



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.

We had a great time last Sunday with Primate Linda Nicholls, pictured here with Fr Julian.

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

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.

- Bill Barber celebrates his 85th birthday on Thursday, March 9.

Live Streaming

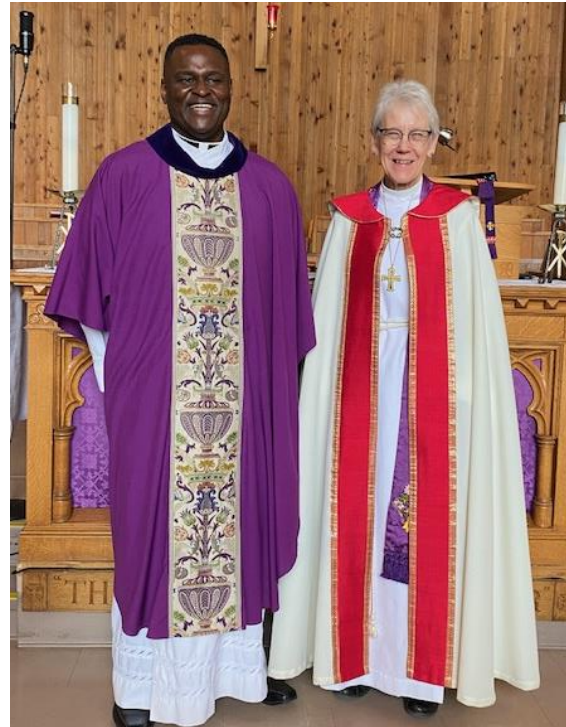
The service will be streamed at 10 am on Sunday. Here are the links for the [service](#) and the [bulletin](#). The link is also available on the home page of our website: <http://www.stmarksottawa.ca>

Vestry

Vestry this year will be on March 12 and will take place by zoom. If you wish to register, 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.

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. The order sheet is available [here](#) for treats that will be available after church on Sunday, March 12. The first week will be offering a variety of muffins and some hot cross buns. Order early for the best selection.



See the end of the newsletter for lots of great pictures of the Primates visit & Reggae Luncheon.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

On March 9, CCC will be offering Cards & Games. As always, tasty coffee, tea and tasty treats will be available.

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

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

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- -keeping up-to-date on COVID boosters
- LACs must wear masks while administering

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.

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



The Primate preaching the sermon

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The Primate giving the Blessing



Primate receiving Black History Month Stole



Primate receiving Bahamas design travel pillow



Primate receiving Bahamas stole

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Ras Lee & Ned Pitt from the Reggae Band Trinity



Fr Julian dancing with Sheila Pitt



Dancing with the Reggae Band