



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

September 22, 2023

Dear friends,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future. Please send any

news items or announcements for the newsletter to 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.

Glenn Keefe is the supply organist and choir director until September 24.

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:

Who we are – A Narrative

What we do as a parish and our continued existence affects our immediate parish family, the surrounding neighbourhood, and our virtual community. To get beyond "Salaries & Building," the committee has allocated our expenditures to the 6 ministries that are significant to life at St. Mark's and our life in the community. Details about one area will be published in the weekly newsletter for 6 weeks. This is the third installment.

Volunteers' contribution to the church IS the life of the church. We do not have statistics on the number of volunteer hours invested by St. Mark's members, so you must note that only financial expenditures have been accounted for in these articles.

Stewardship Sunday

September 24

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Canon Hilary Murray
Clinical Chaplain, Cornerstone

*Come and join us for fellowship
and a light lunch following the*

Outreach to our Neighbourhood and Beyond



This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 2 CORINTHIANS 9: 12

Responding to human needs by loving service is a longstanding objective of St. Mark's ministry (one Mark of Mission of the Anglican Church of Canada). Because we strive to serve the wider community, this ministry at St. Marks takes many forms. Our outreach efforts include:

- Hosting Coffee, Company & Conversation, which is a welcoming and socially active weekly gathering place for seniors from nearby and further afield.

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- Providing safe, welcoming, and affordable rental space to AA, We Kicked the Habit, Pathfinders, Carleton Memorial Day Care summer camp, and others.
- Supporting (through Fair Share) Diocesan Community Ministries.
- Supporting (through Lenten Outreach) charities identified by parishioners.
- Supporting the Debra Dynes community through cash and food donations, Mother's Day gifts, back-to-school and baby supplies.
- Hosting Slim & Trim exercise classes

"In the past few years, both St. Mark's and our center have faced many growing challenges, and despite the struggles, St. Mark's has continued to be a strong advocate to our summer camp through their continued support and benevolence" – Carleton Memorial Daycare Centre.

"When we started, we had 8 to 10 members and things were pretty tenuous, but we have grown to a group of about 20 people. ... We are all very happy we found a home in your church and it's a great location as well." – Merivale Group of AA

The investment in our Outreach ministry in 2023 is expected to be 12% of our total budget expenditure.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

On September 21, the forty two people attending CCC enjoyed a very special morning. Five dogs and their owners from the former Bytown Dog Obedience Club, were present to entertain and delight all there with obedience exercises and tricks. These clever and extremely well behaved dogs, Frida, Jazz, Robbie, Cecil and Lady, love to show their skill and training. Their owners are well trained too!

Everyone had a good morning and, as usual, were treated to wonderful homemade snacks, including dog bone shaped spice cookies.

Next week, the group will gather for coffee and treats, to play board games, learn and/or play bridge, or just chat with those who attend. Please join us. All are welcome.



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Diocesan Altar Guild AGM

The Diocese of Ottawa Annual Altar Guild AGM will take place on October 14 from 10 am to 3 pm at Christ Church, Bell Corners. The registration fee is \$15 and includes lunch. Please register by September 30 by contacting Sheila Dunlop. 613-327-2933 s.dunlop@sympatico.ca More details on poster at the end of the newsletter.

Thanksgiving Cards

I am in the process of making note cards and Christmas cards for the winter bazaar. However, Thanksgiving comes before this and I am wondering if anyone wants Thanksgiving cards to send out. I have a few made but will make more if there is an interest in them. Please contact Janis Perkin at the Paper Riot Studio email: calgary1953@gmail.com. As usual all monies made from the sale of these cards go to St. Marks. Thank you for your support."

God Bless! Janis & Michael Perkin

Office Hours

The office will be open Monday and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon and Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Please call ahead to make sure someone is there.

Slim N Trim

Slim N Trim exercise class begins Monday September 11th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. For information contact Jenny at 613-225-6301.

Forward Day by Day

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

COVID Status

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. 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. Email is faster.

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

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The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Altar Guild

Annual General Meeting
Saturday October 14, 2023
10am to 3pm

Please contact Sheila Dunlop
to register.

Please advise of any food allergies.

Email: s.dunlop@sympatico.ca
Phone: 613-327-2933

10:00 A.M. REGISTRATION - \$15.00
PAYABLE AT THE DOOR
(INCLUDES LUNCH)

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

10:30 A.M. WELCOMING REMARKS &
INTRODUCTIONS
11:00 AM. EUCHARIST
12:00 P.M. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1:00 P.M. LUNCH
1:45 P.M. GUEST SPEAKER
2:15 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS & GROUP
PHOTOGRAPH

Please register by September 30, 2023.

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Guest Speaker
The Ven. Kathryn Otley

