



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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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.

- Suja Mani celebrated her birthday on September 10.

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.

Dollar for Dollar Coupons

We still have some dollar for dollar coupons from before the pandemic. We will be selling these at coffee hour until they are gone. Please talk to Joy about purchasing coupons.

Primate Retires September 15

Archbishop Linda Nicholls retires as Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada this Sunday. [Here](#) is a link to her farewell message.

Archbishop of Canterbury's Sermon link

The following link will be referenced on Sunday: [Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon to the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands 200th Anniversary Service.](#)



Aged in Harmony Concert

As part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations, Aged in Harmony will be hosting a musical event at St Mark's on Saturday, September 28 at 2:00 pm, with refreshments to follow in Bishop Reed Hall. Aged in Harmony was started in 2002 by a small group of "retired" members of the Ottawa Capital City Barbershop Chorus. Presently, it has a membership of about 30 senior male singers directed by Rod McKenzie and it performs twice a month at seniors' residences or hospices.

The concert is free; however, free-will donations are suggested to cover costs. Mark your calendar now so that you don't miss this event!

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On April 21, 2022 Coffee, Company & Conversation resumed after the pandemic. This is a picture from that first post-pandemic CCC.

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Coffee, Company & Conversation

CCC began again on Thursday, September 12, and a happy morning was spent catching up on everyone's summer experiences. Thirty two people were in attendance and over half were non St. Mark's members. More community seniors are coming to enjoy the relaxed and warm atmosphere. As always, the CCC bakers provided delicious snacks with coffee and tea. The Fall season has begun!



(The picture of the food was taken at the end of the morning.)

Next week, our first guests will be the Jock River Jazz Band, who will be playing Dixieland jazz. The group consists of four lively and fun professional musicians, who are in great demand around the region and who enjoy performing, especially for older adults. Don't miss an entertaining morning while enjoying coffee and company.

Slim & Trim

Slim & Trim resumed on Monday, September 9 at 9 am and will continue Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**



Creation Season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It is a world-wide ecumenical celebration of creation. General Synod 2019 passed a resolution adopting the Season of Creation in the Anglican Church of Canada as a time of prayer, education and action, and encouraging dioceses and parishes to participate.

Each year, the Season of Creation Ecumenical Steering Committee proposes a theme for the Season of Creation.

The theme for 2024 is "To hope and act with Creation" and the symbol is "The firstfruits of hope", inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

A special note about this year's theme: We have decided to capitalize Creation for several reasons. Our theme this year emphasizes that Creation is not an object that has been created for human use, but rather a subject that we are called to relate to and collaborate with as fellow creatures. By capitalizing Creation, we refer to both the created order and the mystery of God's continuing act of creation. We acknowledge the whole created order, or the whole cosmos, including all living and non-living parts of God's Creation, showing our theological respect, reverence,

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accountability, and interdependence with the natural world.

In the celebration guide for the Season of Creation, the Archbishop of Canterbury writes: “In the face of the climate crisis, protecting God’s Creation is a spiritual imperative for Christians throughout the global Church. The Season of Creation has inspired us to come together in prayer and action – to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. That is why, inspired by the Ortho-dox Church’s leadership, the Anglican Communion enthusiastically supports this ecumenical season. I encourage Anglicans around the world to pray for the unity of the Church, as we follow Christ’s call to protect and renew what God has entrusted to us.”

Caring for our common home is not just an environmentalist or technocratic cause, but a more holistic, integral, human, spiritual vision, as well as a matter of integral ecology. Through prayer, practical advocacy, and sustainable actions, this 2024 Season of Creation can prophetically renew our ecumenical unity and care for our common home. We invite you to join this special season and be part of this mighty movement to bring about the firstfruits of hope.

May we journey together in communion as the People of God to honor our Christian call to care for God’s Creation!

The Mysterious Envelope 30

We have been noticing Envelope 30 from 2014 appearing in our collection plates. Unfortunately, it is 10 years ago and the envelope secretary has changed and we have no easy way of checking who had envelope 30 in 2014. If this is you, could you please identify yourself to Karen Roberts, our envelope secretary, by emailing her at graniteseven@yahoo.ca. We cannot issue a tax receipt if we cannot identify the donor.

Annual Fall Bazaar

Although our annual Fall Bazaar won’t occur until November 2 this year, preparations have already begun. This time of year is the time to make jams, jellies, pickles and other preserves

to offer at the bazaar. Empty 125, 250 or 500 mL jars are always gratefully received

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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings **from** 9:30 am to noon. 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