



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

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>

National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation
September 30th



Canada

We all have a role to play on the journey toward reconciliation. On this National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, let's reflect on the legacy of residential schools and the ongoing impacts on Survivors.

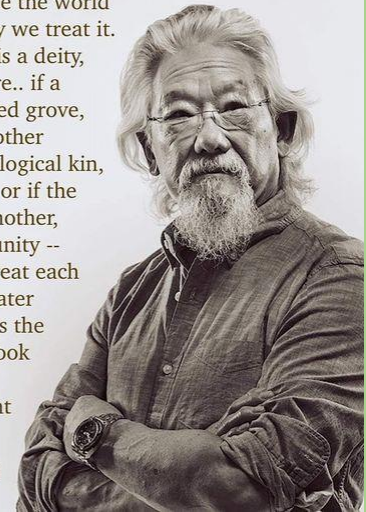
Director of Music

This Sunday we welcome our new director of music, Dr Carl Bear.

Carl is looking forward to beginning at St. Mark's and getting to know the choir and the congregation. He is very eager to meet and

The way we see the world shapes the way we treat it. If a mountain is a deity, not a pile of ore.. if a forest is a sacred grove, not timber; if other species are biological kin, not resources; or if the planet is our mother, not an opportunity -- then we will treat each other with greater respect. Thus is the challenge, to look at the world from a different perspective.

- David Suzuki



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.

talk with people about their experiences of and ideas for music at St. Mark's. If you would like to participate in the musical life of the congregation in any way, don't hesitate to reach out: carl@stmarksottawa.ca.

Thanksgiving

While food collection, to support the food bank at Debra Dynes, is an ongoing StMarks project, we have a change for Thanksgiving. We ask for fresh fruit and vegetables to be donated, this is initially used to decorate the church before being gathered up and taken to DD, nothing is wasted.

Fresh produce can be dropped off on Friday October 7th during office hours (9:30 am to 12 noon) or before 10:00am on Saturday 8th to allow time for the altar guild to decorate with them.

This is also a really good time to bring more non perishables or to make a monetary



FALL & THANKSGIVING &
WELCOME CARL LUNCH
SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

following the 10am service
soup & sandwiches & dessert

**WELCOME BACK EVERYONE
to Worship and Celebration at St Mark's
and a special welcome to Carl Bear
our new choir director and organist**

come and join us for lunch – sign-up to attend or if you can help

donation to help out the food bank, make this a “bumper crop”.

8 am Coffee

We have started serving coffee after the 8 am service when someone is available to make the coffee. Currently, we have 2 people willing to make coffee. I am looking for volunteers to make coffee (and tea) to be ready to serve 8:45 – 9:00 am for 10 people. - Joy

PWRDF Donations for Hurricane Fiona Relief

PWRDF is saddened to see the devastation and destruction wrought by Hurricane Fiona on so many communities in Eastern Canada. From the Magdalen Islands in Quebec to Port aux Basques, N.L., the stories of loss and survival are cause for prayer.

PWRDF is in contact with our Diocesan Representatives and other key volunteers in the affected areas to learn the extent of the damage. Please consider donating to PWRDF to support these communities. We are assessing the best ways to channel your gifts to support those in the highest need in ways that do not duplicate support being offered by

other agencies or provincial or federal governments.

Look at the end of the newsletter to see information on how to donate.

Homelessness & Affordable Housing

The Anglican Church of Canada and the Diocese of Ottawa have officially declared homelessness and affordable housing to be a priority for the church. The Diocese of Ottawa asks you to consider these issues when voting in the next municipal election. Please see the last page of the newsletter for information.

Office Hours

The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to noon.

Coffee and Conversation Fall Program

Coffee and Conversation continued last Thursday with a relaxed morning of treats and conversation.

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

Fall Bazaar 2022

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The Fall Bazaar this year is likely to be a combination of in-person and online. The hall is booked on November 5 for the bazaar. Our online bazaars have been very successful for the last couple of years and some online aspect of the bazaar is likely to be maintained. I am looking to touch base with some of the former table coordinators and anyone who would like to help with the bazaar.

There is still a need for preserving jars, no larger than 500 mL. 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.

Thank you to all who have already dropped off jars.

-Joy Bowerman, Bazaar Convenor

Request for Used Postage Stamps

This week a package of stamps weighing 2.164 kg (4.771 lbs) was mailed to the Effect Hope Leprosy Mission of Canada. The stamps are sold to collectors and the proceeds are used to help people affected by tropical diseases including leprosy in the Global South. For many years Doreen Matweow has been actively involved in preparing the stamps. Doreen asks that parishioners bring stamps to the church and thanks Mani Mani for his regular contribution. Please help Doreen by saving your used stamps and asking friends and neighbours to help in this worthy cause.

Slim & Trim

Slim & Trim begins on Monday, September 12 at 9:00 am. This is an exercise program which runs Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9 to 9:30. See Jenny Morphew for more details.

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



Changes to COVID restrictions

The masking requirement was lifted on Sunday, September 18th. The following procedures remain in place

- Masks are still recommended but not required.
- 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

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Scan with your smart device to give today

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Over the past years, PWRDF has worked closely with Dioceses, parishes and organizations responding to local emergencies, most recently the fires and floods in British Columbia, and the pandemic in Indigenous communities in northern Ontario and northern Manitoba.

How you can help

Please pray for the safety and recovery of people living in the affected communities. Go to pwrdf.org/give-today and choose Hurricane Fiona. You may also call to donate at 1-866-308-7973 or mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2.



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How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 1 John 3:17

[The Anglican Church of Canada](#) and the Diocese of Ottawa have officially declared homelessness and affordable housing to be a priority for the church. In January of this year, Ottawa City Council unanimously declared an emergency on housing and homelessness. Yet, despite the attention given to this issue, homelessness and the lack of affordable housing continue at unprecedented levels.

Nor are homelessness and affordable housing only a problem in the City of Ottawa. Throughout the Diocese, whether in rural areas, small towns or in the city, families and individuals face long waiting lists for affordable housing and the threat of being or becoming homeless, as housing costs continue to rise.

The Church, governments, community agencies and the private sector, all have a role to play to end this housing emergency. At this critical juncture, what is needed are municipal councils who will take meaningful action to make housing more affordable. Starts With Home is a non-partisan campaign to mobilize support for affordable housing and ending homelessness, that has been endorsed by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. See their website for specific actions municipal councils can take: <https://www.startswithhome.ca>

In advance of the municipal elections this year, ask your candidates:

- **What will you do on council to end homelessness in our municipality?**
- **What do you believe the council should be doing to create more truly affordable rental housing?**
- **How will you/council address the rising cost of homeownership?**

For more information about how to advocate for affordable housing during the 2022 municipal elections, check out the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group page on the Diocesan website at: <https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/index.php/homelessness>

