



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.

Margaret Pirnat is thrilled to announce that her daughter Allison had a baby boy on May 26 at 12:48 am. He is Maximus Jay Kempster, weighs 7 pounds, 6 ounces and is 22 inches long. He came into the world howling and has a lovely head of red hair ! Baby, Mom and Dad are all doing well !

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.

1949 - 2024
St Mark's **75th** Anniversary
Strawberry Tea
Saturday, June 22, 2024
2 - 4pm

Strawberry Tea

Please sign the list in the link after church if you would like a ticket. There are 60 only.

Pre ordered tickets will be ready for pick-up during coffee hour on Sunday. There are some tickets available on Sunday, if you haven't already ordered them. Prices are

\$14.75 for adults, \$5.75 for ages 5 to 12, and free under 5. Payment is accepted by cash, cheque or e-transfer to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. The word strawberry would be a good choice.

Planting a Tree for the 75th Anniversary

There was a good attendance for the ceremonial tree planting last Sunday, May 26 between our two morning services. There was a brief ceremony led by Fr Julian. Ray Davidson, Sheila Pitt, Fr Julian, Councillor Devine & Councillor Brockington helped to shovel mulch around the tree while the choir sang.



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The ceremony concluded with everyone saying together the following prayer:

God of the Universe, you made the heavens and the earth, so we do not call our home merely “planet earth”, we call in your creation, a divine mystery, a gift from your most blessed hand. The world itself is your miracle. Upon this tree may your stars rain down their blessed dust. May it and us be blessed with rain and sunshine. Grant us humility that we might become more human, that we might mend our rift from your creation, that we might then know the sacredness of the gift of life, that we might truly experience life from your hand. For you planted humanity in a garden and began our resurrection in a garden. Our blessed memory and hope, therefore, lie in a garden. Thanks be to God, who mad the world teeming with a variety of thing on the earth, above the earth, and under the earth. Thank be to God for the many kinds of plants, trees, and fruits that we celebrate. For the centipedes, ants and worms, for the mice, marmots, bats, squirrels, and for all creatures. We rejoice that we find ourselves eclipsed by the magnitude of generosity and mystery you so freely give. Thanks be to God. Amen



At the end of the ceremony, Councillors Riley Brockington and Sean Devine presented a certificate to the church in recognition for its longstanding contribution.



You may watch the tree planting on YouTube

[Tree planting Video](#)

Tulipathon Walk for the Multifaith Housing Initiative

St. Mark's participation in the Multifaith Housing Initiative Tulipathon was a great success. It was a beautiful afternoon for the walk and we were well represented by a good number of walkers. Thanks to all our walkers and our donors. We raised \$2,180 to help MHI provide low-income housing in Ottawa. Well done St. Mark's!



Coffee, Company & Conversation

Yesterday, the musical group PLAID returned to entertain once again, and brought joy and spirit, plus nostalgia to the 45 people present at CCC. Instrumental and vocal pieces, as well as group singing, made it a happy morning. A number of attendees commented afterwards on much they enjoyed the group. Plaid consists of seven musicians playing accordion, guitars and banjo. Having this happy and engaging band is becoming a tradition at Coffee, Company and Conversation as this was their third time performing at the coffee morning. They are always a welcome special event.



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Next week, June 6, is creative writing and games morning. However, some who attend just enjoy having coffee and conversation in good company.

June 13 the guest is well known crime writer Brenda Chapman, a speaker not to miss, and then on June 20, the last spring coffee gathering ends with a "goodbye until September" luncheon. Don't miss these final fun June coffee mornings.

Is it time to update your COVID vaccine?

Ottawa Public Health is holding a spring vaccination campaign. It includes the recommendation that people over 65 who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine in the past 6 months should do so now. A typical early-summer spike in cases is expected and research has shown that COVID-19 can still cause serious illness among older adults – even more severe than seasonal influenza. If you are eligible for a COVID shot, vaccines are available at pharmacies and at some neighbourhood health and wellness hubs. More information is available at ottawapublichealth.ca

Georgia Roberts & Michael Perkin
St Mark's pandemic team

St Mark's @ 75



Ray Davidson, Bobbi Cain & John Kirby are recognized for their long service to the choir.

Supplies needed for Belong Ottawa

Belong Ottawa is reaching out because the following items are low and they are in much need of donated items. Please see list below.

- Underwear (men's and women's M/L)
- Socks
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Toilet paper
- Lip balm
- Deodorant - Men and women
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Combs

Although the winter weather has left, we are looking towards what the sunshine and warmth will bring and how we can meet the needs of our participants.

Suggested items to donate include:

- Socks
- Underwear
- Deodorant
- Summer hats
- Reusable water bottles
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Bars of soap
- Sunscreen

Spring Outreach

Thank you to all who donated to the Spring Lunch Campaign for the children of DDFH . Your generosity is greatly appreciated .

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Food insecurity is real ... Please continue to fill the blue bin over the summer months.

There will be a "Back to School" campaign in August ... stay tuned for information about this.

Thank you for your continued support of Debra Dynes Family House .

Joan, Outreach.

Directories Available

At long last, the directories are ready for distribution. There are a number of directories already printed and there will be a sign-up sheet if these run out. Please see Cynthia Greer to collect your directory. (She will be easy to find as she is on coffee this weekend.) If you wish an electronic version, please contact the office.

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.

Emails Addresses for Key People

The wardens, as well as the paid staff (Fr Julian, Joy and Elaine) all have email addresses in the StMarksOttawa domain. They are:

Fr Julian Frjulian@stmarksottawa.ca

Joy: stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

Elaine: Elaine@stmarksottawa.ca

Suzanne Bisson: Suzanne@stmarksottawa.ca

Janis Perkin : Janis@stmarksottawa.ca

Joseph Amuah : Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca

John Hancock : John@stmarksottawa.ca

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