



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

January 10, 2025

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.

Interim

We received official confirmation on Thursday that beginning next week, the Rev. David Clunie will be our interim priest. He will be us 3 days per week, including Sunday.

Farewell Luncheon and Celebration of Fr Julian's Ministry at St Mark's

This Sunday is Fr Julian's last day at St. Mark's. He is leaving to be the Rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wichita, Kansas. As well, the Bishop of Kansas has appointed him as the Co-Chair of the task force on Social Justice for the 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 box is 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.

After the service on Sunday, there will be a Farewell Luncheon to which are all welcome. We will be showcasing some of the culinary skills we have learned during of Fr Julian's tenure. At that time, there will a farewell presentation.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Forty-two people attended our first CCC of the new year and, as a start to thinking about 2025, were asked for their predictions. Each table group worked on their predictions using the headings Political, Social/Romantic, Economic and Other. In addition, each person shared the one word that they felt would guide them through the year. The results were most enlightening! Many of the "predictions" emerged as "hopes" for the year to come such as peace, romance, lower taxes and a better economy. One of the favorite words to live by was Love. It would be a good year if the predictions and hopes of CCC do, in fact, come to pass.



People were happy to be back and enjoying the wonderful snacks accompanying coffee and tea.

Next week the activity is bridge/games and/or "koffee klatsch". All are welcome.

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Don't forget that if school buses are cancelled on a Thursday, CCC is cancelled as well.



Michael showing off his kilt to Fr Julian.

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.

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

Elaine: Elaine@stmarksottawa.ca

Suzanne Bisson: Suzanne@stmarksottawa.ca

Janis Perkin : Janis@stmarksottawa.ca

Joseph Amuah : Joseph@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. 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.

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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



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

St Mark's Anglican Church
1606 Fisher Avenue, Ottawa

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 , <i>Ottawa Citizen</i> feature journalist "reporter about town" and author of the book 'Front Page Ottawa', a collection of the <i>Citizen's</i> 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	