



# 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>

### Extra Readers

Next Sunday, the service will include a dramatic reading of the Passion according to St Matthew. There are a total of 9 readers which are needed for this. Even if you do not normally read, please let the office know if you would be willing to read a small part.

### Come to Dark Gethsemane

For several years now, St. Mark's has held an overnight vigil between the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and dawn on the morning of Good Friday. Anyone can participate, by spending an hour in prayer to remember the hours of prayer that Jesus spent, before his betrayal, in the Garden of Gethsemane. Before the pandemic, participants came to the Peace Chapel for this, but since then we have found it to be less complicated and more comfortable for each person to spend their hour in prayer at home. Resources are available for anyone who would like suggestions as to how to spend this special time. Some may use their BAS or Bible to

### Holy Week Services

April 2	8 am	Holy Eucharist
	10 am	Sunday of the Passion with Liturgy of the palms
April 4	7 pm	Evening Prayer
April 5	7 pm	Tenebrae
April 6	7 pm	Sung Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar followed by overnight (virtual) vigil
April 7	1:30 pm	Good Friday Service with Eucharist from reserved sacrament
April 9	8 am	Holy Eucharist
	10 am	Sung Eucharist for Easter Sunday

guide their vigil. Some pray for certain groups or issues for five minutes at a time to fill the hour. Some use the Hymn Book and sing for part of their time. Ensuring that the ten hours are covered without interruption is the main purpose, to emulate the time our Saviour spent preparing for the ordeal of his crucifixion and death.

Please consider this opportunity to devote yourself as the final days of Lent draw to a close. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the link for this purpose, or you can call the office to register your name in the chosen hour.

### 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 are a few lemon blueberry loaves left but the lemon loaves are all pre-ordered. There may be a few hot cross buns, depending on how much time I have on Saturday to make an extra batch

Next week, April 2, we will be a selection of mini-tarts, Eccles cakes and hot cross buns.

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There may be a couple more tasty treats available next week. Watch and see!

The order sheet is available [here](#) for treats that will be available after church on Sunday, March 26. Order early for the best selection.

### Visit to All Saints, Greely

Last Sunday, Fr Julian and I delivered milk bags to All Saints, Greely as a contribution from St Marks to their Outreach program. We were warmly welcomed by Grace (Peoples Warden ) who gave us a tour of the workshop that was featured in January's Crosstalk. Her husband has made 2 looms that are used every Tuesday night by parishioners and community volunteers who gather for fellowship and mat / seat making. As you can see Fr Julian is now a master mat maker !!

Please continue donating milk bags and I will ensure they are delivered to Greely.

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.

### Coffee, Company & Conversation



Dave Chisholm, President of the Ottawa Royal Astronomical Society with the theme of "Searching for Stars" was there this week. There were lots of "star" snacks and the morning was greatly enjoyed by all.



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This coming Thursday, March 30, will feature the re-scheduled musical group Folkzone with Chris White and Mary Gick. We will revisit Black History Month and Chris shares some of his family history. 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 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.

**Debra Dynes Family House** 29 m · 🌐

It's official! We're hosting our first online auction 🎉

Exactly one month from now, we'll launch amazing prizes for an essential cause - running camps and nutrition programs for children throughout the summer. We'll be posting sneak peeks as we go so you can get excited and prepared to bid on your favourite ... See more

Debra Dynes Family House

## ONLINE AUCTION

Funds raised will:

- \* Send 70 children to camp
- \* Fund summer nutrition programs (breakfasts, lunches, and snacks) for children in the community

**April 22nd - May 3rd**

### 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

### 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.

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### **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)