



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.

- Doreen celebrates her 97th birthday on December 6

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.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to contribute to flowers for Christmas, please contact the office or speak to Joy.

2025 Offering Envelopes

If you would like offering envelopes for 2025 and do not currently have them, please contact the office. If you have offering envelopes and you no longer want them, please also contact the office.

Annual Fall Bazaar

Next week is the last week of the online component of the bazaar. This week's offerings are Mincemeat Tarts, Eccles cakes and Sourdough Boule. The Eccles cakes and

sourdough boule are mostly spoken for this week. These items will be available Sunday, December 8. As well, there are still preserves and soup mixes left which you can browse through on Sunday morning.

As well, this week, Janis is bringing her fabulous cards and they will be available after the service.

Next week the Christmas cookie boxes will be available. 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. The latest order form is [here](#).



Advent Wreath Candles

There are new candles available for your Advent wreaths in the conference room. A full set of candles is \$10 or you can purchase single candles for \$2.

Puddings

Christmas puddings will be available on December 8.

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.

The third week is socks, underwear & undershirts. The fourth week is drink boxes, fruit bars, granola bars and small treats.

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

Thank you. Ask Cynthia or another M.U. member for more information.

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.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Coffee, Company & Conversation continued on Dec 5. There was a small turn out due to inclement weather

December 12 will be a creative writing group day, and for others, a coffee klatsch.

December 19 will be the last CCC morning of the 2024 year, and will be highlighted with the annual "Christmas Joy" pre-Christmas morning of seasonal songs.

Everyone is welcome. Please remember that if school buses are cancelled, CCC will also be cancelled.

Musical Advent Calendar

Music and Beyond is a classical music and arts festival that began in July 2010. Each year, the festival offers a variety of programming to highlight exciting connections between classical music and other art forms.

One mission of Music and Beyond is to introduce and foster new audiences as they explore or experience music and the arts. All the while emphasizing and providing opportunities for young people in the community.

This year [Music and Beyond](#) is offering a musical Advent Calendar. Scroll down through the website until you see the Advent Calendar towards the bottom and click on the day you want to see. The music is locally recorded, so far in Dominion Chalmers centre.

Your Anglican Charities thank you and need you.

While the Canada Post strike is affecting Advent appeals and donations, you can still support Anglican philanthropic partners – Giving with Grace, the Anglican Foundation of Canada and The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Alongside Hope) – by donating online or by phone.



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PWRDF Advent Resource

This Advent, make a daily commitment to pray and reflect. PWRDF's 2024 Advent resource was written by the Very Reverend

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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.

Request for Volunteers

Hello,

I am reaching out to your church because I am looking for help to find volunteers for my school. I run The Dandelion Cafe and Student Achievement Centre in Ottawa. We are a non-profit, volunteer run organization that educates vulnerable Ottawa teens. Most of our students have autism, other neurodiversity, learning disabilities, mental health issues, or are victims of discrimination due to their LGBTQ status.

Our student body is rapidly growing, and we are in desperate need of volunteers to facilitate workshops. These positions are ideal for B.Ed. students (any university student really!) or retirees who are looking to give back in a meaningful way. The workshops include:

- ESL conversation group
- Stock market simulation workshop
- Real-world mathematics workshop
- Learn to pencil sketch workshop

The commitment is approximately 1 hour per week. All plans, materials and resources will be provided, and class sizes are small, between 4-10 students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Graham, OCT
Co-Founder, Teacher, Curriculum Designer
Person-Centered Therapy Certified
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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.

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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

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Elaine: Elaine@stmarksottawa.ca

Suzanne Bisson: Suzanne@stmarksottawa.ca

Janis Perkin : Janis@stmarksottawa.ca

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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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

make a difference in the life of a local teen



Workshop Facilitators

ESL Conversation
Stock Market Simulation
Real-World Math
Pencil Sketching

Small groups

Lessons &
Materials provided
1 hour per week



700 Industrial Ave. Unit 5
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Text: 873-355-3971

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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.



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.