



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 with the word newsletter in the subject line.

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.

- Bill Barber celebrates his 86th birthday on March 9

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.

Vestry March 3 at 1 pm via Zoom

REGISTER FOR VESTRY ASAP

Our annual vestry is next Sunday. Please click on [vestry report](#) to view your electronic version. If you wish to receive a paper copy, please let the office know. There are a limited number printed. If you have motions of thanks to be included, they would be gratefully received during the week.

When you notify the office that you would like to attend vestry, you will be sent the vestry registration form and the link.

Spring Market

Because Easter is so early, the Spring Market starts this Sunday with tasty muffins and hot cross buns on offer. On March 10, look for

Simnel Cakes as well as hot cross buns. Also available is four types marmalade, red pepper jelly and lemon curd available. Click [HERE](#) for the latest order form and keep watching for more treats to come!

Last Sunday of Black History Month

Last week's guest speaker was His Excellency, V. Alfred Gray.



The service was followed by an Afro-Caribbean lunch with lots of delicious food and entertainment by the Unrepentables.



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Coffee, Company & Conversation



February came to an end at Coffee, Company and Conversation on a bright, happy and energetic note. Chris White and his wife Mary Gick, both well known folk musicians and organizers of music events in Ottawa, played and sang familiar songs. The people present were encouraged to sing along to old favourites, and songs written about Canada. It was a warm and fun morning for everyone with great food. Despite dire weather predictions, 28 were in attendance.



Next week the morning is a bridge and "coffee and conversation" morning. In two weeks, don't miss the Pre St. Patrick's Day Ceilidh. Thursday mornings make the winter go more quickly, with good company and conversation.

A reminder that if school buses have been cancelled due to inclement weather, CCC will also be cancelled.

Readers, Servers, Sides & LACs

We are always looking for more readers, servers, sidespeople & LAC's. If anyone feels a calling to any of these ministries, please let the office know. Appropriate training will be provided. Every month, an email is sent asking for your availability and you will be scheduled appropriately.

New Directory

I will soon print a new directory, after vestry. If you have changed your phone number, perhaps by giving up your landline, please let the office know so our list can be accurate. If you wish to receive a copy of the new directory, please contact the office. You are eligible to receive a copy of the directory if you have given permission for your name to be included in the directory. Please be patient. Things keep cropping up.

PWRDF 2024 Lenten Resource

Daily reflections begin February 14!

Throughout the Lenten season, you will receive a daily email with a reflection from Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, on what health, well-being and good living require of us in our lives and

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our relationships with one another, with creation and with God.

And so, on this journey through Lent, PWRDF invites you to join Dr. Keesmaat as she walks with us, meditating on our current climate crisis and the well-being of ALL of creation, human and non-human, and offering us lessons in repair and restoration that are both profoundly ancient and current.

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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.

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