



# 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](mailto:Covid19HelpDesk@ottawa.anglican.ca)

## 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.

- Rev Canon Hilary Murray celebrates her birthday today on December 2<sup>nd</sup> .
- Carol Dicks celebrates her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on December 5<sup>th</sup>
- Doreen Matweow celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Betty Caughlin celebrates her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on December 8<sup>th</sup>

## 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>

## Lessons and Carols

There will be a service of Lessons and Carols on December 18 at the 10 am service. Six readers will be needed. If there is anyone who does not normally read but would be willing to read on that Sunday, please contact the office.

## Fall Bazaar 2022

The online order form is [here](#) and you may place your orders for pick up on Sunday

This week there are shortbread cookies available. Some of them are already sold so if you want some, make sure to order. As well, this is the last week to order the frozen cookie dough. Anything left after this week will be baked for the cookie boxes.

There will be cards available after church. There are still some preserves available. There is a late rental on Saturday so they may not be out on display on Sunday.

The Christmas cookie boxes are sold out so any help baking cookies for the cookie boxes would be greatly appreciated. This involves

**Advent and Christmas**

Nov 27 - 8 am Eucharist  
10 am Sung Eucharist

Dec 3 - 8 am Eucharist  
10 am Sung Eucharist

Dec 11 - 8 am Eucharist  
10 am Sung Eucharist

Dec 18 - 8 am Eucharist  
10 am Lessons and Carols with Eucharist

Dec 24 - 7 pm Sung Eucharist

Dec 25 - 10 am Sung Eucharist

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. If you are baking for the boxes, please get the cookies to Joy or the office by December 9 as the boxes will be packed on December 10. Depending on the number of cookies received, there may also be small boxes available on December 11.

-Joy Bowerman, Bazaar Convenor

### **Advent Outreach Opportunities**

During the season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas, we often look around us and help those in the community. This year we have a couple of opportunities for this outreach.



### **Gift Bags for Nelson House**

I am hoping that we can make Christmas a little brighter for the women of Nelson House by preparing Gift Bags for them. I have made up a

sample bag of the following items :

Chocolates  
Hat and gloves  
Deodorant  
Toothbrush and toothpaste  
Shampoo  
Body Lotion

These items are suggestions only ...use your imagination to create your own unique Gift Bag. Bags can be left in the Link and will be delivered to Nelson House the week before Christmas.

Thank you once again for your anticipated generosity.

Joan Hounsell,  
Outreach Co-ordinator

### **Advent Giving Tree**

We will once more be delivering your gifts to various agencies, including the Mission and the Well, with St Luke's Table. We need toiletries, both regular and 'hotel' sizes, hand and body lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, combs, razors, deodorant, and also socks and underwear M-L for men and M for women. Also hats mitts and scarves are appreciated, along with small gifts including cookies chocolate and candies.

Please leave the above items in a regular bag, unwrapped, under the tree.

Thank you, for your caring, as we try to move forward.

Jenny and Cynthia.

### **PWRDF Advent Resource**

I forgot this last week but the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund offers a yearly Advent resource. This year the resource is call The Gift of Hope. To subscribe to this online resource visit

<https://pwrdf.org/advent2022/>

### **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.

### **Coffee, Company & Conversation**

CCC continues on Thursday, December 8. Join the CCC gathering for a morning coffee and conversation. All are welcome.

### **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.

### **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
- 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

### **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**

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)