



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

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.

Alexander Reicker is the organist this Sunday. Scott Kirby is joining us with his trumpet.

There will be a children's program this Sunday morning at the 10 am service.

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:

Reveille vs Rouse

You may note in the bulletin that it is referred to as Last Post and Rouse. I have had a question about why it is not Reveille. My trumpet-playing friends tell me that Rouse is the Canadian version and Reveille is the American version.

Fall Bazaar

Thank you to everyone who helped with last week's successful In-Person Bazaar. I was very satisfied with the results. The total for the day was \$2,855.30 which does not include the almost \$800 in online orders so far.

Baking	\$ 496.00
Books	\$ 119.30
Café	\$ 355.25
Cards	\$ 130.00
Donations	\$ 150.00
Hand Crafts	\$ 381.25
Jewellery	\$ 150.50
Preserves	\$ 1,073.00
Total:	\$ 2,855.30

The updated [order form](#) is available now. New items will be ready for pick-up November 19 or by arrangement. Look for beautiful and yummy Mini Carrot Cakes, the ever-popular Turkey Pies and the special trests, Eccles Cakes. In ongoing sales, there are still cookie boxes, soup mixes and puddings as well as Frozen Cookie Dough and a few jars of Hot Sauce.

Last Sunday, two cousins were baptised in a joyful celebration



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

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Thursday's CCC was coffee and conversation with lots of delicious snacks. A card table was set up for the bridge enthusiasts. The speaker, Barry Finlay, a well-known mystery and inspirational writer who was originally planned for Thursday will now join us on November 16. The book sharing and coffee klatsch will take place the following Thursday, November 23.

Barry writes fiction and non-fiction books. In 2009 he and his son climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, which led to him writing the inspirational Kilimanjaro and Beyond: A Life-Changing Journey. All are welcome to join us as it promises to be a very interesting morning!

Thank you to John Hancock, Russell Wilkins and Trevor Dee who spent several hours this week replacing light bulbs and repositioning lights in the sanctuary.

Looking for Volunteers for Church School

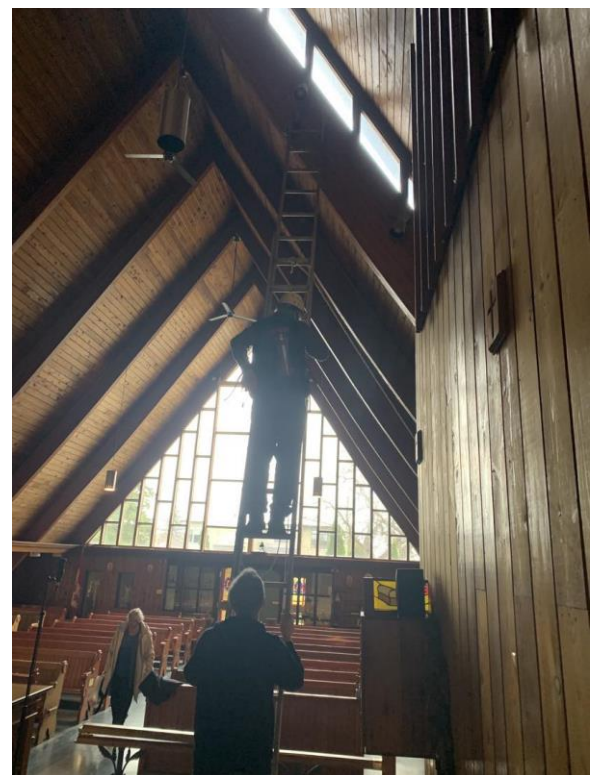
We are looking to start a church school program, possibly every second week to start but desperately need volunteers to make this dream a reality. Please contact Janis Perkin or the office if you can help in this capacity. Janis_perkin@rogers.com

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](#).)

Church Calendars

I keep trying to order the 2024 calendar, but they will not be ready until 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



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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.

Windborne Concert November 24th 8 pm

This 'a capella' quartet returns to Ottawa after a highly impressive performance here in 2022. Windborne's captivating show draws on the singers' deep roots in traditions of vocal harmony, while the absolute uniqueness of their artistic approach brings old songs into the present. Known for the innovation of their arrangements, their harmonies are bold and anything but predictable.

"Music of Midwinter" is a joyful and heartfelt celebration of song. Windborne's lush vocals and unique arrangements bring light to a dark season, as they draw on midwinter music from traditional, classical, and folk from the US, British Isles and beyond.

BBC Traveling Folk describes Windborne as "subverting expectations and redefining the genre... just absolutely phenomenal!" Audiences and critics lavish praise upon the singers not only for their technical mastery, but for the passion, engagement, and connection with each other.

Tickets \$30. For Tickets and info: www.oldsod.ca

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 Highlights - Synod adopted A Plan for Parish Development (Action 10)

Parish development is about equipping congregations with core knowledge and skills that are essential to thrive—particularly during times of significant change. Knowledge and resources from diocesan participation in the School for Parish Development will be combined with new educational and training resources to create a program of modules for parish development. The modules will be short (maximum 30 minutes) low-cost, slide-based videos, easily accessible from our ADO website, initially addressing five key areas:

- parish governance
- building healthy communities
- visioning and priority-setting
- effective stewardship
- engaging with the wider community

It is expected the leadership teams (corporations and councils) of each parish and congregation will complete the modules in a timeframe that will be determined later.

Synod approved the Action Plan for Contextual Mission and New Worshipping Communities

The Venerable Mark Whittall, the Reverend Thomas Brauer, Reverend Simone Hurkmans, and Paul Mugarura collaboratively explained the meaning of contextual mission and new worshipping communities.

Archdeacon Whittall explained that contextual mission begins with the question "How is God calling us to proclaim the Good News in our time and our place?" In 2023, in a post-pandemic, multicultural, largely secular culture, the church has to find new ways to engage with the people and communities around us.

The Reverend Thomas Brauer offered an example from the experience of St. James Perth when kids broke into the church basement with their skateboards. The church's initial reaction was to put up "No skateboarding" signs, but when challenged by

a young adult parishioner, it changed course and instead added skateboarding ramps to welcome and engage with the community. Not every effort in contextual mission will lead to an opportunity to create a new worshipping community, but it offers an opportunity to engage, build relationships, and to explore potential.

The vision is that every parish and congregation will initiate or collaborate at least one identifiable new venture by 2028. By 2032, the 135th anniversary of the founding of our diocese, we will have created 35 new worshipping communities, in a great variety of shapes and sizes.

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 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.

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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

