



# 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](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.

**Fr Julian is on leave this Sunday and the following Sunday. The Rt Rev Michele Pollesel will be covering his absence. For pastoral emergencies, please contact the office by email or call or text Joy at 613-867-7027 or call Suzanne at 613-727-5892**

**Glenn Keefe 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:

### 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](mailto:Janis_perkin@rogers.com)

### Advent Soup & Chili Luncheon

There will be a Soup and Chili luncheon held after the 10 am service on December 10. There is a sign-up sheet in the link to help estimate numbers.



### Remembrance Sunday

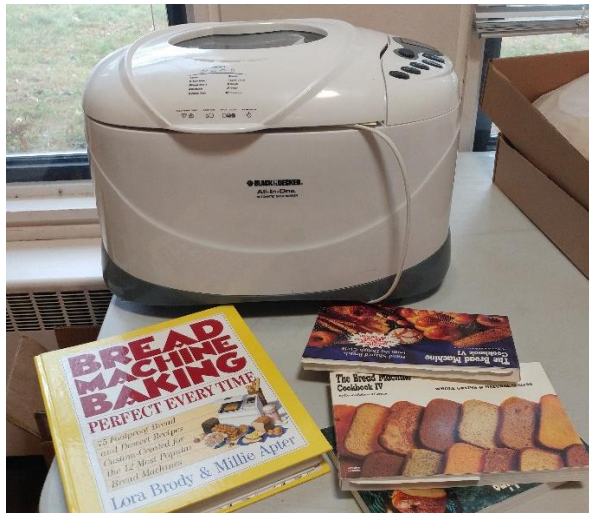
A heartfelt service for Remembrance Day took place on Sunday, November 12. The 72nd Cubs and 72/115 Beavers attended and laid a wreath. The first reading was by a Cub. Scott Kirby and his trumpet once again joined us playing the Last Post and Rouse.

### Fall Bazaar

The updated [order form](#) is available now. Items that are available for pick-up this Sunday are pre-ordered Eccles cakes, pre-ordered turkey pies, and carrot cakes (1 not pre-ordered) New this week are pecan, blueberry and raisin pies. These items will be ready for pick-up November 26 or by arrangement. Remember that if you do not pre-order the pies, you are not likely to get one. If you have not yet ordered, they will be available on December 3. In ongoing sales, there are still cookie boxes (available December 10), soup mixes and puddings as well as Frozen Cookie Dough and a few jars of Hot Sauce.

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This week there will be sales after the services of preserves, soup mixes and cards left from the bazaar. There is also a silent auction for an unused Black & Decker Bread Maker with instruction and some bonus bread maker recipe books. Opening bid \$25.



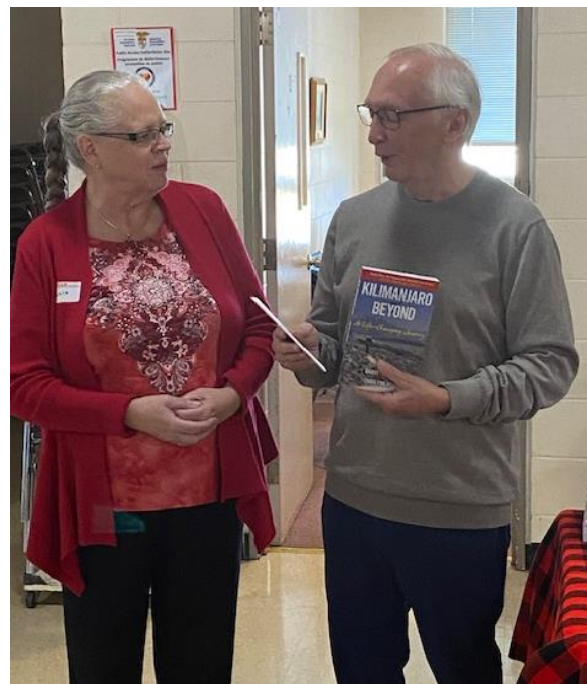
### **Church Calendars**

The latest report is that Anglican church calendars will not be available until early January 2024. If you have signed up and change your mind because of the lateness, please remove your name from the list. This will help with the decision on whether it is worth ordering. 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**



On Thursday at Coffee, Company and Conversation, 31 people were present to hear an inspiring talk by the author Barry Finlay. The word "inspiration" was the key to his presentation. He outlined how, after retirement from the financial policy world, he challenged himself to first, climb Mount Kilimanjaro with his son, then to write a book about it and its inspiration for him. From non fiction, he then moved on to writing two mystery series, a total of seven books, and explained the inspiration for each of the novels. His latest, a non fiction book entitled "Just Keep Climbing", tells of eight inspired and exceptional individuals who shared their stories of challenge and of reaching a goal. At the risk of overusing the word "inspiration", Barry's descriptions of these life experiences truly was inspiring, and had people asking questions for some time after his talk. We were privileged to have this Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal award recipient (for his philanthropy) with us for the morning.



As always, delicious seasonal snacks were provided by our CCC baking team along with coffee and tea.

Book Sharing and Coffee Klatsch will take place on Thursday, November 23. Come and bring a friend. All are welcome at this St. Mark's Community Outreach program.

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## 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](#).

## Banquet of Song: Cornerstone Benefit Concert



This concert by the women of St Barnabas choir and friends promises to be lovely. It features music written by women in support of Cornerstone Housing for Women. Admission by donation.

## Community Conversations: Field Trip to T&T Asian Supermarket - November 24 (Friday).

We gather at T&T at 6 p.m. for orientation and shopping. 7 p.m. - we gather at St Thomas the Apostle (closest church available) to share our feast from shopping and for further conversations about stepping out of our comfort zone to engage differences. Participants will be responsible for the cost of food for the potluck dinner. If you need a ride, please let Rev. Chung Yan know. Register at <https://bit.ly/40PFjuH>

## Windborne Concert November 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.oldsod.ca)

## 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 Highlights - The Action Plan has Six Components:**

1. **A Time of Prayer – Listening for Divine Sparks in our Midst** – A diocesan-wide initiative, A Time of Prayer, was launched on the final morning of Synod. It calls on all parishes, groups, and individuals to participate in regular prayer to discern where God wants us to act. The Bishop will appoint a working group to pray for, oversee, and implement “A Time of Prayer.” Each parish and group will identify a point person. Prompts, resources, and prayers will be generated.
2. **Establishing and overseeing the practice of Contextual Mission** – the Bishop, Diocesan Council and other lay and clergy leaders will play an essential role in the support, monitoring, evaluation, and communications.
3. **Supporting Leaders, Lay and Clergy** – with resources such as a knowledge network, qualified coaches, symposia, opportunities to participate in courses and workshops.
4. **Supporting Parishes and Congregations** – with a step-by-step guide to engaging in contextual mission and new worshipping communities; multiple sources of funding and other resources.
5. **Financial Resources** – Parish funds used to support new contextual mission initiatives and NWCs will be exempt from assessment for Proportional Parish Share and a microgrant program will be established to support contextual mission and NWCs and will be financed from the Future Fund.
6. **Timeline**  
**A Time of Prayer – Listening for Divine Sparks in our Midst** – Oct 2023 Launch  
**Establishing and overseeing the practice of Contextual Mission**
  - Nov 2023 Contextual Mission Subcommittee appointed

- March 2024 First Quarterly Review of Contextual Mission and New Worshipping Communities

**Supporting Leaders, Lay, and Clergy**

- Feb 2024 Courses and Workshops for Leaders available
- April 2024 Launch Knowledge Network (peer support)
- June 2024 Coaching for Leaders available

**Supporting Parishes**

- March 2024 Step-by-step Guide available
- May 2024 Facilitators available
- Sept 2024 Multi-session course available

**Financial Resources**

- May 2024 Launch first round of microgrant

**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

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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](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. 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](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)

