



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

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

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future.

Outreach and Debra Dynes

Thank you to everyone who made food and financial donations to Debra Dynes Food Bank over the past few months as the need for both increased tremendously.

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.

I will be delivering your Thanksgiving donations to DDFH on Tuesday. We will be decorating the altar on Saturday with your gifts delivered up to 10am Saturday.

- Connie Bowerman turns 95 on October 15. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 431-110 Central Park Dr, Ottawa ON K2C 4G3 or you can send it to Joy.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Going forward into fall and winter I will be collecting mitts, toques, scarves and winter longjohns for the children.

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>

Let's keep filling up the blue bin.

Joan Hounsell, Outreach

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 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

Welcome Luncheon

There will be a luncheon of soup and sandwiches and dessert following the 10 am service on October 16th. There is a sign-up sheet in the link to let Cynthia know how many will be coming and whether you can help. If you are contributing food, please be aware that we now have a life-threatening allergy to peanuts and fava beans in our midst. Please exercise due caution.

Coffee and Conversation Fall Program

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

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Next week's program will be Shelley Crowley, speaking on Women's Issues. See poster on last page.

To Mask or Not to Mask

COVID-19 continues to circulate in Ottawa, and influenza is expected to increase this fall. Masks offer protection from both of these respiratory viruses. The province and the Diocese have removed mask mandates, as have we at St Mark's. While masking has become optional at St Mark's, continued use of a mask at church will reduce exposure. We also offer pews designated for physical distancing in the quarter of the church along the north wall.

St. Mark's New Director of Music



We are delighted to welcome Dr. Carl Bear to St. Mark's as our new Director of Music. Carl recently moved to Ottawa from Vancouver where he was interim organist at St. Mary's Kerrisdale Anglican Church for the past year. Before that, he served for three years as director of music at St. Giles Kingsway Presbyterian Church in Toronto. He has served as music director in Methodist, United, Anglican, and Lutheran churches in South Bend (Indiana), Ottawa, and Berkeley (California). He has degrees in church music, musicology, theology, and liturgy, and is involved in The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Carl is looking forward to getting to know St. Mark's choir and congregation. On Sunday, October 2, parishioners welcomed Carl and enjoyed his

musical talent. Feel free to contact him at carl@stmarksottawa.ca.

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

Fall Bazaar 2022

The Fall Bazaar this year will be a combination of in-person and online. The hall is booked on November 5 for the bazaar. The in-person bazaar will be slightly reduced. I have had a couple of people volunteer to help but I need more people to work on the day of the bazaar and I need to have some idea of who has materials they are willing to donate.

Preserving jars are always needed.

Thank you to all who have already dropped off jars and volunteered to help.

-Joy Bowerman, Bazaar Convenor

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.

Homelessness & Affordable Housing

The Anglican Church of Canada and the Diocese of Ottawa have officially declared homelessness and affordable housing to be a

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priority for the church. The Diocese of Ottawa asks you to consider these issues when voting in the next municipal election.

Office Hours

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

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 taken to the drop off point.

Changes to COVID restrictions

The masking requirement was lifted on Sunday, September 18. 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

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