



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.

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.

2024 Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2024 are now available for pick up. If you would like envelopes and don't see any for you, please contact the office.



Connie Bowerman

Many of you will know that Connie died suddenly on Christmas Day. She was in her 97th year and had lived a long and full life. She and Lorne were both active in the parish until declining health limited their involvement. Connie was greatly affected by dementia in the last years of her life and was taken into care in June of 2022. In going through her papers, we have discovered that she passed



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away 96 years to the day after she was baptised.

The funeral will be Saturday morning at St Mark's. If you wish to read more about her life, [here](#) is the link to the long obituary on the hpmcgarry website.

I wish to thank the many of you who have reached out over the week to express your condolences. My family and I have appreciated the love and support. - Joy

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 DDFH 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

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.

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

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