



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

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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>

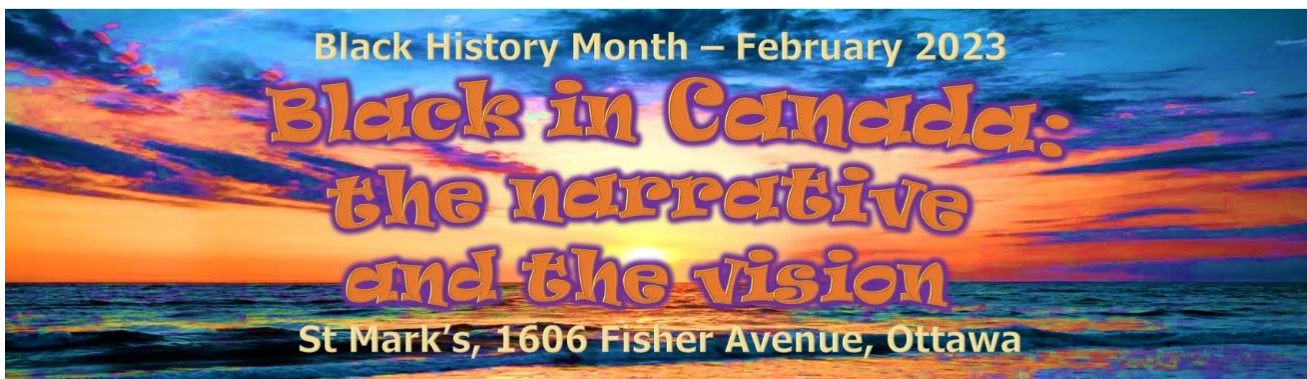
### COVID Update

In his most recent communique, our Bishop announced a revision of the Diocesan COVID restrictions. Parishes can now observe normal liturgical and social practices while following the three main public health recommendations. These are:

- asking people to stay home when sick;- encouraging mask-wearing in indoor spaces; and
- -keeping up-to-date on COVID boosters
- LACs must wear masks while administering

### Black History Month Guest Speaker

Archbishop Linda Nicholls was installed as Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada on July 16, 2019. Previously she served the Church as Bishop of Huron (2016-2019), Area Bishop of Trent-Durham, Diocese of Toronto (2008-2016), Coordinator for Dialogue for Ethics, Interfaith Relations and Congregational Development at the national office, and almost twenty years as a parish priest in the Diocese of Toronto. With degrees in music (BMus) and education (BEd) Linda taught high school music and math at Woodstock International Christian School, India for five years before theological studies at Wycliffe College (University of Toronto)



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and ordination as a deacon (1985) and priest (1986). She also holds a Doctor of Ministry degree (University of Toronto, 2002).

In addition to her commitment to healthy vibrant parish communities, Linda has engaged in the renewal of the healing ministry in congregational life; ethics in healthcare; spiritual direction; national theological commissions and ecumenical dialogue. She has served as the Co-Chair of the Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue in Canada and is a member of the third Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC III).

Linda delights in opportunities to exercise her gifts as a teacher in leading retreats and conferences. Choral singing, wilderness canoeing and walking fill her recreation time along with her duties as staff to a cat.

### **Black History Month Lunch**

This Sunday at 12:00pm a delicious Afro/ Caribbean lunch will be served in the Hall. Coffee, tea, and treats will also be on hand right after the service. There will be entertainment by the reggae band Trinity with Emmy award winning singer Ras Lee.

Please join us for food, drinks (non alcoholic), music and a lot of fun.

Thanks to all for your support.

### **Children's Black History Art Work - February 12**

The artwork will be on display in the hall and link until the end of the month. Please look at the end of the newsletter for photos from the art exhibit.

### **Vestry**

Vestry this year will be on March 12 and will take place by zoom. If you wish to register, please send the office for vestry, please notify the office. You will be sent a link to the vestry declaration and a zoom link. The annual report to vestry may be found [here](#). If you wish to receive a paper copy of the report, please notify the office and they will print a copy for you.

Many thanks to those who have already submitted their vestry reports.

**We had a great time last Sunday with Camille Isaacs-Morell, pictured here with her husband, Robert.**

If you wish to read the text of her address you may find it [here](#).



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

Unfortunately, CCC was cancelled on Thursday due to dire weather predictions. Folkzone is re-scheduled for March 30. On March 2, there will be delicious treats, coffee and conversation.

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

### **Spring Market**

This year we will be again having a spring market offering lots of tasty treats and running from March 12 to April 2. Watch the newsletter for further information.

### **Service for World Day of Prayer**

The World Day of Prayer, organized this year by the women of Taiwan, will be held on Friday March 3 at 7 p.m. The host is St Maurice Catholic Church at 4 Perry Street, off Meadowlands on the left, just west of Merivale. If you are interested, need a ride,

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and live in this area, please let Cynthia Greer know, 613-723-2680.

### **Kiwanis Music Festival Volunteers**

The Kiwanis Music Festival is looking for volunteers for Adjudicator's Assistants and Front of House. The festival is being held in St Mark's on April 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29.

Front of house is simply standing at the door and welcoming people, taking tickets (when necessary), guiding students to their places etc.

Adjudicators Assistants are secretaries to the adjudicators. Collecting the music from each entrant and putting it in order so that it is ready when that student participates - collecting any print outs from your own printer - possibly preparing certificates. You will also be called upon to introduce the adjudicator - class number - call the students forward when its their turn.

They would like to hear from you. See the poster at the end of the newsletter for further details.

Please contact [kim@okmf.ca](mailto:kim@okmf.ca)

### **Diocesan Community Ministry Needs**

We are reaching out as we are very low on supplies for our three day programs.

Some of our dire needed items are:

- Empty pill bottles - with labels removed
- Mugs - used
- Bath, hand, and face towels - can be gently used
- Mens and womens socks - can be gently used
- Mens underwear - large - must be new
- Women's underwear - med- must be new

Please share this list with family and friends.

Kimberly Latka

If you bring any of these items in to St Mark's, you may leave them in the conference room and they will be distributed to the appropriate location.

### **Bible Study**

Bible Study will resume March 8 to March 29 at 6:30 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.

### **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.

### **Change to COVID restrictions**

The following COVID restrictions remain in place, however there is no longer any portion of the nave reserved for distancing.

- Masks are still recommended for all members of the congregation but required for all liturgical leaders.
- The Peace is status quo 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.

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### 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.

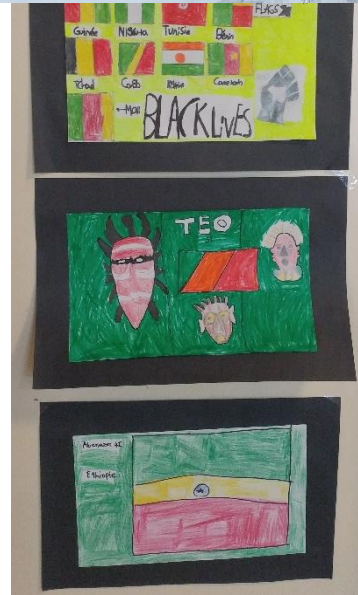
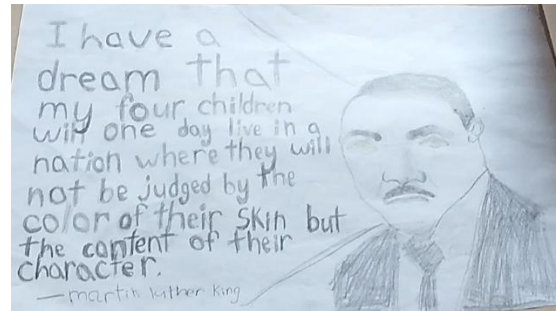
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### Contacting the Church

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)



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