



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.

cross buns still available this week as well as a package of Eccles cakes and a Simnel cake.

Next week, March 26, we will be offering lemon loaf and lemon blueberry load made in a mini-loaf pan at a cost of \$5.

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

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>

Upcoming Inductions

The Rev. John Stopa will be inducted as Incumbent of the parishes of St. Paul's Renfrew and Emmanuel Arnprior at St. Paul's Renfrew (96 Argyle Street) on Sunday, March 19 at 4:30 pm.

The Rev. Dr. Alana McCord will be inducted as Incumbent of the Parish of West Carleton-March at St. Thomas Woodlawn (3794 Woodkilton Road) on Thursday, March 30 at 7 PM.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer will be inducted as Incumbent of the parish of St. John's Smiths Falls (2 George Street South) on Sunday, April 2nd at 3:30 PM.

Spring Market

This week at the Spring Market, there will be selection of Janis's cards offered. These are notecard size and will be offered at 5 for \$12 or \$3 each. As well, there are preserves still available and any preserves left from the fall will also be on offer. There is 1 pkg of hot

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

Outreach Request

On March 25 I am visiting All Saints , Greely to see their milk bag mat program in action. If you have any milk bags to donate please drop them at church before the 25th so that I can take them to All Saints . The finished mats are used by the homeless and less fortunate for sleeping and sitting on.

Thanks for your support.

Joan Hounsell
Outreach Coordinator

Debra-Dynes Outreach

It has come to my attention that the Food Bank at Debra Dynes is in constant need of more food than is delivered by The Ottawa Food Bank . I will gather some statistics in the next couple of weeks with exact numbers of families served in relation to food delivered by The OFB. They are also in need of cash donations to buy food once their supply is exhausted . This is indeed a time of crisis and we can help with donations of food and cash that I will deliver twice a week if necessary.

Thank you for your continued support of this very important Outreach commitment.

Joan H

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Pauline Adams is searching diligently for new volunteers to support the coffee hour teams. Please let her know if you can help.

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Coffee, Company & Conversation

St Patrick's Day was celebrated early this week at CCC. It was great fun and included a quiz.



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.

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue March 22 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.

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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. 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