



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.

Creation Season

Christians around the world are invited to give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation as part of the global Season of Creation, observed from September 1 to October 4 every year. General Synod 2019 passed a resolution adopting the Season of Creation in the Anglican Church of Canada as a time of prayer, education, and action and encouraging dioceses and parishes to participate.

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 Evening for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

- Carolyn & Peter Findlay are celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary on September 9th
- Joy Bowerman celebrates her 65th birthday on September 14th

Live Streaming

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>

Fall Programming begins

The fall season at St Mark's looks to be busier than it has been for several years. The 8 am & 10 am worship services resume this Sunday, followed by coffee and fellowship. Coffee, Company & Conversation resumed on September 8th. Many of our renters have returned and the building will be busier than we have seen in quite a while.

Interim Organists

This Sunday we welcome Dr Deirdre Piper who will be with us until the end of September.

Elizabeth II
April 21, 1926 – September 8, 2022



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O God, from whom comes everything that is upright and true:
Accept our thanks for the gifts of heart and mind thou didst bestow on thy servant Elizabeth,
And which she showed forth among us in her words and deeds;
Deal graciously we pray thee, with those who mourn, especially the members of the Royal Family, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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A Letter from the Bishop on the death of
Queen Elizabeth II



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

September 8, 2022

Statement to the Diocese of Ottawa from Bishop Shane Parker
concerning the death of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada

In her annual Christmas message, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II invariably spoke of her faith in Jesus Christ, telling the world that she followed him and found his teachings to be helpful. She spoke of her faith in a sincere and natural way, reflecting a deep and mature conviction.

We have lost a beloved Queen and a fellow member of the Anglican Communion, and we, her siblings in faith, respond with prayer:

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, Queen of Canada, for her life of devoted service and faithful witness to the Gospel. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Churches in our diocese may wish to toll their bells (gently) 96 times from noon tomorrow, Friday, September 9, and to add prayers for the late Queen, and for King Charles and the Royal Family, at liturgies between now and the state funeral in England.

The official Canadian Commemorative Service for Queen Elizabeth will take place in our Cathedral in Ottawa at a date and time to be announced in the near future. It will be televised nationally, and attendance at the service is strictly invitation-only.

Sometime after the official Canadian service, The Anglican Church of Canada will hold a Memorial Service at St. James Cathedral in Toronto, with our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, and will be livestreamed on www.anglican.ca.

The details of these two services will be posted as soon as possible.

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Slim & Trim

Slim & Trim begins on Monday, September 12 at 9:30 am. This is an exercise program which works on strength and flexibility and runs Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings at 9:30. See Jenny Morphew for more details.

Looking for Empty Jars

The diligent preserving artists of the bazaar are looking for 250 mL (1 cup) or 500 mL (1 pint) mason-style jars to fill with delicious treats. Not only is it the best environmental choice to re-use the jars, it saves considerable expense for the volunteers who make the preserves.

Since the pandemic, jars are not as easily found and, like everything else, have risen in price. You may bring them to church on Sunday, drop them off at the office on Friday morning or email the office and arrange for drop off at another time. -Joy Bowerman, Bazaar Convenor

Coffee and Conversation Fall Program

Coffee and Conversation started September 8th with a relaxed morning of reconnecting. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces.

Next week's program will be Coffee & Conversation. See poster on last page.

Diocesan Day Program Donations

The Diocesan Day Programs (St Luke's Table, The Well, and Centre 454) are in dire need of several items: Razors, Socks, Toilet paper, Men's underwear (M, L), Women's underwear (S, M) and crockpots. If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them in to the church (either Friday morning or Sunday morning) and they will be put to good use off-point.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees: A Request from Yuri Derkach

One of our biggest needs and most often requests has been a need for housing. We are looking for believers who are willing to host either a Ukrainian family or Ukrainian student for a short term (one month) or a longer period September to end of December, the

duration of fall term. It takes time for Ukrainian newcomers to do all their paperwork, get their documents, improve English, apply to school, or find a job. It also takes time to recover from the horrors of war and to shift focus and recover in a peaceful society in Canada.

If anyone is willing to help to host Ukrainian refugees, please contact me at derkacy@algonquincollege.com or at 613 727-4723 ext.5341

Debra Dynes Food Bank

Ottawa Food Banks continue to run on empty due to an unprecedented demand for food within the community.

Please consider making donations not only of food products but of cash. When you donate cash, the food bank is able to purchase food in large quantities at wholesale rates. The DDFB will spend time researching and negotiating with distributors to find the best deal on canned fruits, veggies and protein to ensure that they get the best value per dollar spent.

Every \$1 that you donate provides food for two whole meals to feed a hungry neighbour in need.

You may give your donation to me for delivery to DDFB or mail a cheque directly to:

DDFB, 955 DEBRA AVE., STE 85,
OTTAWA, K2C 0J5. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you,

Joan Hounsell, Outreach

Forward Day by Day

The Forward Day by Day booklets from August through November are now available in the link.

Paving on Fisher

The City of Ottawa has notified us that Fisher Ave. will be repaved from Meadowlands to Prince of Wales during the summer months... this happened on Thursday.

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

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.

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

St Mark's Anglican Church
FALL & WINTER 2022
a weekly gathering for seniors in the community
SENIORS – COME & JOIN US
September 8 to December 15
Thursdays at 10:00 am
St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church
1606 Fisher Avenue, Ottawa
For more information contact: St Mark's at 613 224 7431

WE ARE BACK! THURSDAYS AT 10AM

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES

September 8	Welcome Back: renewing friendships over coffee & snacks
September 15	Coffee and Conversation
September 22	Roxanne McGahey on the piano
September 29	Cards and Games
October 6	Coffee and Conversation
October 13	Shelley Crowley, a well-known speaker representing the Canadian Women's Sex Based Rights Organization ("caWsbar"), on Women's Issues: Rights, Protection and Security – a very informative discussion on current concerns
October 20	Coffee and Conversation
October 27	"Halloween Hijinks" – a fun morning
November 3	"Aged in Harmony" (a male harmony chorus) a very popular and entertaining group of wonderful singers
November 10	Coffee and Conversation
November 17	"Share a Book (or TV/Netflix series)" a casual sharing of favourites, facilitated by Ruth Latta, our accomplished resident author of note
November 24	Coffee and Conversation
December 1	Cards and Games
December 8	Coffee and Conversation
December 15	"Christmas Joy" – songs and carols with Joy Bowerman on piano, a joyous way to celebrate the upcoming season

Christmas Break until January 2023