



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. Please send any

Items will be ready for pick-up November 12 or by arrangement. New on the order form this week are Apple & Cherry Pies which will be available November 12 and Frozen Cookie Dough which will be available starting November 12.

news items or announcements for the newsletter to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

This years Fall Bazaar will follow the same format as last years. There will be an in-person Fall Bazaar **TOMORROW** 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.

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.

The in-person bazaar will have a café, preserves, baking, handcrafts, fabulous cards, books and puzzles. As well, for this year only, there will be a jewellery table.

Alexander Reicker is the organist this Sunday.

Joy Bowerman at 613-224-7028 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

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:

Synod Highlights

Over the next few weeks, there will be selections of the highlights of synod. (See later in the newsletter for this week's. The full highlights of synods can be found [here](#).

Fall Back

The time changes this weekend between Saturday and Sunday.

Church Calendars

I keep trying to order the 2024 calendar, but they will not be ready un mid or end of November, well after the bazaar. Next week there will be a sheet in the link to sign up, or call or email the office. Please order now so I can order the correct amount and at least I won't have a lot left over. I'm not sure how much they will charge, but hopefully we will

Fall Bazaar

It is hard to believe but the bazaar is upon us. The updated [order form](#) is available now.

St Mark's Fall Bazaar ~ 2023
1606 Fisher Ave. Ottawa

Saturday November 4, 2023
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Handcrafts (sewing, knitting & other crafts) Preserves, Baking, Café, Cards, Puddings, Calendars, Books, Puzzles & Plants

On-line Bazaar October 30 – December 10
information: 613-224-7431 | stmarks@stmarksotawa.ca

charge \$7.00 unless they charge us more than that. - Cynthia 613-723-2680

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Conversation was enjoyed by all at Thursday's CCC – and as always yummy snacks! Next week, November 9, our special guest will be Barry Finlay, well known mystery and inspirational writer. It promises to be an interesting morning! All are welcome.

Forward Day by Day

Prepare yourself for Advent with daily devotions from Forward Day By Day. Readings from the daily office are provided, as well as suggestions for your Christian journey. The newest edition is now available, covering November, December and January. The cost is \$3 per copy.

PWR World of Gifts

This annual PWRDF gift-giving campaign allows you to support PWRDF partners working to accompany refugees, improve security and livelihoods, provide clean water, empower women and support Indigenous programs in Canada and around the world. We have exciting updates this year, including a newly-designed gift guide, online and in-print.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, every gift will be matched up to \$110,000!

Watch for the 2023 World of Gifts guide in the November and December editions of the Anglican Journal, or shop our [online gift guide](#) 24/7!

Synod Highlight: The Eleven Actions – Strategic Priorities

Jamie Tomlinson provided an overview of way the Shape of Parish Ministry Consultation (SPMC) resulted in the three proposals resoundingly approved at Synod 2022 and how they transformed into the Eleven Actions that now form the top strategic priorities of the diocese, highlighting a few details from the Actions that are already being developed or implemented:

- Action 1 – Building ministry resources and knowledge – Establishing a mutual and

collaborative space, online tools to share existing and emerging knowledge, learnings, and wisdom.

The Learning Commons and a Program for Parish Development will provide resources, knowledge, and practical instruction on all essential aspects of parish ministry.

- Action 2 – Developing strategies to engage with the world (see Contextual Mission and New Worshipping Communities section below)
- Action 3 – Guiding major parish changes – a helpful guide of steps to take and resources available to a parish or congregation and its incumbent, as they embark on major change, has been created.
- Action 4 – Stimulating innovation and collaboration – An Episcopal panel is being formed to develop and implement a plan for stimulating innovation and collaboration between parishes.
- Action 5 – Reviewing parish fair share (amount now reduced and renamed Proportional Parish Share – see re: Budget presentation below)
- Action 6 – Using dividends for parish ministry costs (One of the ways Proportional Parish Share has been reduced is by using dividends produced from an undesignated and Bishop-discretionary trust held by our diocese in the Consolidated Trust Fund towards the costs of parish ministry.)
- Action 7 – Bringing clarity to parish governance (increasing understanding of different models of parishes and how they operate) (also see amendments to Canons, Bylaws, and Regulations below)
- Action 8 – Training and support for parish leaders (see Parish Advancement Program below)
- Action 9 – Providing services to parishes – Diocesan staff will provide increased assistance and support to parish leaders as they manage parish finances, stewardship,

communications, human resources, and administration.

- Action 10 – Equipping parishes to thrive (This sets out a plan for parish development that will equip congregations with core knowledge and skills.)
- Action 11 – Funding parish engagement with the world (see motion on Future Fund below)

Sandra Hamway, ADO director of communications and development, added that communications campaigns will be crafted to raise awareness of these new tools and resources through the new diocesan website, our print newspaper and a soon-to-be launched digital edition, newsletter subscriptions, and social media channels. She noted that the diocesan website will have a second-phase gated portal with a password to keep parish resources separate from information on the public site which aims to appeal to target audiences including, young adults, global Christians, and church seekers.

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. There is a container in the cloakroom for donations.

Also, donations of coffee cups will be gratefully received.

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.

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

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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

