



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.

Coffee, Company and Conversation reopened on Thursday, April 21 at 10:00 am. There were 19 people in attendance and the coffee, company and conversation was much enjoyed.

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.

- Phil Conquer turned 95 on the 14th of April

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. The stream is available to watch immediately.

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

This hymn (which will be the processional hymn on Sunday morning) was written by Lesbia Scott (1898-1986) the wife of an Anglican priest and obviously English.

There are six role models for saints listed in the hymn and while there are probably other choices for the role models but one source lists them as "...one was a doctor (St. Luke), and one was a queen (Margaret of Scotland), and one was shepherdess on the green (Joan of Arc); "... one was a soldier (Martin of Tours), and one was a priest (John Donne), and one was slain by a fierce wild beast (Ignatius of Antioch).

Coffee, Company & Conversation



CCC is a place to share and enjoy coffee and snacks (in accordance with protocols). All people attending need to have been vaccinated at least twice and wear a mask. Please call and inform one of the following coordinators if you plan to attend as numbers are limited.

Laurie Slaughter - 613 596 0660
Suzanne Bisson - 613 727 5892
Georgia Roberts – 613 226 5693

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Debra-Dynes Family House

Thanks to all for your continued support of Debra Dynes Food Bank.

The need for food is now greater than ever and I will make deliveries weekly of all donations in the blue bin. Towels are also needed urgently and Mothers Day is fast approaching.

I will pick up donations at your home if you are unable to get to church. You can contact me at (613) 262-4108. Thanks again.

Joan Hounsell

Mothers Day Donations for Debra Dynes.

These are suggestions only :

- Soaps
- Hand lotions
- Chocolates
- Toiletries...toothpaste, toothbrush , mouth wash
- Small hand towels
- Scarves

Donations for St Luke's Table

St Luke's table has put a call out for gently used bath towels. They can use mugs, even gently used socks, shorts, t-shirts, light jackets, jogging pants, ball caps etc. If you have any of the above items, please bring them to the church before the end of April and they will be taken to St Luke's.

Forward Day by Day

Forward Day by Day is now available for May – July. You can pick them up from the table in the link.

In-person Services

- 8 am and 10 am services have resumed.
- The far right side of the church will be maintained as distanced seating for those who feel more comfortable that way. The left side and middle of the church will have no distancing requirement.
- 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.
- Come warmly dressed since some windows will be open to improve ventilation.
- All leaders in the service, readers, LACs and choir must show proof of triple vaccination.

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 has allocated \$50,000 to HelpAge Canada to support seniors in Ukraine trying to seek safety in Moldova. Help Age International has been working in Moldova since 2000 and is building up its humanitarian presence there now. The country of 2.6 million has already welcomed 250,000 refugees.

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

Office Hours

The office is open from 9:30 am to noon on Wednesdays and Fridays. The office will not be open on April 6.

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

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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