



# 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.

### Summer Newsletter

Please send any news items or announcements for the newsletter to [joangrayer@yahoo.ca](mailto:joangrayer@yahoo.ca) and also to [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)

### 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.

**Keegan Lazarus will be the supply organist for the month of August.**

### Live Streaming

The service will be streamed at 9 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:

### Office Hours

The office will be open Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon. Please call ahead. Even volunteers take holidays.

**Please note:** the office will be closed from Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> and reopen Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>. Messages will be checked during this time and email is always monitored.



### Congratulations to Sarah & Zac

As many of you may know, I have spent a great deal of time of the last month or so concentrating on getting ready for my daughter Sarah's wedding. This includes making most of the food for the casual reception at the cottage with an afternoon bbq and making the wedding gown and wedding cake. I have had a lot of people ask me how it went and curious to see the dress. The weather was quite cool and drizzled all morning with a little shower again in the afternoon. All in all I think this was better than the intense heat and deer flies of the day before. We closed three sides of the tent and we were fine. There was enough food, the dress was finished and all went off without any major hitches....but there have been a great many naps in my life this week!. Thank you all for your interest. Thank you to Penny

## Summer Services

There will be one Sunday service at 9 am from July 2 to September 3

Sign up rosters are now available in the link.

**PLEASE SIGN UP!**

for arranging the flowers. I could not have made it through without the help of my friends Alison Peatt (my matron of honour) and Anne Kirby.

**- Joy  
St Mark's  
School Supply  
Drive**

St Mark's annual school supply drive for DDFH starts July 28 and will continue until August 25.

The attached poster provides a comprehensive list of supplies needed and other financial ways to help the Family House. Cash and cheques can be given to me (if you wish) for delivery to DDFH.

Supplies can be left at the church for delivery.

Thank you as always for your continued support of DDFH.

Joan Hounsell,  
Outreach

**Piano Available**

Wanda Bowman has a Willis piano for sale or for donation. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Wanda or the office.

**Summer Camps**

Our church building continues to be used over the summer by a number of different

groups. As we did last summer, we have 2 day camps operating every day for most of the summer. The Carleton Memorial Daycare operates a day camp for school age children in Bishop Reed Hall and Pedalheads operates a bicycle camp in the back parking lot, using the lower hall for their inside space. The grounds are certainly lively!

**DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE**

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each year, we distribute school supplies to elementary, high school, and post secondary students. There is always a gap that needs to be filled- especially for those going to high school and post secondary! Your help goes a long way and ensures back-to-school costs are not a barrier to learning.

<p><b>SUPPLIES NEEDED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-backpacks</li> <li>-binders</li> <li>-duotangs</li> <li>-notebooks</li> <li>-math sets</li> <li>-scientific calculators</li> <li>-lined and graph paper</li> <li>-glue sticks</li> <li>-highlighters</li> <li>-pens</li> <li>-erasers</li> <li>-pencil sharpeners</li> <li>-rulers</li> <li>-pencil cases</li> <li>-crayons, pencil crayons, and markers</li> </ul>	<p><b>HOW YOU CAN HELP</b></p> <p><b>Personal Cheque or Cash</b></p> <p>Personal cheques can be made out to Debra Dynes Family House. We are happy to make arrangements to receive cheques/cash without contact. You can also mail a cheque to the following address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Debra Dynes Family House 955 Debra Avenue, Unit 85 Ottawa, ON K2C 0J5</p> <p><b>Online</b></p> <p>You can make a donation through Canada Helps at: <a href="https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-debra-dynes-family-house-inc/">https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-debra-dynes-family-house-inc/</a></p>
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**Forward Day by Day**

The August to October booklet has arrived and is available in the office. The cost of the booklet is \$3.



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### **Used Postage Stamps**

A large amount of used postage stamps was dropped off to OXFAM Canada on MacArthur Avenue.

Over the years, St. Mark's Church has collected used postage stamps, which we have sent to Effect Hope, an organization that helps those affected by leprosy and other tropical diseases. Doreen Matweow who took this on for a number of years is no longer able to process the stamps. We were unable to find someone in the church to continue this worthwhile ministry. We decided to send our stamps to Oxfam Canada. Used postage stamps can still be donated to St. Mark's.

Oxfam Canada has been raising funds for projects across the globe from its stamp program. The Oxfam Canada stamp volunteers raise roughly \$30,000 annually by sorting and selling stamps to collectors.

### **Stairwell Carollers Auditions**

Stairwell Carollers was founded in 1977 by our director Pierre Massie, who was a music University of Ottawa music student at the time. Our mandate is to raise funds for charities and student scholarships. Since 1986 we've donated over \$144,000 to these causes.

This fall marks our 46th year singing in the National Capital Region and we will again be recruiting singers this August 2023. We are in dire need of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses in order to continue moving forward with our philanthropic endeavors. There is a poster with audition information at the end of the newsletter.

If you would like to know more about our group and what we do, please visit our website at the link in my signature below.

Kindest regards

p.p. Helen Lücker  
Pierre Massie, **Director**

<https://www.stairwellcarollers.com/en/home/>

### **COVID Update**

In his most recent communique, our Bishop announced a revision of the Diocesan COVID restrictions. Parishes can now observe normal social and liturgical practices, with one exception, 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.

The one liturgical exception to normal practices is that LAC's must wear masks when administering communion.

An easy tool for determining whether you are eligible for a new COVID booster, and how to book one, is found at <https://www.ontario.ca/booster-recommendation/>

### **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.



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### 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)



Auditions Auditions Auditions



**ALL VOICES! / TOUTES LES VOIX!**

email: [info@stairwellcarollers.com](mailto:info@stairwellcarollers.com)

Auditions will take place end of August 2023 for our fall season.

e-mail: [info@chanteursstairwell.com](mailto:info@chanteursstairwell.com)  
Les auditions auront lieu à la fin août  
pour notre saison d'automne.

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