



# 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](mailto: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.

### 75th Anniversary Keepsake

The Pictorial Directory to commemorate our 75th Anniversary will outline the mission, our congregation, our activities and our history. We will be registering photography appointments after the October 13, Sunday Service. Each photographed Family or Individual will receive a free directory. There is also no charge for your photo to be taken. The picture-taking sessions will take place November 4th through to the 7th from 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm. And note that if you wish your pet to be in the photo with you, please let Suzanne know so arrangements will be made. More information is forthcoming.

### Episcopal Visit

October 6, there will be a special service to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bishop Shane will be preaching and welcoming new members.

**Bishop's Visit**  
**Anniversary Service**  
October 6, 2024  
10 am  
Followed by a light luncheon  
*There will be no 8 am service October 6*

### Harvest Thanksgiving

Next week is Harvest Thanksgiving. Please bring in any donations of canned goods or fresh produce before Saturday at noon. You can drop off Thursday morning 10-noon, On Friday morning, 9 to noon or Saturday morning 10-10:30 am.

### 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. They can be used at participating Loblaws, Dominion, No Frills, Real Canadian Superstore, Maxi, Provigo, Extra Foods, Your Independent Grocer, Atlantic Superstore, Zehrs Markets, Valu-mart, Fortinos, Wholesale Club and T & T Supermarket. Please talk to Joy about purchasing coupons.

### Aged in Harmony Concert



Last Saturday, Aged in Harmony delighted their audience of parishioners and friends with a fun-filled hour of song and music in the church, even though the building was without power, due to scheduled work. Aged in Harmony is an a capella barbershop chorus of senior men, of which our own John Hancock is a member. The group included many "oldies" in their program and finished with a

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moving rendition of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah, which can be viewed [here](#). Chorus and audience members then moved into Bishop Reed Hall for refreshments. This event formed part of our 75th Anniversary celebration.



**St Mark's@75**



Anniversary Cupcakes from 2014

### **Coffee, Company & Conversation**

Yesterday at conversation and tasty snacks were enjoyed by all.



Next week Jean-Francois Pinsonneault will be speaking on Aging in YOUR Own Home. All are welcome!

### **Shed Roof**



When corporation met on Tuesday, they approved the replacement of the shed roof,



largely covered by donations. Russell, not being one to let the grass grow under his feet, started working on the roof on Thursday and by the end of the day had the old shingles stripped off and water shield down and Paul had hauled the old shingles away. On Friday, Russell started shingling and Trevor Dee repaired the pothole. Thank you so much!



### **Looking for commode**

I received a message this week from Julie Desforges, Doreen Craig's daughter. Her sister Susan's son is in palliative care at Susan's home and the family is taking care of them. They are looking for a commode to help with this task. If anyone has one they are willing to loan, please contact the office.

### **Symphony of Seasons Concert**

Little Hummingbird Foundations presents the premier performance of The Symphony of Seasons by Justin Saulnier. October 19, 2024, 7 pm at Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre. The event is free but tickets can be reserved [here](#).

### **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

### **Update on COVID 19**

For a short while this fall, COVID-19 vaccines will not be available in Ontario as we wait for a new formulation of the vaccines to be released. As soon as the vaccine is

available, Ottawa Public Health (OPH) will inform residents of when and where people can get vaccinated.

In the meantime, please keep using what OPH calls your layers of protection, which work for COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses like influenza (flu) and RSV. These are:

- Stay home when you are sick
- Avoid visiting people at high risk when you are sick
- Consider wearing a mask to protect yourself, to protect others, or when recovering from illness.

For more information, go to

<https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/covid-19-vaccine.aspx>

Georgia Roberts & Michael Perkin  
St Mark's pandemic team

### **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.

### **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:

Fr Julian [Frjulian@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:Frjulian@stmarksottawa.ca)

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)