



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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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 [service](#) and the [bulletin](#). The link is 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 stream is available to watch immediately.

News from the COVID Communiqué (92)

“With COVID infections and hospitalizations and deaths all declining sharply, progress can continue—cautiously—toward church life as we all want it to be. We’re pleased our diocese will be taking two steps along that route starting **Sunday, March 6**.

On that date, all parishes have the option of allowing presiders, preachers, readers and intercessors to remove their masks when speaking (other than that, everyone must remain masked, except to take communion). Also, that’s the day social gatherings—although without food or drink—can resume, again with masks worn throughout.”

A reminder that all people with roles in the service (readers, LAC’s servers, choir, etc) need to show proof of a booster shot by

Black History Month

Building Alliances, Walking Together



This is the last Sunday in Black History Month

Feb 27 – Rev. Julian Campbell

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March 1. Feel free to show proof of your booster to update your vaccination record as you come to church this Sunday.

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**. There are only 18 people registered at the moment.

Vestry Report

Due to the vagaries of the ether, the Property Report, which was submitted on time, got lost in the electrons. The updated vestry report is available [here](#) 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 which will be livestreamed. Here are the links to the [service](#) and the [bulletin](#).

A service of reflection for Ash Wednesday which was recorded last year may be seen [here](#).

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 (stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca) due to a capacity limit of approximately 50 people.
- Anyone with COVID symptoms should assume that they have the virus and stay home

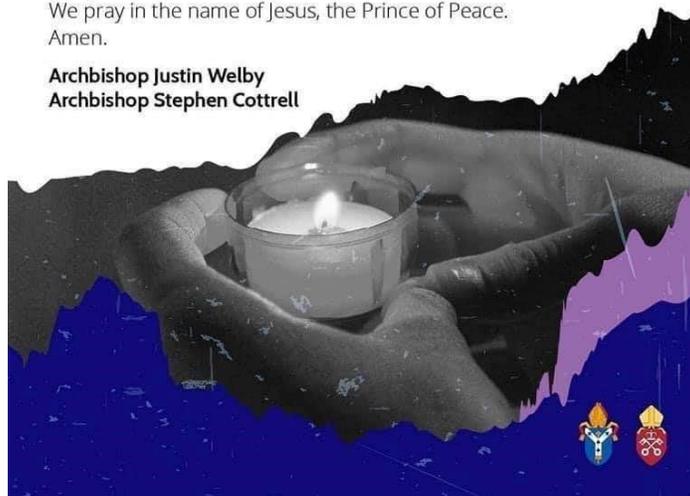
- Provide proof of double vaccination, if you have not shown it to us before. Booster shots are strongly encouraged.
- Masks must be worn when you enter the building and throughout the service, except when taking communion. Three-layer, medical or N95 masks are encouraged.
- Physical distancing must 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.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Diocesan BHM Service

Christ Church Cathedral's Black History Month service will be available to view online this Saturday. Join them in celebration with song, scripture, and prayer. Dr. Joy Mighty will be preaching.

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

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registration link at <https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca>, under the

We must not let hate and violence bleed through the broader community but instead we must choose a future of kindness and care for each other. True freedom requires the health, safety and security of everyone in our communities, not only those who have the loudest voices or the privilege to take up space as a coalition. (...) People who peddle hate and violence do not define our vibrant communities. Parading with swastikas and confederate flags, the display of nooses, the desecration of national monuments, monuments to our war dead and rainbow flags, intimidating residents and attacking people at homeless shelters is the antithesis of supporting democratic freedoms.

We stand with those who continue to be affected by these displays of intolerance. We know that the pursuit of freedom is defined not by the screams of those motivated by hate, narrow extremist political views or individualist self-interest. The clarion call of freedom emerges from those who share a collective vision of a community which is inclusive and representative of all.

From Rawlson King's address on February 20, 2022

'events' tab (see calendar dates Feb. 26 and March 5th).

ADO 125 Anniversary Lecture Series

On March 13 at 4 pm there will be a lecture by Rev. Dr. Sam Wells entitled "Re-imagining Church"

Sam Wells is one of today's most influential public theologians. He writes, speaks, preaches and broadcasts on a range of pastoral, political and theological issues. Sam has been Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square, London, since 2012. He is also Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King's College London. He has served as a parish priest for 23 years – 10 of those in urban priority areas; he also spent 7 years in

North Carolina, where he was Dean of Duke University Chapel. He has published 40 books.

This free lecture will be hosted on Zoom for those who wish to register and have the opportunity to ask questions.

The lecture will also be livestreamed on YouTube for those who just wish to watch. Sam Wells' remarks will continue to be available on the YouTube channel afterwards.

You can register for this Zoom session [here](#) or watch on the [ADO YouTube channel](#).

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. Nature

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shots in landscape format (wide rather than tall) are best for our purposes. – Joy!

Office Hours

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

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