



# 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](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.

### Fr Julian's Departure

Fr Julian's last day at St. Mark's will be January 12, 2025. Fr. Julian leaves to be the Rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wichita, Kansas. As well, the Bishop of Kansas has appointment him as the Co-Chair of the task force on Social Justice for the entire Episcopal Diocese of Kansas.

It has been a long-standing tradition at St. Mark's of offering a monetary gift, a "priest's purse" to a priest who is leaving. In this way, we offer appreciation, gratitude and the recognition of the contributions Fr. Jullian has made to St Mark's over the last five years as our Rector. An envelope is placed at the back of the church for donations or you can put your donation (cash or cheque) in an envelope with his name on it and place in the collection plate. This is entirely voluntary and note that contributions are not tax deductible. It is also possible to send an e-transfer. CanadaHelps

cannot be used for this as there is an automatic tax receipt.

We will say our farewells to Fr. Julian on January 12 with a luncheon after the service. It is not necessary but if you wish to contribute to the luncheon, please contact Janis Perkin [janis@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:janis@stmarksottawa.ca)

**2025 Offering Envelopes** are now available.

### Coffee, Company & Conversation

The Winter season will begin on January 9 with predictions for the year 2025. You can see the full schedule for the winter session at the end of the newsletter or on the website.

Remember that if school buses are cancelled, CCC will also be cancelled.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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

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- 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](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:

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

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

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Joseph Amuah : [Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca)

John Hancock : [John@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto: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](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)

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# COFFEE COMPANY & CONVERSATION

## WINTER SEASON 2025

a weekly gathering for seniors in the community  
coffee, goodies and featured activities

### SENIORS – COME & JOIN US

January 9 to March 27  
every Thursday 10:00am to 12noon



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For more information contact: St Mark's at 613 224-7431

## UP-COMING ACTIVITIES

- January 9** New Year Welcome – Predictions for 2025
- January 16** Bridge & Games - or - Koffee Klatsch
- January 23** ***Robbie Burns Celebration –***  
Guest: **Neil Emberg**, lead singer and guitarist  
with the well-known Celtic group, '*Hadrian's Wall*'.
- January 30** Creative Writing - or - Coffee & Conversation
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- February 6** Coffee & Conversation
- February 13** ***Valentine Hearts Event –*** with Rob
- February 20** Bridge & Games - or - Koffee Klatsch
- February 27** Guest: **Bruce Deachman**, *Ottawa Citizen*  
feature journalist "reporter about town"  
and author of the book '*Front Page Ottawa*',  
a collection of the *Citizen's* most significant stories since 1845
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- March 6** Creative Writing - or - Coffee and Conversation
- March 13** ***St Patrick's Day Shenanigans -***  
***A Ceilidh and Irish Dancing***  
Guests: **Kevin Dooley**, Irish singer and musician, and  
**Brian Armstrong**, Irish Country dance instructor.
- March 20** First Day of Spring Celebration
- March 27** ***Home Organization and Decluttering***  
Guest: **Akiko Sakiyama**, Home Organizer /  
Konmari Consultant / Feng Shui Consultant