



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.

Summer Newsletter

Please send any news items or announcements for the newsletter to joangrayer@yahoo.ca and also 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.

Happy birthday!

Michele Pollesel's birthday was August 1

Our Condolences

Donald Williamson suffered a stroke mid-July, days before his 100th birthday on July 22. On August 1, Don passed away peacefully. Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and her family. *Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him.*

Live Streaming

The service will be streamed at 9 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.

Summer Sign-up Rosters

Summer Schedule

Sunday, June 30 – Sunday, September 1.

Sunday service at 9 am.

Summer office hours

9:30 am – 12 noon, Tuesday and Friday

The summer sign-up rosters are posted in the link. **Please make sure to sign up** 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.

Summer Camps

Again this year, we have two summer camps operating in the church.

75th Anniversary

A big thank you to Joy Bowerman for creating a web page for the 75th Anniversary. The 75th anniversary page now appears on the website and if you click on the button, you will see a write up and pictures from all the events which have taken place as well as dates and information on future events.



We are thankful to Russel Wilkins for all the yard work he does at St. Mark's, keeping our trees and hedges trimmed and tidy.

St Mark's @ 75



Our parish nurses, Patti Robillard & Janet Helmer

Herbert O'Driscoll

17 October 1928 – 25 July 2024

A Personal Recollection

When I was 24, still living at home, in a relationship with my now husband, I made the momentous decision to do graduate work at UBC at the Institute of Animal Resource Ecology. My dad had two cousins who lived in Vancouver, not a great distance from the University. When I arrived in Vancouver, I had a basement apartment in a house, courtesy of a co-worker of Dad's cousin, Thelma. I often had dinner with Thelma and her sister, Lynn, and when I trying to find my feet, looking for a place to sing, Thelma suggested I try Christ Church Cathedral as it had a good reputation. I went to church the next Sunday, enjoyed the service and spoke to the Patrick Wedd, the choir director, saying

that I would like to sing in the choir. I was clueless. It was an auditioned choir so I went along on Thursday evening, sang an audition, was given a set of books and gown and told I could start on Sunday. It all seemed quite normal to me. It was not until someone else was interested in joining the choir, went to Thursday practices for over a month and never did get a gown to sing on Sunday morning that I realized how lucky I was.

During my first year there, Herbert O'Driscoll was the dean of the cathedral. As well as singing amazing music, I was listening to amazing sermons. Herb had a mesmerizing speaking voice. He was a delight to listen to – even if it was the most mundane thing he was saying. I can remember talking to him at a choir party while he was reflecting on the previous Sunday's service. There had been nothing unusual in the service from my point of view, no pauses or hesitations. When he was telling the story, he recalled that he had flipped the page in the missal and realized that there was supposed to be a collect which he had neglected to find. His interior voice gasped a little bit, but his exterior voice continued smoothly and spoke an appropriate collect – which he made up on the spot.

We were always singing new hymns. Herbie wrote the words to many hymns. Common Praise has seven hymns which were written by him. You might recognize *The Love of Jesus Calls Us* and *Come and Journey with a Saviour*, which we sing quite often. I have an interim hymn book from the Diocese of New Westminster from 1982 with 10 hymns with texts written by Herbert O'Driscoll. Similarly, there are 12 hymns written by Patrick Wedd, five of which are tunes for texts by Herb. Patrick has 18 pieces listed on Common Praise.

They are both gone now. Patrick died in 2019 and Herb on July 25 of this year. Their memory will live on in the music of our liturgy.

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St John the Evangelist on Elgin Street has released a memorial [YouTube video](#) with a 2021 interview with Herbert O'Driscoll on the Trinity.

Joy

Biography

Thomas Herbert O'Driscoll was born in Ireland and immigrated to Canada to become one of the most highly regarded preachers in the Anglican Church. A consummate storyteller, a popular broadcast and print commentator, and prolific hymn writer, he authored numerous books on Bible interpretation and the spiritual life, many of which reflect Celtic Christianity.

O'Driscoll retired in 1993 and published sixteen books, in addition to contributing regular columns for church publications, leading pilgrimages, and preaching. "The Rev. Canon Dr. Herbert O'Driscoll is many things: former parish priest and cathedral dean, internationally renowned conference and pilgrimage leader, hymnodist and storyteller, author of over fifty books. Perhaps above all, he is a great preacher and teacher of preaching. When invited recently to give an Easter Day sermon on Zoom (at age 92) Herb accepted at once. "After all," he explained, "I'm hard-wired for preaching." (From 2022, O'Driscoll Forum, Vancouver School of Theology.

1952 – 1954 Curate, Parish of Monkstown, Dublin, Ireland

1954 – 1957 Curate, Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, ON

1957 – 1960 Chaplain, Royal Canadian Navy

1960 – 1962 Rector, Parish of Huntley, Diocese of Ottawa

1962 – 1968 Rector, St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa, ON

1968 – 1982 Dean & Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, BC

1982 – 1984 Canon and Warden, National College of Preachers and National Cathedral of St. Peter & St. Paul, Washington DC

1983 – 1993 Rector, Christ Church, Calgary AB

1993 Visiting Scholar, St George's College, Jerusalem

1993 – 2009 Adjunct Faculty, National College of Preachers, Washington DC

1995 – 2024 Honorary Assistant, Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, BC

Forward Day By Day

The new Forward Day By Day booklets, covering the months of August, September and October, are now available. Nurture your life in Christ with daily Bible readings and meditations from this inspirational resource.

Booklets are displayed in the Link, and cost \$3.

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

Office Hours

The office will be open Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon. Please call ahead to make sure someone is there.

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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

DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each year, we distribute school supplies to elementary, high school, and post secondary students. There is always a gap that needs to be filled- especially for those going to high school and post secondary! Your help goes a long way and ensures back-to-school costs are not a barrier to learning.

SUPPLIES NEEDED	HOW YOU CAN HELP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -backpacks -binders -duotangs -notebooks -math sets -scientific calculators -lined and graph paper -glue sticks -highlighters -pens -erasers -pencil sharpeners -rulers -pencil cases -crayons, pencil crayons, and markers 	<p>Personal Cheque or Cash</p> <p>Personal cheques can be made out to Debra Dynes Family House. We are happy to make arrangements to receive cheques/cash without contact. You can also mail a cheque to the following address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Debra Dynes Family House 955 Debra Avenue, Unit 85 Ottawa, ON K2C 0J5</p> <p>Online</p> <p>You can make a donation through Canada Helps at: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-debra-dynes-family-house-inc/</p>



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