



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Part of the Anglican Communion

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.

Elaine Graham is the organist this 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:

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 fifth 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.



Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. 1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

As Anglicans, we are part of a worldwide community of faith. Nationally, under the guidance of our Primate, programs include the Council of the North, the Bishop Ordinary for the Canadian Armed Forces, Indigenous Ministries and Truth and Reconciliation. Immediate and ongoing responses to climate, geological and human disasters are coordinated through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund programs.

Being a part of the larger Anglican Communion provides various resources for the ministry and administration of the Anglican faith in Canada. Regional, national and international meetings of Anglican faith leaders and other faith groups help us follow the light of the gospel in an evolving world. St. Mark's contributes financially to the national church's resources, but we also reach beyond our parish boundaries when we share our worship electronically. Since starting on YouTube, we have had viewers from across Canada, England, the United States, the Bahamas and Ghana.

["I have just returned from three and a half weeks in Africa – attending a conference on](#)

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human trafficking and modern slavery; visiting PWRDF projects in Kenya and participating in the Anglican Consultative Council in Accra, Ghana. The ACC includes participants from all across the globe – it witnessed to our diversity and unity – welcoming the diverse languages (instantaneous translation!). The new Standing Committee of our Communion has members from DRC, New Zealand, Malaysia, Jerusalem; England; Kenya; Australia; Canada; Brazil, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Ireland!!” - Primate Linda Nicholls

“For the past few weeks, I have been tuning in to St. Mark’s worship service online. It has been indeed spiritually enriching. I am grateful that the friendly Rector takes the time to welcome those watching the service online. It helps me to immediately feel a part of the service. Additionally, the clearness of the audio and image is most commendable. The liturgy flows smoothly and the Rector’s sermons are always thought-provoking and inspiring. All these elements make the entire worship experience for the online community a source of inspiration and strength to meet the coming week”. - Daren Evans, Associate Rector at St Thomas African Episcopal Church in Philadelphia

The investment in being part of the Anglican Communion in 2023 is expected to be 17% of our total budget expenditure

Take the time to look at the bulletin board in Bishop Reed Hall to see all the testimonials we received during this project.

Fall Bazaar

This years Fall Bazaar will follow the same format as last years. There will be an in-person Fall Bazaar on November 4 from 10 am to 2 pm. As well, we will offer an online segment offering preserves and baked goods from November 5 through December 10. If you wish to contribute, through working at the bazaar or contributing items, please contact Joy Bowerman at 613-224-7028 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca Watch for posters and further information.

St. Mark’s ...this Beautiful and Significant House of God

The architecture students of the Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism Carleton University along with professor Greg Andonian, and associate professors Janine Debanné and Manuel Báez visited our church. St. Mark’s was the creation of James Strutt, one of Ottawa’s most successful modernist architects. We displayed sketches, specifications and photos of the church in construction, which began in 1954. The students took many photos, measurements and asked the professors several questions on the unique design. Bill Barber spoke about the church’s construction of laminated wood beams laid up in the form of triangles with wood plank sheathing the slopes, forming the walls and the roof. He mentioned that the interior is of BC cedar in its natural colour.



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Financial Update

Although our collections income is actually slightly higher than last year, we are still almost \$10,000 behind where we hoped to be at the end of August. Other revenues have increased, particularly our rentals income so that we are only about \$3,000 dollars under our expected net income. The bank balance is as low as it has been since 2010.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Yesterday, at CCC, while some chatted over coffee or tea accompanied by delicious homemade morning snacks, the creative writers in the group gathered to share their writings.

Next Thursday, October 12, the group will be entertained by Jamie Anderson, singer, songwriter & multi-instrumentalist. Everyone is welcome.

Belong Ottawa Donations

How You Can Help!

Preparing for Winter



With summer's sun slowly falling, and the cold temperatures making their way into the weather reports, Belong Ottawa is preparing for this chilly season by stocking up on much needed toiletry and winter items! All donations can be brought in to St Mark's and they will be taken to Belong Ottawa.

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.

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:

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- 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