



# 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.



## REMINDER

- **Masks are strongly encouraged.**
- **Wear a mask during coffee time.**
- **Get your COVID-19 Booster & Flu Vaccine!**

For inquiries and concerns, please email  
Covid19HelpDesk@ottawa.anglican.ca

- have masks available for those who forgot theirs
- **encourage people to wear masks during coffee time**
- encourage COVID boosters and flu shots

## Bible Study

This past Fall we didn't have any Bible Study. This was due to the fact that many of us were involved in the reconstruction of the parish's Pastoral Care Team. As a result, people who are still doing the Ottawa Pastoral Care Counselling course (which is mandatory) each week. I will be on vacation from 16th November 2022. Upon my return, we will schedule a time for Bible Study via zoom.

Peace,  
Fr. Julian

## Fall Bazaar 2022

The online order form is [here](#) and you may place your orders for pick up on Sunday. There are some preserves as well as pre-orders for Christmas cookie boxes, puddings,

## 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>

## COVID Communique from the Diocese

Respiratory viruses in Ontario and Quebec are sending young children to emergency rooms at double or triple the usual rate due to a combination of the highly contagious RSV, COVID-19, and influenza. It is a situation that calls for a response by all who care for the vulnerable in our midst. Throughout the pandemic, our response to the reality of public health concerns has been science-based, and this latest challenge must be met the same way.

Last month we implemented the requirement of masks for those in liturgical leadership. Masks are an effective tool for combating respiratory viruses as well as the flu.

Keeping that in mind, we ask each congregation to:

- ask people to stay home when they are symptomatic
- strongly encourage mask-wearing

calendars and soup mixes. Fermented hot sauces are now on the order form.



We have had a beaded table runner/hanging offered for a silent auction. The runner/hanging will be at church on Sunday or you may submit your bid online. The opening bid is \$40.

Apple, Blueberry and Raisin pies are available this Sunday. Next week, the Pat's delicious pies cherry and pecan pies will be available as well as the second round of Eccles cakes. The Eccles cakes on November 27 have all been sold but in a delightful surprise, Eccles cakes are graciously being offered on December 11. Don't wait around to order! Frozen cookie dough will also be available next week. Hand towels should also be available next week....they are about half way there.

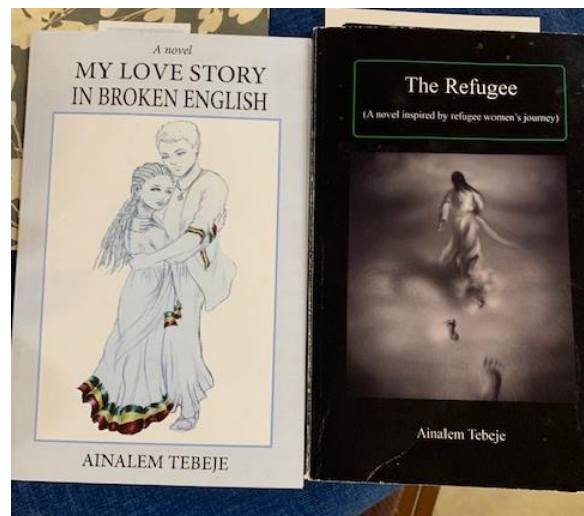
The Christmas cookie boxes are almost sold out so any help baking cookies for the cookie boxes would be greatly appreciated. This involves baking 4 doz cookies of each kind of cookie you are offering. No need to package them up because they are packed into the larger boxes. Depending on the number of cookies received, there may also be small boxes available on December 11.

-Joy Bowerman, Bazaar Convenor

### Coffee, Company & Conversation



This past Thursday morning Ruth Latta, a CCC regular, and a teacher and author, led a discussion on books that individuals have read or TV series they've watched. Listening to people share their reading and viewing favourites, people not only discovered new books and TV shows but also learned more about each other. Following the sharing session, a new CCC attendee, author Aina Tebeje spoke about two of the books that she has written. They are based on the experience of leaving one's country, becoming a refugee far from home, then an immigrant in a new home and finally a Canadian citizen. Her moving talk profoundly touched those present. It was a morning that brought the group together in a shared experience. Join the CCC gathering for coffee and conversation next week.





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### **Budget Submissions**

If you know of any project or would like to propose any project for inclusion in the 2023 budget, please submit them to the office by the beginning of December.

### **Outreach and Debra Dynes**

I made a delivery on November 15 to Debra Dynes of knitted goods (from the bazaar) , food from the blue bin and 6 bags of gently used womens clothes donated by my very generous neighbour . All the items were in perfect condition, clean and nearly new.



I noticed that on the door of The Family House was a sign “No Diapers available at the present time.” So let’s be generous over the next few weeks with donations of diapers in all sizes. I will deliver all items in the blue bin on a weekly basis.

Thanks to all,

Joan Hounsell,  
Outreach Coordinator

### **Forward Day by Day**

The November to January Forward Day by Day are now available. The cost of them has risen and \$3 would allow us to actually cover the cost of the booklets.

### **Stewardship Campaign – Week 4**



Nov 20  
Our Legacy  
Matthew 5:13

STEWARDSHIP  
*A way of life*

*'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.'*

For the past weeks we have been remembering those who came before us and what we could do to continue to keep their vision of a vibrant and dynamic church alive. Today I would like to look to the future and where we might fit into that future once we are gone.

Next time you have an opportunity look around the church. Look at the brass plates on the pews, beside the windows, in the sanctuary, the bell in the link, the monument with the bells and even the piano in Bishop Reed Hall. These are some of the gifts people gave while they were still alive but also as a result of having a vision and leaving something for the church once they had passed. What you see are the visible items, other donor’s gifts are written in the book mounted on the wall in the church

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beside the stained-glass windows and those gifts were given to support the ongoing life of St. Mark's.

You may remember a few years ago the trend that started with a movie about paying it forward. It started a real movement. Some of you may have even experienced it, getting a free coffee because someone in front of you paid it forward. At times I myself have paid it forward by buying a meal and instructing the facility to keep note and next time someone in need came in let my donation pay for their food. Janis has paid for someone's bill at a store when she overheard that they did not have enough money to get everything they needed for a child's birthday party. Our renovated kitchen is also an example. Funds were designated in a will by a faithful parishioner indicating that they were to be used by the church where they saw a need.



We are faithful in giving when we are at church, through PAR or electronic transfers, we have reached deeply into our pockets for special projects. I invite you now to give some thought to paying it forward, perhaps as the last thing we can do to help the vision that is St. Mark's continue.

Legacy giving is not as simple as writing a cheque and does require some professional advice. We have provided a [brochure](#) from the diocese (copies in the Link). Please pick one up and explore how we can continue to be the salt even after we are no longer here.

*Michael P*

Michael Perkin

St. Marks Stewardship Officer

### Ordination of Stephanie McWatt

Many of you will remember Stephanie McWatt from her video appearances from Fall 2020 through Spring 2021 when she was doing a placement with us while completing her studies at Wycliffe College. Stephanie is currently the Deacon-in-Charge of St Clare's Parish, North Dundas. Stephanie found out this week that she will be ordained to the priesthood on **tomorrow**, the Feast of St Hilda of Whitby. The service will be streamed at 11 am from the cathedral at [www.youtube.com/c/christchurchcathedraottawa](http://www.youtube.com/c/christchurchcathedraottawa) Congratulations to Stephanie and every blessing as she continues in her ministry.

### Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy

After attending several Safe Church seminars last week I was reminded of the importance of making our diocesan Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy (2021) more accessible. So, since our new diocesan website is not yet up and running, and the policy is a bit hard to find on our current website, I have included a direct link to it here. It replaces a previous policy that was limited to sexual misconduct.

<https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/images/human-resources/Workplace-Violence-and-Harassment-Policy-Final-May-9-SP.pdf?type=file>.

This policy covers all activities that take place on church property including rentals, worship, and parish ministry of all kinds. Page two notes that it applies to "all clergy, lay employees, volunteers, students, contractors, clients, parishioners, visitors, and others who may be on, or have access to, any diocesan premises."

The hope is that no one in your parish will ever need to make either an informal or

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formal complaint. May the policy serve to reassure people that our Church seeks to provide a healthy and respectful environment for all. – Linda Hill, Executive Archdeacon

If you have anything you would like to see in next week's newsletter, please email the church at [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)

### **Office Hours**

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

### **Changes to COVID restrictions**

The masking requirement was reinstated for all liturgical leaders on Sunday, October 30. The following procedures remain in place

- Masks are still recommended for all members of the congregation but required for all liturgical leaders.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca). Messages are being monitored.

### **Comments and Suggestions**