



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.

the grape vines for recycling. Many thanks to all these wonderful folks for their work maintaining the grounds at St. Mark's.



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.

- Alex Dee turns 25 on May 7th

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.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

CCC takes place from 10 – 11:30 am on Thursday mornings in the church hall. It 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. CCC will continue until June 23.

Office Closed on Wednesday, May 11

The office will be closed on Wednesday, May 11 due to staff vacation.

Tidying the Church Grounds.

Over the past weeks, Georgia and Russell were busy pruning grape vines that were growing into the cedars. On the weekend, the Greer and Pagani families bundled and tied



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Rev Canon C David Lethbridge

We are saddened to learn of the death of Fr David on Good Friday, April 15, 2022.

David became our priest on September 1, 1990 and was with us for six years.

Those who knew David will remember his mouse ministry - puppets and stuffed toys to illustrate his talks to the children. There are many children - and adults - who still remember the mice and his stories. He was actively involved within the various parish activities, including singing with the choir on special occasions. During his time at St. Mark's, he was Mothers' Union Chaplain for our Parish and the Diocese, and Phyllis was a member of MU. He was also appointed by the Bishop to be the Chaplain of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen, and was appointed a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral to the Canonry of St. Patrick in 1995.

David retired from St Mark's in November 1996, and enjoyed many years of 'ministry-in-retirement'.

We have been praying for David and Phyllis for a few years. Our thoughts and prayers are now with Phyllis and their family at this time.

We give thanks for David's ministry with us and within the diocese and beyond.

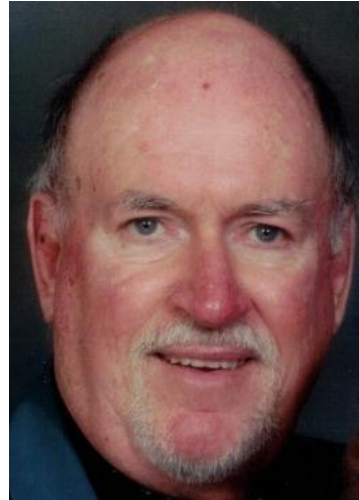
Rest in Peace friend – God bless you.

See

<http://www.heubnerfuneralhome.ca/obituary/ReverendCanonCDavid-Lethbridge>

The above was the e-prayer sent out when news of his death was received by the e-prayer coordinator.

Father David came to us from St. Barnabas Deep River in the fall of 1990. This was the only other church in the diocese with a branch of M.U. It was good timing because he was our chaplain, and he supported us. Therefore, he had a ready made group to welcome him, and felt he belonged to. He was always very supportive, and Phyllis his wife, while a private person, was comfortable joining us, even going on a day's retreat to a lake in Quebec.



David was a big man, taller than Father Julian and built like a footballer, which he had been. I think it made some people believe he was laid back. He may have been, but he was always

available in the office, and very happy to chat or help you through a problem.

David was in fact highly educated, but never gave the appearance of it in his dealings with you. He simply made you feel comfortable. It was to me a very important trait in a Christian person, whether a priest or a footballer.

He was very supportive of friends, acquaintances, and anyone truly in need of a listening ear. He was not judgemental, so was able to counsel and support people where they were at.

I think maybe David was not at ease with a children's story. To help him he had a large family of mice puppets, whom he used to tell the story. Many of the adults rolled their eyes to begin with, but after a while they realized that the stories the mice told stayed with them through the weeks. When he took a group to the Holy Land, his mice went along too!

Towards Easter, the children were invited to bring their ripped or worn soft toys, and set them behind a round table as in the tomb.

On Easter day, when the stone was rolled away, they received their old toys lovingly mended by Phyllis and looking like new.

Make of it what you will, but that has stayed with me for almost 30 years, a picture of renewal and rebirth at the Resurrection.

Rest in peace with the Lord, Rev Canon C David Lethbridge, you were a caring priest and a good and humble man.

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. *MICAH 6 v8*,

Submitted by Cynthia Greer

Spring Market

I am very pleased to report that ~\$1800 was raised from the sales from the Spring Market. This includes the sales of turkey pies and some cards which were sold ahead of time.

Debra-Dynes Family House

Thank you to everyone who donated food and Mothers' Day gifts to Debra Dynes Outreach.

I made a delivery today of cash and a great assortment of pastas and many, many lovely gifts for moms. These included, but were not limited to soaps, coffee cups, scarves, purses, chocolates and toiletries.

Once again thank you for your generosity.

Joan Hounsell

Multi-Faith Housing Tulipathon

The Tulipathon campaign launched on April 24. There was a [video](#) released to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of MHI.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on Sunday, May 29 at Commissioners Park (across from Dow's Lake) in Ottawa. Registration is at 2:00 pm, while the opening ceremonies begin at 2:45 pm and the walk starts at 3:00 pm. Please visit the [Tulipathon](#) website to donate or set up your own fundraising page, get the scoop on the free t-shirts this year, learn more about our annual banner contest, and more!

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.

Bishop's Gala & Silent Auction

The Bishop's Gala will take place virtually on Thursday, May 26. There is a silent auction which has already begun. Please see the poster on the last page for further details.

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.

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 in the mail is always a great option for getting your donation to us. If you wish to make a

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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



**- Join us virtually -
Thursday May 26, 2022**

TICKET SALES
<https://bishops gala2022.eventbrite.ca>

This year's event will feature fabulous talent from across our diocese and fun swag bags!

Tickets available from \$80-\$170 including swag bags. Delivery available. Or, enjoy the show without a ticket or swag bag.

Our 2022 Bishop's Gala beneficiary is the Urban Inuit Elders Program at Inuuqatigiit, a centre for Inuit children, youth and families

**BISHOP'S GALA
SILENT AUCTION**

READY! SET! BID!

APRIL 22 TO MAY 8, 7PM

<https://www.32auctions.com/BishopsGala2022>