



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

An updated one with items on offer

December 1 will come out next Wednesday.

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future. Please send any

Puddings

Puddings are available again. Please order by putting your name, and order on the appropriate sheets on the Link (hallway) table. Calendars are sold out.

news items or announcements for the newsletter to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca with the word newsletter in the subject line.

Advent Giving Tree

As we have done for over 20 years, Mothers Union are collecting items each Sunday starting the week before Advent, November 24, to be given to Ottawa Belong which is comprised of Centre 454, St Luke's Table and the Well. We also deliver to The Mission.

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.

The first week is toiletry items. new only, small soaps, washcloths deodorant, tooth paste and brushes, razors and large bottles of shampoo, to be divided up, or if you travel, those small size toiletries. The second week is hats, mitts, scarves and slippers for all ages.

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.

We divide it into 4 weeks to make it easier to focus, but we accept all items no matter which week.

Annual Fall Bazaar

The online component of the bazaar has begun and we have lots of tasty baked treats coming up. This week's offerings are Pecan Pie, Blueberry Pie, Raisin Pie and Sourdough Boule, which are pretty much sold out. These items will be available Sunday, November 24. Sourdough Boule will be available again next week. As well, there are still preserves and soup mixes left which you can browse through on Sunday morning.

Thank you. Questions?

Ask Cynthia or another M.U. member.

The full poster is at the end of the newsletter.

Egg Cartons needed

Debra-Dynes has an urgent need for egg cartons. If you bring them in, Joan Hounsell will make sure they are delivered.

Coming up, look for mincemeat tarts, shortbread and Christmas cake. Eccles Cakes are sold out on December 1 but will also be available December 8. The offered amount of Christmas cookie boxes have been spoken for but sometimes we get more cookies so your name can go on a wait list. Keep your eye out for the bazaar email on Wednesday for the order forms. The latest order form is [here](#).

Coffee, Company & Conversation

CCC on Thursday was relaxed, with a few people playing Trivial Pursuit, a table of four playing Bridge, and others enjoying coffee, company and conversation. On a rainy day, the group enjoyed being together. The food prepared this week by Penny and Gillian, was delicious: cheddar biscuits, various loaves and cookies, cheeses and fruit.

Next week is "Show and Share", a morning where five regulars will show and share with the others, their special talents and skills. It

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will feature a diverse range of activities. Don't miss this morning of "hidden" pursuits and interests.

Remembrance Sunday



Last Sunday, we observed Remembrance Sunday and were delighted to have Scott Kirby return to play the trumpet for us.

PWRDF Advent Resource

This Advent, make a daily commitment to pray and reflect. PWRDF's 2024 Advent resource was written by the Very Reverend Ken Gray. Subscribe to receive the daily scripture selections, reflections, prayers and PWRDF stories in your inbox. Learn more about the resource at pwrdf.org/Advent2024.

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.

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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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Joy: stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

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Joseph Amuah : Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca

John Hancock : John@stmarksottawa.ca

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

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St Mark's Advent Giving Tree 2024

Every year the small tree in the corner of the church near the Baptismal font becomes our Advent Giving Tree. You are invited to help 'decorate' it with your gifts for those in need in our diocese. Each week of Advent we have a different gift suggestion.



Week 1
November 24
Personal Toiletries:
wash cloths, soaps,
shampoo, conditioner,
deodorant, combs,
toothbrushes,
toothpaste,
hand/body lotion,
disposable razors

Week 2
December 1
hats, mitts,
knitted or otherwise,
scarves, slippers,
for all ages

Week 3
December 8
socks, underwear,
undershirts,
for all ages and all sizes
men, women,
and children

Week 4
December 15
drink boxes,
fruit bars,
granola bars,
small treats

Some of the gifts we collect and send specially for Christmas, but through the Diocesan group **Belong Ottawa**, these groups are happy to receive donations all year long, since their needs are on-going.

If going out shopping is not easy for you, but you would like to take part, please feel free to make a donation, by giving it to Cynthia Greer, or another Mothers' Union member.