Sunday. Volume 2:44 **February 18, 2022** 

Black History Month Building Alliances, Walking Together

> Feb 20 – Rawlson King, Ottawa City Councillor, Rideau Rockliffe Ward

> > Feb 27 – Rev. Julian Campbell

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# **Register for Vestry**

Our Annual Vestry will take place on February 27 at 1 pm via Zoom. To register for vestry, please email the office. You will be sent a form to fill out which contains the vestry declaration. Because we are meeting via Zoom, this is the equivalent of the sign-in sheets but must be done ahead of time.

# Vestry Report

The vestry report is available <u>here</u> and also on the website. Printed copies will be made available on request. Contact the office to request your printed copy.

# Motions of Thanks

If you know ahead of time that you would like to make motions of thanks at the vestry meeting, please consider sending them to the office ahead of time.

#### Ash Wednesday

Bring your old palm crosses to church on Sunday to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. There will be a service for Ash Wednesday at 7 pm on March 2.

#### **Turkey Pies**

Turkey Pies are now available. Please contact the office to order or speak to Joy or Cynthia on Sunday morning.

#### **In-person Services**

The restrictions have changed slightly this week. The 8 am service will resume on March 6 and congregational singing is now permitted.

- The 10 am has resumed. 8 am services will resume on March 6.
- Pre-register by phone (613-224-7431) or by email (<u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>) due to a capacity limit of approximately 50 people.
- Anyone with COVID symptoms should assume that they have the virus and stay home
- Provide proof of double vaccination, if you have not shown it to us before. Booster shots are strongly encouraged.
- Masks must be worn when you enter the building and throughout the service, except when taking communion. Three-layer, medical or N95 masks are encouraged.
- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times, with worshippers seated at least 2 metres apart from each other unless they are members of the same household.
- Come warmly dressed since some windows will be open to improve ventilation.

• Leave the church promptly after the service We anticipate further loosening of our diocesan COVID protocols in the coming weeks. Consult the St Mark's website (www.stmarksottawa.ca) for updates.

#### **Diocesan BHM Service**

Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa's Black History Month Service, originally scheduled for this Saturday has been moved to next Saturday, February 26 due to the ongoing disruptions in downtown Ottawa.

Service information including live stream link and bulletin can be found on their website here.

#### Creating Connections – Youth Mental Health Days

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa is proud to host Creating Connections – A Youth Mental Health Day.! Feb. 26 for youth in Grades 7-10 and March 5 for young adults in Grades 11 through to University. Registration is required. Please find more information and the registration link at

https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca, under the 'events' tab (see calendar dates Feb. 26 and March 5th).

#### ADO 125 Anniversary Lecture Series

On February 21 at 7:30 pm there will be a panel discussion entitled "Signs of Hope in the Fight Against Climate Change"

There are three panelists: Jacob Crane, Citizen of the Tsuut'ina Nation, entrepreneur and community leader, and the just transition lead for Indigenous Climate Action; Dr. Stewart Elgie, Director of the University of Ottawa's interdisciplinary Environment Institute, as well as founder and chair of Smart Prosperity, a Canadian green economy think tank and policy-research network and Dr. Robert Gifford, University of Victoria professor of psychology and environmental studies, specializing in environmental psychology and barriers to sustainable behaviour or "the dragons of inaction."

As experts gathered in Glasgow for the UN Climate Change Conference in late 2021, their message to the world was that there is an urgent need for humanity to change the way we live on the Earth and to find creative solutions to lower carbon emissions globally. We need to act as individuals, communities, and nations. The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa is bringing together experts to educate and inspire action in the third installment of an online lecture series that commemorates the 125th anniversary of the Diocese and looks forward to the future with hope.

You can register for this Zoom session <u>here</u> or watch on the <u>ADO YouTube channel</u>.

#### Bio of Rawlson King



Rawlson King, an entrepreneur and communication professional, was elected the firstever Black City Councillor in a historic byelection held April 2019, in Ward 13, Rideau-Rockcliffe, in the City of Ottawa. To advance antiracism and race relations

initiatives, Council appointed him Council Liaison for Anti-Racism and Ethnocultural Relations Initiatives. He is Chair of the Built Heritage Sub-Committee and is also appointed to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management, and to the boards of Crime Prevention Ottawa, Ottawa Community Housing Corporation, Ottawa Public Library, Ottawa Community Lands Development Corporation and Quartier Vanier BIA, along with Information Technology Sub-Committee. Recognized for his volunteer work, he won a United Way Ottawa Community Builder of the Year Award in 2018 and was a recipient of a Special Recognition Award from Black History Ottawa in 2021. King holds both a Bachelor of Journalism and Law, and a M.A. in Communication from Carleton University.

#### **Composer of Sunday Morning Prelude**

Robert Nathaniel Dett (October 11, 1882 – October 2, 1943), often known as R. Nathaniel Dett and Nathaniel Dett, was a Canadian-American Black composer, organist, pianist, choral director, and music professor. Born and raised in Canada until the age of 11, he moved to the United States with his family and had most of his professional education and career there. During his lifetime he was a leading Black composer, known for his use of African-American folk songs and spirituals as the basis for choral and piano compositions in the 19th century Romantic style of Classical music.

He was among the first Black composers during the early years after the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) was organized. His works often appeared among the programs of Will Marion Cook's New York Syncopated Orchestra. Dett performed at Carnegie Hall and at the Boston Symphony Hall as a pianist and choir director.

#### **PWRDF** Lenten Resource

As PWRDF's Creation Care: Climate Action education focus moves into its second year, now centering on gender, we have invited three women who participated in COP26 to enter into a Lenten conversation.

Our resource begins on the first Sunday in Lent, March 6, 2022 and goes until Easter Eve, April 16, as follows:

- Sundays & Mondays The Rev. Alecia Greenfield (Church of the Holy Cross, Vancouver)
- Tuesdays & Wednesdays Stephanie (Taddy) Stringer (PWRDF Montreal)
- Thursdays & Fridays Karri Munn-Venn (Senior Policy Analyst with Citizens for Public Justice, Ottawa)
- Saturdays Take a Sabbath Rest with a PWRDF story

Each day our writers invite you to read their selected scripture, reflect and pray with them. Subscribe below to receive the daily reflections in your inbox and deepen your connection with PWRDF. Learn more about the resource at pwrdf.org/Lent2022

#### Photo Backgrounds

I continue to look for photo backgrounds for online services and the bulletins. I tend to

usually mostly nature shots in landscape format. (wide rather than tall) – Joy!

#### **Office Hours**

The office is open from 9:30 am to noon on Wednesdays and Fridays.

#### **Church Directories**

The new directories are actually printed. If you wish to arrange to pick up your copy, please contact the office. If you would like an electronic copy, please email the office.

#### E-Transfers to the Church

W 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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. 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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. 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 <a href="mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca">stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</a>