



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.

Change of Email Address for Fr Julian

Fr Julian has a new email address since the last one was hacked at used to send scam email.

The new address is

FrJulian@stmarksottawa.ca

Storms, Power, Internet and Late Newsletters

The storm that ripped through Ottawa late Saturday afternoon has disrupted many of our lives and also affected the church. The church building was undamaged but the large pine on Fisher in front of Bishop Reed Hall lost its top and damaged the small tree in front of it. The church lost power during the storm but regained it on Tuesday afternoon.



On Saturday morning (May 28), volunteers came to the church and cleaned up some of the branches which came down.

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Despite the lack of power, the church carried on with both of its Sunday morning services using natural light and paying special attention to voice projection. Don Marjerrison was our guest organist and choir director while Ariane had the weekend off and carried on admirably using the piano. Kudos and great thanks to Don. Thanks to the people who carried on with refreshments after the service. A special thank you to Gillian Morris from Fr Julian and Joy for making us some hot tea between the services at home on her gas stove.



Joy has remained without power and internet throughout the week and has managed to keep her devices charged thanks to her daughter who regained power on Monday. While the power at the church returned Tuesday, the internet at the church was still down on Friday morning. All that to say, when you see this newsletter you will know that Joy has found some internet either at home, at church or by visiting her daughter but you won't be seeing it at the regular time.

The lack of internet at the church also makes the livestreaming quite problematic. If the internet is restored by Sunday morning, we will stream as usual. If it is not, we will try to record the stream locally and upload it to YouTube as soon as possible afterwards.

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

Although CCC did not run last Thursday, May 26 due to power disruptions, it will resume again this coming Thursday. 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. Friends and neighbours are welcome. CCC will continue until June 30.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

Algonquin College and Campus Ministry are supporting displaced Ukrainians by providing English as a second language (ESL) sessions every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from May 10 to Aug 18. St. Mark's delivered baked goods, coffee, tea and milk this past Tuesday. Many thanks to all.

We currently have a roster of persons who will bake and/or provide beverages every week. Juices, sandwiches, cheese and crackers would also be welcomed.

The campus minister has also let me know that they need an additional assistant and substitute English teachers, and volunteers to help set-up, clean-up and join in the English conversational hour.

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If you feel you would like to help out in any way, please contact Suzanne Bisson at 613-7272-5892 or suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com

Spring Clean-up

We have scheduled a general clean-up day for Saturday, May 28. We would work inside the building and outside on the lawns, parking lot and garden areas. If you have a little time on Saturday morning, - starting about 9 am, please volunteer to join the work party. There are garbage bins, garbage bags and yard bags at the church, - and a few tools. If you can bring a rake, or shovel, or broom, or duster, and work gloves, that would help.

Multi-Faith Housing Tulipathon

The Tulipathon take place this 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. St Mark's plans to walk in it. Please contact Brian Harrison or Laurie Slaughter for more details.

Your Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension (May 26) to Pentecost (June 5) for more people to come to know Jesus.

What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit'.

This praying together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ

Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus

Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

Over the years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part – along with churches from over 80 different denominations & traditions in nearly 90% of countries (172) around the world.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby

Join the prayer wave here

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld>

E-Prayer

Do you have prayer concerns that you would like support with? Do you want to know how your fellow parishioners and their families, former parishioners and former clergy are doing? You want e-prayer. E-prayer is run by Margaret Lodge and prayer concerns are sent out by email as they come up. Margaret does a great job of sending out the concerns and providing pictures and background information when appropriate. Everyone who is on the list can be assured that they are current with the needs and concerns of the parish. The office only announces the deaths of current members. To join the e-prayer list, please contact drblodge@sympatico.ca.

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.

Walk-in Vaccine Clinic

There are walk-in vaccine clinics operating at the Emerald Plaza library and the multi-purpose room at 1341 Meadowlands for the next while. They are not that busy so if you are looking for another dose, it is a great way to go. They will be open until the end of June.

English	French
Parkwood Hills Public Health Neighbourhood Vaccination Hub	Centre de vaccination de quartier de sante publique Parkwood Hills
Tuesday 1 pm – 7 pm Closed – 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Saturday 10 am – 4 pm Closed - 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	Mardi de 13 h à 19 h Fermé de 15 h 30 à 16 h 30 Samedi de 10 h à 16 h Fermé de 12 h 30 à 13 h 30
Emerald Plaza Library 1547 Merivale Rd.	Bibliothèque Emerald Plaza 1547, ch. Merivale
Wednesday 8 am – 1 pm Closed - 11 am to 12 pm Friday 10 am – 4 pm Closed - 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	Mercredi de 8 h à 13 h Fermé de 11 h à 12 h Vendredi de 10 h à 16 h Fermé de 12 h 30 à 13 h 30
Multipurpose Room 1341 Meadowlands Dr.	Multipurpose Room 1341, prom. Meadowlands
For more information on where to get vaccinated, scan the QR code:	Pour en savoir plus sur les endroits où vous pouvez vous faire vacciner, scannez le code QR ci-dessous :

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 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