# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church 1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa ON K2C 1X6

# 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 <u>service</u> and the <u>bulletin</u>. The link is also available on the home page of our website: <u>http://www.stmarksottawa.ca</u>

#### Pastoral Care Team Meeting

The Pastoral Care Team will meet on Friday January 13 at 11 am at the church.

## Bible Study

Bible Study will commence via Zoom on the following dates, January 18 to February 15 and March 1 to March 29 at 7 pm. The theme for these sessions will be Seasons and Reasons. If you are interested, please notify the office via phone or email. A Zoom link with reading material will be forthcoming.

Please keep Joseph Amuah in your prayers as he prepares to travel to Ghana to be with his father who is ill at this time. Also remember Christian Okonkwo who has lost a family member recently. May the love of this Christ and this community strengthen them.

# Funeral for Ruth McPhail

On Sunday afternoon at 2 pm, a funeral will be held in the church for Evelyn Ruth

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Bonham McPhail. Ruth was deeply religious woman and was very involved in her church in Cambridge, Ontario but after she moved to Ottawa was unable to go to church. She comes to us through a family connection of Julia Fogg. The service will be livestreamed and you can find the service <u>here</u>.

## Bazaar and Spring Market

The Fall Bazaar and Spring Market combined brought in \$10, 243. This the highest total to date. Well done to all the people who contributed to the bazaar and a special shout out to Cynthia, Pauline, Gail, Shelley, Penny, Pat, Carol, Karen & Janis.

## **Church Calendars**

There are still some church calendars remaining. They will be available for purchase in the Link at the weekend, using the freewill system.

### Coffee, Company & Conversation

Unfortunately, CCC was cancelled on January 5 due to the inclement weather. However, the team looks forward to welcoming people back on January 12. It will be a cards and games morning at CCC

As a general rule, if school buses are not running, CCC will also be cancelled.

# Forward Day by Day

The February to April 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.

## 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<sup>,</sup> 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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. 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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. 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 <a href="mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca">stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</a>