



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.

- Ray Davidson celebrates his 91st birthday on Sunday, June 16. He has been a parishioner and choir member for 57 years and served as sexton for 10 years.
- Karen & Bill Barber celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on June 21.



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.


National Indigenous Day of Prayer



This Sunday we will mark the National Indigenous Day of Prayer at the Sunday services with a guest speaker at 10 am and an order of service suggested by the diocese.


Strawberry Tea

Tickets for the Strawberry tea are sold out. Pre ordered tickets will be ready for pick-up during coffee hour on Sunday. Look forward to seeing you there.



1949 - 2024
St Mark's **75th** Anniversary

Strawberry Tea
Saturday, June 22, 2024
2 - 4pm



Summer Sign-up Rosters

The summer sign-up rosters are posted in the link. Please make sure to sign up. This is a great time to try out different jobs. If you are interested in trying a job that you have not done before, please speak to Joy as some jobs require training. Every Sunday during the summer we need people to open, act as sidespeople, read, offer intercession, assist with communion, serve, make lemonade, count, and close.

We will have one service at 9 am on starting on Sunday, June 30 and continuing until Sunday, September 1.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

On June 13, the well-known crime fiction writer, Brenda Chapman, spoke to the 42 attendees. Her history of how she became a full-time writer of over 20 books and short stories, including her two popular crime series, engaged everyone. The interaction between Brenda and the CCC group covered such questions as how the development of each

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book evolves, how the locales for each story are chosen, where her original ideas come from. It made for a fascinating morning. Brenda's career path from teaching to writing professionally, was also most interesting.



After a most enjoyable discussion, the group were able to purchase copies of the three books in her new series, Hunter and Tate. Brenda graciously did a book signing, and a number of people walked away in happy anticipation of reading a great crime fiction book (or books) this summer.



Many thanks to Brenda Chapman for her insight into the crime writer's background and modus operandi.



Next week will be the last morning for CCC's year which runs from September to June. Don't miss our special closing event on June 20th, when, after the coffee portion of the morning, the organizing team will be hosting a luncheon for all present. It will be a time to celebrate the camaraderie and events that have taken place over the year.

Many thanks to all participants for their donations which make it possible to provide special events and activities, and it would be remiss not to acknowledge the generous contributions throughout the year by the baking teams who provide the special morning snacks. Without their efforts and commitment, coffee and conversation would not be the same.

See you next Thursday, the June 20!

. 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.

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More information is available at
ottawapublichealth.ca

Georgia Roberts & Michael Perkin
St Mark's pandemic team

St Mark's @ 75



This young man turns 91 on Sunday – and is still singing!

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

CHARA Community BBQ

You're invited! The Carleton Heights and Area Community Association is pleased to invite you to a free* community BBQ on Tuesday, June 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Carleton Heights Community Centre (1665 Apeldoorn Avenue). Enjoy delicious food while watching a performance by Junkyard Symphony, explore the Ottawa Public Library's Bookmobile, get a glitter tattoo, or splash in the pool! We look forward to celebrating the start of summer together as a community and hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please email info@ourchara.ca. *Free hamburger or hotdog + drink to 250 people.

Spring Outreach

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

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.

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:

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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