



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.

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.

Annual Fall Bazaar – TOMORROW!

We hope to see you all at the in-person bazaar tomorrow between 10 am and 2 pm. There is baking, preserves, silent auction items, handcrafts, Janis' fabulous hand made cards, pudding, calendars, books and Attic Treasures. Our café is offering an updated menu as well as some of the popular items.

There will be an online component to the bazaar and we have lots of tasty baked treats coming up in the weeks following the bazaar, including frozen cookie dough, turkey pies, carrot cakes, mincemeat tarts and Christmas cookie boxes so keep your eye on the newsletter for the order forms. The first order form is [here](#). An updated one with items on offer November 10 will come out during early next week.

FALL BACK!!
The clocks will be turned back an hour between Saturday and Sunday.

Calendars and Puddings

Calendars are already available and puddings will soon be made. Please order ahead by putting your name, and order on the appropriate sheets on the Link (hallway) table.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Halloween at CCC was a special one as it fell on October 31st, the actual day of Halloween! The Hijinks that took place were fun for all. Over 38 people attended and many were in costume. The tradition is to judge the costumes (done by Father Julian and Suzanne Bisson), and 1st prize went to Helen Bednarek as Red Riding Hood's Wolf, very scary!. Second prize went to Roger Latta as a caricature of Donald Trump complete with blond wig and MAGA hat, while third prize went to Downton Abbey's very perfectly costumed downstairs maid, Pat Sinclair. All



St Mark's Fall Bazaar ~ 2024

1606 Fisher Ave. Ottawa

Saturday November 2, 2024

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Handcrafts (sewing, knitting & other crafts) Preserves, Baking,
Café, Cards, Puddings, Calendars, Books, Puzzles, Plants, Attic Treasures
there will be no Rummage, Jewellery or Clothing

On-line Bazaar October 30 - December 10
information: 613-224-7431 stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca



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costumes were great, and in the spirit of Halloween.



Team writing was also part of the morning. Each table was given a sheet of paper with a first very frightening sentence, and the table completed a spooky story. These were then read out by the judges, Ruth Latta and Rob Mellon, who chose the winning one. They were great short stories and will be part of the Creative Writing Group's Winter booklet of their works. Ruth Latta is our resident author

and creative writing coach. In all, with incredible themed baked goodies, fruit and cheeses accompanying coffee and tea, and far too much Halloween candy, it was a wonderful celebration of October 31.

Next week, on November 7, the amazing men's vocal group, "Aged in Harmony" will be at CCC to commemorate Remembrance Day a few days ahead of November 11. Their songs and stories will share many wartime memories that honour Canadians who gave of themselves in past wars to preserve peace. This group of approximately 20 men will be sharing with everyone at CCC ahead of their performance at Beechwood Cemetery on Remembrance Day. Please come and remember with them, especially if you are not able to attend a Remembrance Day ceremony on the 11th.

As always, all are welcome at Coffee, Company and Conversation on Thursday mornings. Come and bring a friend.

75th Anniversary Keepsake Let's Get Together and Build Community!

For our 75th anniversary as a parish, St Mark's has engaged a company to take photos of parishioners, which will be made into a pictorial (photo) directory. There is no charge to you nor to St Mark's. Every family or individual who has a photo taken, will receive a complimentary directory. There is also the opportunity for you to purchase copies of your photo (e.g. greeting cards, etc), but there is no obligation to do so.

The photography will take place at the back of the church on November 4, 5, and 6 from 2:30 to 8:30 pm. There are still slots left, but If you cannot make any of these dates, you can submit your own photo. Submitted photographs must be either a hard-copy picture, 4" X 6" maximum in size or a digital photo with a file size of at least 1 MB. There is a \$20 fee plus tax (payable to St. Mark's) for submitted photos and you will also receive a copy of the directory.

You can email Suzanne at suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com and let her know your availability.

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We need everyone to participate to make our photo directory complete. This directory will be a lasting keepsake to enjoy and share over the years.

MHI Fundraising Concerts at All Saints Westboro

All Saints Westboro is hosting a Fundraising Concert and Reception for MHI's affordable housing project: Dream LeBreton. The event is on November 16 from 4 – 6:30 pm. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Belong Ottawa Wish List

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, remember those who have so little to be thankful for, the people who are served by Belong Ottawa, Centre 454, the Well, and St Luke's table.

Items needed are

- Clothing, hats, scarves, mitts gloves, socks and underwear all sizes. Gently used sweaters t-shirts and jeans, or jogging pants, could be brought also.
- Toiletries, towels, soap, deodorant, hand cream, shampoo, combs, tooth brushes and paste..

These articles can be brought all fall and winter. Add a couple of items to your weekly groceries.

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.

Latest Update on COVID 19

From now until October 28th, doses of the new COVID-19 vaccine are prioritized for high-risk and priority populations, which include adults 65 years of age and older. Starting October 28th, anyone 6 months and

older can access the COVID-19 vaccine in Ontario. For more details about where you can get your updated vaccine, go to <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/covid-19-vaccine.aspx>

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.

A detailed respiratory illness factsheet is available at

https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/resources/Images/corona/mitigation/Respiratory-Illness-Factsheet_8.5x14_v2023-09-08_EN.pdf

Georgia Roberts and Michael Perkin
St Mark's pandemic team

Forward Day By Day

The new Forward Day By Day booklets, covering the months of November, December, January 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:

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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

HOUSING WITH HEART



A music concert and reception in support of Multifaith Housing Initiative's affordable housing project: Dream LeBreton.



An evening of musical selections by local musicians and a reception of charcuterie, beverages and conversation

16 NOVEMBER | 4 - 6:30 PM

Tickets available via Eventbrite - Housing with Heart

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| ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH 347 Richmond Road, Westboro 613-725-9487 | CONCERT ONLY <small>(Available to 15 Nov. 6 at door)</small> | \$50 | PER PERSON |
| | CONCERT AND CHARCUTERIE RECEPTION <small>(Available to 15 Nov. only)</small> | \$100 | PER PERSON |

A portion of each ticket is eligible for a charitable tax receipt

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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