



# 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.

### 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>

**NO 8 AM SERVICE  
THIS SUNDAY**

### Vestry

Vestry this year is this Sunday, March 12 and will take only place by zoom. **If you wish to register, for vestry, please must notify the office. IF YOU WISH TO VOTE, YOU MUST FILL IN THE VESTRY DECLARATION. You will be sent a link to the vestry declaration and a zoom link.** The annual report to vestry may be found [here](#). This now has an addendum so that the report from the financial reviewers and the rest of the choir report are included. 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 is the first week of the Spring Market. The Hot Cross Buns which are being offered



this week are sold out, but there are still plenty of tasty muffins left. Be sure to order as it affects the quantity being made.

Next week, March 19, is Mothering Sunday and we will be offering small Simnel cakes made in a mini-loaf pan at a cost of \$8. If you wish to only have a small plate made up for you, you can contact Cynthia Greer. As well, there will be an offering of Eccles cakes at a cost of \$12 and Hot Cross Buns at \$6. Starting next week, Janis Perkin's fabulous cards will also be available.

More tasty treats are in store and a limited number of hot cross buns will be available each week until April 2.

The order sheet is available [here](#) for treats that will be available after church on Sunday, March 19. Order early for the best selection.

### Coffee, Company & Conversation

Cards, Games & Book Club were enjoyed by all on March 9. This coming Thursday, March 23, will feature Dave Chisholm, President of the Ottawa Royal Astronomical Society with the theme of "Searching for Stars". Come and join us for this exciting morning. As always, congenial company and coffee, tea and delectable treats will be on offer.

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

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### **Bible Study**

Bible Study will continue March 15 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.

### **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

### **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.

### **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](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)