



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

**December 8, 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](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.

### 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.

### Advent Giving Tree

As in past years, you are invited to bring gifts to send to our local charities. This week's items are socks, underwear and undershirts for all ages and sizes.

Next week is drink boxes, snack bars, small treats, reusable shopping bags. We choose different things each week simply to help people focus. Anything is acceptable if it will help someone in need.



Giving to the needy is as much a blessing to the giver, as to the recipient.

Place your gifts under the Advent tree at the front left, not in the link or cloakroom. Thank you for caring. - Cynthia

### Reflections on Advent – continues this Sunday

The Sunday evening reflection on Advent via zoom will continue this Sunday and next at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Fr Julian for the Link.

### Church Calendars

The calendars arrived unexpectedly, and you can pick them up on Sunday before or after church, if you have ordered one. Thank you for being patient. Cynthia 613-723-2680

### Advent Soup & Chili Luncheon

The soup and chili luncheon is this Sunday after the 10 am service. We hope to see you there!

### Fall Bazaar

This is the last weekend of the bazaar. The cookie boxes will be available as well as



# Advent Lunch

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## following 10am service

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Mincemeat Tarts and Fruit Cakes. Soup mixes, turkey pies and puddings remain available as well as some preserves and Hot Sauce. There will be a display in the hall after church of Christmas cards, preserves and knitting.

### **Coat Mix-up**

Last Sunday a green coat was taken to the wrong home (from the cloakroom) by mistake. It will be returned this Sunday. So sorry for the mixup. Please see Joan Hounsell for more information (if necessary.)

In an odd (or related) turn of events a grey coat was missing from the cloakroom last week.



### **Coffee, Company & Conversation**



The creative writing group is pictured at work on Thursday, December 6 at CCC, while others enjoyed coffee and conversation with delicious cookies, squares, fruit and cheese. Next week is a cards and games day as the countdown to our "Christmas Joy" singalong on the 21st continues.

### **Outreach**

My thanks to all who have been so generous over the past year with donations to DDFH of cash, food, clothes, school supplies and household items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

I would like to encourage donations in December of cash and cheques. Each dollar given enables DDFB to buy food and household supplies in bulk. This has been a difficult year for all Food Banks as the demand exceeds the supply. Let us help as much as we are able.

I will be at St Mark's every Sunday in December to accept your monetary donations. If I'm not at church at a convenient time, please leave your envelope with the office staff. (If you are not able to get to church I can come to you. Feel free to reach out at 613 262 4108)

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Joan

### **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)

### 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.

**PWRDF Advent Resource:** *Hope in Action: Reflections on Farming, Family and Faith in the midst of the Climate Crisis*

Beset with climate-caused disasters, it's easy to feel helpless. But in actions both big and small we can find hope. This season of Advent you are invited to join Karri Munn-Venn – writer, climate activist and wool farmer – as she weaves together reflections, scripture readings and prayer. Subscribers to this free resource will receive an email each day that also includes a PWRDF story or video. You may also download the resource in its entirety as a PDF (you will be required to provide your email address).

<https://pwrdf.org/advent2023/>

### 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!

### 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](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>.

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**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)