



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.

that it was full and stopped recording during Lent. So unfortunately, I will not be able to upload last week's service. I am now wiser and have formulated a plan so that if we meet this situation again, recording a service will work. Another learning experience!

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>

Changes to COVID restrictions

The diocese entered into the Green stage of the Pandemic plan on June 1. In its communiqué, it states "It's increasingly clear the pandemic is not going away any time soon and entering the Green stage, rather than just saying "we're back to normal", is an important symbol that we are still operating under the pandemic plan—and an acknowledgment that restrictions could increase again if the virus resurges (as it has the two previous falls, after more open summers)."

At St Mark's, we will stay in modified yellow (status quo) during the month of June with some gradual changes throughout the month.

- Masks are still required until further notice.
- No Proof of Vaccine required to enter the church as of June 5
- The table at the front of the nave will be removed June 12 and Communion will be administered at the rail. Distance must be maintained.
- The Peace is status quo until further notice.
- ¼ of the nave will remain with "distancing tape" until further notice.

Queen's Jubilee Tea

Mothers' Union is celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on Friday June 10 at noon at the church, hopefully on the front lawn. This will take the form of an afternoon tea, a few hours early. It is a pot luck get-together, finger foods

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.

- Caitlyn Findlay turns 11 on June 6.
- Bob and Yvonne Temple celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary also on June 6th
- Kate Greer-Close celebrated her birthday on June 2.
- Michael & Janis Perkin celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary on June 8th

Of Internet and Recorded Streams

As of Thursday (June 2), there was still no internet at the church. Steve Close kindly did an in-depth investigation and it looks like the cable leading into the church is disconnected. A technician is coming Friday afternoon to restore service.

The intention last week was to record the stream and upload when internet became available. This would have been a great solution. Unfortunately, it ran into several snags. The SSD (Solid State Drive) which records the streams has a USB C connector. This is newer and only newer computers tend to have one. The first household I looked in on Sunday, which had power, did not have a computer with a USB C. When I got power and internet back at home, I plugged it into my computer but it turns out the SSD was formatted only for MAC computers. Alright. I waited until Alex was available and he put the SSD in his new computer and it turns out

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only. When you contact Cynthia to say you wish to attend, she offer you suggestions as to what to bring.

Please let Cynthia know by Tuesday, June 7 if you wish to attend. Cynthia Greer 613-723-2680 or greercynthia69@yahoo.com

Annual Picnic

After a two-year absence, the annual picnic will take place on the front lawn on Sunday June 26th. Again, please let Cynthia know if you will be there, since she don't want to over buy. Sausages and hotdogs will be for sale, including dessert of some kind likely cup cakes and ice-cream.



Support for Ukrainian Refugees

On Tuesday, May 31, Pauline Adams, Joan Grayer and I delivered juices and homemade assorted loaves to the Campus Ministry at Algonquin College.

The campus minister let me know that only St. Mark's (every Tuesday) and the Salvation Army (every second Tuesday) are providing contributions on a regular basis. Leftover snacks are kept for the Thursday classes.

There are now 100 Ukrainians enrolled in the English classes.

What is needed for the future:

1. Baked goods, juices, coffee, milk. Please plate your baked goods. Anything else you wish to contribute such as cheese, crackers are welcome. A roster of bakers is placed on the bulletin board in the link. Please add or delete your name as your priorities may have changed. Goods can be delivered to the

church on Sunday or brought to the church Tuesday morning between 11:45 AM and 12:15 PM.

2. English as a second language (ESL) instructors. Joan and Pauline led small groups of Ukrainians in English conversations. Both said this worked quite well as the students in their groups had some (various degrees of proficiency) knowledge of English. There were other classes where the students were beginners. The age group is from 18 years to 50 years. Pauline, a former ESL instructor said the experience was very enjoyable and she plans to instruct at further sessions.

You don't have to be ESL certified to instruct but willing to carry on conversations with Ukrainians learning English and be innovative in developing topics to discuss.

Please let me know if you would like to help out in providing ESL instruction. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. There is a more relaxed conversation/coffee break from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

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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. Friends and neighbours are welcome. CCC will continue until June 30.

Pastoral Care Team

Fr Julian is forming a pastoral care team. If you are interested in being part of this or have questions, please contact Fr Julian at frjulian@stmarksottawa.ca

Multifaith Housing Tulipathon (May 29)

After two years of holding the annual fundraiser virtually due to COVID-19, it was great to walk together in person on a beautiful

Sunday afternoon. Julia Fogg and Brian Harrison were there to represent St. Mark's and carry the church banner. Our banner was judged by Mayor Jim Watson to be in a tie for the best banner. A big thank you to those who supported MHI through their donations. Any further donations given before the end of June will be counted towards the MHI objective of raising \$100,000. Donations can be given to Laurie Slaughter or Brian Harrison.

Change of Email Address for Fr Julian

Fr Julian has a new email address since the last one was hacked and used to send scam email. The new address is FrJulian@stmarksottawa.ca

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	Mardi de 13 h à 19 h Fermé de 15 h 30 à 16 h 30
Saturday 10 am – 4 pm Closed - 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	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	Mercredi de 8 h à 13 h Fermé de 11 h à 12 h
Friday 10 am – 4 pm Closed - 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	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 :

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.

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