



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Coffee, Company and Conversation begins for the 2024 winter season on Thursday, January 11 at 10:00 am. Handouts of the weekly activities from January to March inclusive will be available on that morning. There will be some very interesting guests over the winter as well as other special activities

The CCC organizing group look forward to welcoming everyone back(or for the first time) for a new year's gathering over coffee and tea with special homemade goodies. Come and enjoy good company in a welcome atmosphere.

*Lisa Lewis and Chris Robertson
invite you all to
their wedding.*

January 27, 2024

11 am

St Mark's Anglican Church

Thank you from the Bowerman family

I wish to thank the many of you who have reached out since Christmas to express your condolences on the loss my mother. My family and I have appreciated the love and support, both in the many cards and emails and also with the support of the congregation in the choir, reception and supportive presence at the funeral last Saturday. If you wish to read more about her life, [here](#) is the link to the long obituary on the hpmcgarry website. - Joy

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.

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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.

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