



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.

A message from Fr Julian

As the palms burned on Shrove Tuesday, a thought came to mind: why not make use of this process of burning, to signify what we would have given up during these 40 days? Hence, on Good Friday 2022, I will invite parishioners to bring a sheet of paper to the liturgy. During the season, please write all the things you would've given up during Lent. It doesn't necessarily have to be a sin. It might be, "sweating the small stuff," indiscipline and anger." During the liturgy those sheets will be destroyed and you may write as many items as you desire. As time progresses, I will share in more detail what will be expected.

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.

SPRING FORWARD !

The time changes overnight between Saturday and Sunday so make sure to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday....you wouldn't want to miss church on Sunday morning!

Livestreaming

The service will be streamed at 10 am on Sunday. 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.

Bible Study

Bible Study continues this Wednesday, March 16 at 7 pm via Zoom. It will continue the study of the gospel of Luke. Please contact Fr Julian if you are interested in participating.

St Mark's Spring Market

As a counterpart to our Fall Bazaar, we are having a Spring Market in the weeks leading up to Easter. The first items will be available next week! These include a tasty assortment of muffins, some beautiful Spring and Easter card assortments and some marmalade.

Although the items will not be available until next week, you should order them now.

Although we generally make a few extra of the baked goods, you can only be assured of getting some if they are pre-ordered.

The amount made depends on the quantity ordered. The cards, of course, are one-of-a-kind selections. The order form is [here](#).

We have lots more exciting treats coming your way in the weeks ahead, including Simnel Cake, Hot Cross Buns, Mini-Tarts, Eccles cakes, Lemon Loaf, Lemon curd and other beautiful and/or tasty things.

Silent Auction

A never-used Ralph Lauren handbag has been offered to us for Silent Auction. The bag will be at church on Sunday to be examined along with the auction sheet. We will run the auction this Sunday and next Sunday, announcing the winning bid at noon on March 20. Sign the sheet on Sunday or send

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in your bid to the office. The opening bid is \$65.



In-person Services

- The 8 am & 10 am have resumed.
- 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.

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

PWRDF and Ukraine

PWRDF is supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes due to the Russian invasion. The initial grant of \$20,000 issued to an ACT

Alliance appeal has been increased to \$50,000. The grants will fund the work of Action by Churches Together (ACT) member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA).

This is a rapidly evolving situation, please monitor PWRDF's website and social media to stay up to date on new developments.

How you can help

To make a donation to this response online, click [here](#)

Stamps

Doreen Matweow reminds everyone that she is still processing used postage stamps for the Leprosy Mission Canada, Effect Hope a Christian development organization. These stamps are sold to collectors and the proceeds are used for medical treatment, education and rehabilitation of leprosy sufferers.

Doreen thanks Mani Mani for his part in delivering stamps to the church and hopes that more people bring in their used postage stamps.

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.

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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 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