



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.

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.

St Mark's 75th Anniversary – 1949 - 2024

Join us for the kick-off on Sunday, April 21. A light lunch and a birthday cake will be served after the 10:00 am service.

There will be historical material and a presentation of the architecture of the church. In 1954, Jim Strutt presented his architectural plans and the sod-turning and construction began in June 1954. Prior to that time, the parish of St. Mark the Evangelist, which was formed in the fall of 1949, held its services at Carleton Heights school.

Getting ready for the kick-off of St. Mark's 75th anniversary on Sunday April 21. Georgia Roberts, Chair of the committee for the 75th anniversary and her husband Russell Wilkins put up the banners inside and outside.



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Coffee, Company & Conversation

On the April 18 at CCC, there was lots of activities to ward off the dreary weather outside including bridge and creative writing.



Next week, on the April 25, the activity will be "Show and Share". Attendees should be thinking if they are willing to share anything with the rest of the group. A list of possible talents, interests, hobbies, other activities has been handed out as a guide for deciding what to share about oneself. Thursday, April 25 at CCC should be a fun morning.

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

Last Sunday

When the Kiwanis Music Festival is in, they bring in a grand piano which we are allowed to use. We had a great time last Sunday with Glenn playing the grand piano for our anthem and at other times in the service....and after the service when Glenn played and people just gathered around and sang along. This Sunday is Glenn's last Sunday with us as Interim organist.



Thanks!

To Fr. Julian, St. Mark's M.U. and all at St. Mark's for your kind prayers and condolences, cards and phone calls. It meant very much to me!

Pamela Rogers

A Saga of Sewers & Drains

Last Friday morning, one of the front of house volunteers for the Kiwanis Music Festival used the washroom and was (quite reasonably) terribly surprised to find water coming up through the drain in the washroom. I was called over because I was exercising in the hall and immediately contacted our property team. When I went into the women's washroom, I discovered that the toilet was running and when I stopped it, water stopped coming up through the floor. Whew! However, if the toilet was flushed again, water started coming back up. Crisis!

Fortunately, the church itself and the hall are on separate sewer lines and the washrooms in the basement were still working.

My father worked with his uncle as a plumber's helper during his early teens. He was of the firm opinion that drains are the bane of a plumber's existence, and I have to say I share his opinion. There are just far too many ways for drains to go wrong.

Most of us would immediately recognize a blocked sewer in our homes because we would see the water coming up through the drain in the basement. Bishop Reed Hall is a different kettle of fish. There is no basement and all the drains for the building run under the concrete and out to the sewer. If water is backing up, where is the problem? With the way the drains run, water run down the sink in the kitchen can cause water to come up in the bathroom, depending on where the blockage is. After a great deal of trying to determine the situation, and making sure everything was kept quiet for the music festival, Mr Rooter was brought in on Monday afternoon.

Using their camera to inspect the drains, it was discovered that the drains leading out of the building were fine and the problem was

occurring in the sewer about 5 feet outside the building. The sewer was completely blocked by tree roots. Part of the blockage was cleared on Monday. Tuesday morning, Mr Rooter came again, the line was flushed and is now clear.

The discovery of tree roots in the drain resulted in the immediate demise of the Japanese lilac which was growing right on top of the drain. Thank you to Russell for his quick action.



We had problems with the drains in March 2008 due to a sump (depression) in the sewer line. The visual inspection this time showed that the sump was still there and the flushing cleaned the line out there as well at the area with the tree roots.

The cost of this little adventure was around \$3,400.

Joy Bowerman

Debra-Dynes Raise a Smile

Our Raise a Smile auction campaign was such a success that we were able to accommodate 78 unique community children in camp spaces in 2023.

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Please consider being a champion for our children and joining us again this year to raise funds for summer camps which run continuously 5 days a week for 8 weeks.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for these much needed camps and nutritional programs during July/ August 2024.

This is a huge time of need for children as school programs end and any assistance through school ends too!

We are always focused on caring for and supporting children and youth in the community. Ensuring that they have proper nutrition, an outlet for play, fun and socializing.

Creating a fun space is an essential way that we can do this in the summer months

Raise a Smile is a way to support vital programming and win some great items/experiences too!

The auction will run Saturday, April 20th at 9:00 AM - Wednesday, May 1st at 12:00AM.

Debra Dynes Family House

ONLINE AUCTION



[HTTPS://WWW.32AUCTIONS.COM/RAISEASMILE2024](https://www.32AUCTIONS.COM/RAISEASMILE2024)

Funds raised will:

- * Send 70+ children to camp
- * Fund summer nutrition programs (breakfasts, lunches, and snacks) for children in the community



**April 20 at 9:00 AM -
May 1 at 12:00AM**

Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Workshop - April 13, 2024

On Saturday, April 13, Fr. Julian and the Wardens attended the first Learning Common's workshop on 'Managing Finances in the Parish' held at Christ Church Bells Corners. This well-attended workshop covered financial issues including cash management, accounting and bookkeeping, parish trust funds, budgeting and reporting. There was also a section on Property and Asset Management with an emphasis on preventive maintenance.

This information has been shared with the St. Mark's Financial Advisory Committee and will be discussed at Parish Council. The next workshop on 'Governance, Safe Church and Employment Issues' will be held in May.

St Mark's @ 75



1958 Girls Choir

Wanted: Used Jewellery

Jenny Morphew is looking for used jewellery (even broken) for a fund-raiser in support of "Grannies in Africa", a project of the Stephen Lewis foundation. Please contact Jenny directly if you have anything to donate. jmorphew@rogers.com or 613-225-6301

Spring Outreach

St Mark's Outreach Spring Campaign is focused on the nutritional health of the children living in the Debra Dynes community. The Family House is currently making lunches for 50+ children a day and giving out supper to 25 children. Some

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nourishing suggestions that I received from Barbara are :

- Apple sauce and puddings in individual sizes
Granola bars, prepackaged cookies e.g. bear paws
- No Name cheese packets with crackers, pretzels or breadsticks
- Loblaws and Costco gift cards used to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, buns, bagels, cream cheese and cold cuts.
- Brown lunch bags and plastic sandwich bags (not fold-over.)

“Lack of food and money to purchase food has left our families in a very bad place. What we are seeing is quite awful as they struggle with high food prices and rents.” - Barbara Carroll, Executive Director of Debra Dynes Family House

Let us do what we can to help the children in the Debra Dynes community.

Joan, Outreach.

New Directory

Hopefully, I will be printing new directories this week. Thank you to everyone who has sent me updates and let me know they want a copy of the directory. 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.

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.

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