



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, we will be more than happy to announce it. However, it must be in to 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.

Rev Canon David Clunie

Our interim priest is the Rev Canon David Clunie. You may reach Fr David at 614-224-7431 or David@stmarksottawa.ca

Vestry

Vestry will be held in the parish hall after the 10 am service on February 23. Vestry Reports will be available at the latest of February 14, (but hopefully February 7). Anyone writing a vestry report should submit it by February 2.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month and at St Mark's we will be celebrating this year's events under the theme: Strength Through Unity, Appreciating Diversity.

Events during the month will include:

February 8: Fashion Show at St Thomas

Members of African descent at St Mark's will participate in a Fashion Show being organized by St Thomas. Come and experience cool African fashion on display.

February 9, 10 am Service: Sophia Chiboka

February 15, 3-4pm: Panel Discussion at St Thomas

You are invited to a Panel Discussion being organized by St Thomas. One of our community members, Joseph Amuah, will participate in the Panel Discussion.

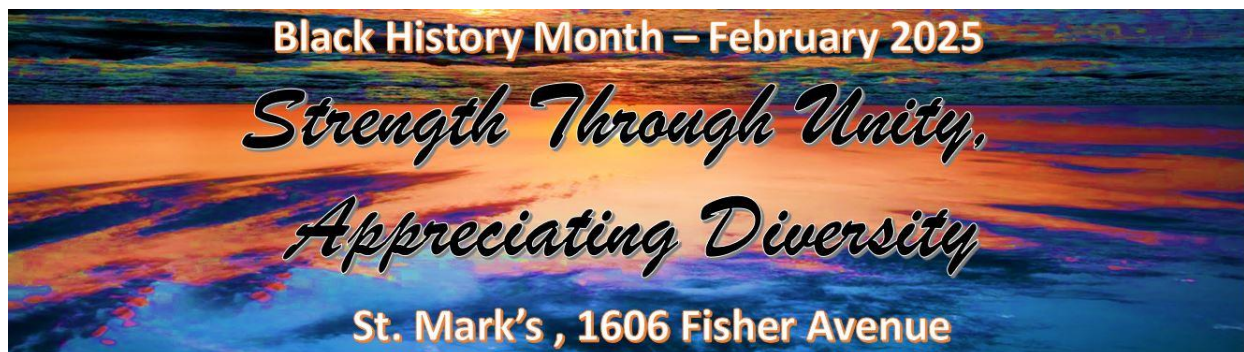
February 16, 10 am Service: Guest Speaker: Yolande Parsons

After the 10 am service on February 16, there will be an augmented Coffee Hour, featuring Afro finger foods and snacks.

Please see the end of the newsletter for Black History Month events at St Thomas and more information on the Fashion Show & Panel Discussion.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Despite a cold and snowy morning on Thursday, Coffee, Company and Conversation was well attended by 50 people. Everyone came to celebrate Robbie Burns day, two days early! It was a joyous morning of music and food. The very special guest who entertained with beautiful and lively Celtic music was Neil Emberg, lead singer and



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guitarist from the internationally acclaimed group, Hadrian's Wall. Neil and his group have performed all over North America (notably at the Maxville Highland Games, as well as the Caribbean and various European festivals and gatherings. Neil's amazing musicianship and powerful voice is well known, and his passionate and professional renditions of varied Scottish and Celtic songs made the morning a true tribute to the Bard of Scotland. Neil is a most engaging and energetic entertainer, and all present were delighted to have been able to hear him and to participate in some of the pieces.



The special themed food representing Scotland, was amazing. Smoked salmon on baguette slices with capers and dill, small individual Scotch pies, Tablet (fudge), Abernathy cookies, Dundee cake, , scones with jams, and other delightful snacks were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to

Judy and Joy. It was a morning to remember and the first at CCC of an annual homage to the beloved poet Robert Burns.



Next week is Creative Writing Thursday and one or two poems or short stories will be shared by the imaginative and hard working group that write under Ruth Latta's guidance and encouragement. CCC is truly a creative place for socialization and fun.

Do remember that should the weather dictate the cancellation of school buses running, then Coffee, Company and Conversation will be cancelled as well.



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Outreach

Thank you to all the very generous people who over-filled the collection bin with egg cartons and food . Today I delivered 12 bags to Debra Dynes . Barbara was overjoyed . My next stop was the Nepean Sportsplex for another drop off of 2 large bags of stamps . Thanks you, Mani for the stamps and thanks to everyone else for the food and egg cartons. Joan Hounsell, Outreach

A Conversation with the Archbishop of Jerusalem and the Dean of St George's College on the Eve of Candlemas

Join Archbishop Hosam Naoum and Dean Richard Sewell for a webinar to hear news of the Christian Community in Palestine and Israel in the wake of catastrophic violence and loss.

Click [HERE](#) for further information and to register.

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.

Free Forward Day By Day

Have you thought about trying daily devotions with the help of our small guide, Forward Day by Day? Each day the designated readings from the church calendar are provided, with a thoughtful commentary about a chosen verse and a related question to ponder. In addition, special prayers to inspire you each day, advice on how to use the guide, and information on the writers for each month are provided.

The guide comes out four times a year, comprising three months' readings in each copy. Several copies of the current guide are still available on the table in the Link. They cover November, December and January, so it will soon be out of date! However, anyone who wishes to give Forward Day By Day a try is welcome to take home a copy for free while quantities last. Soon the new edition will be available for February, March and April at a cost of \$3 per copy.

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 David, Joy and Elaine) all have email addresses in the StMarksOttawa domain. They are:

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Janis Perkin : Janis@stmarksottawa.ca

Joseph Amuah : Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca

John Hancock : John@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.

St Thomas information on next page.

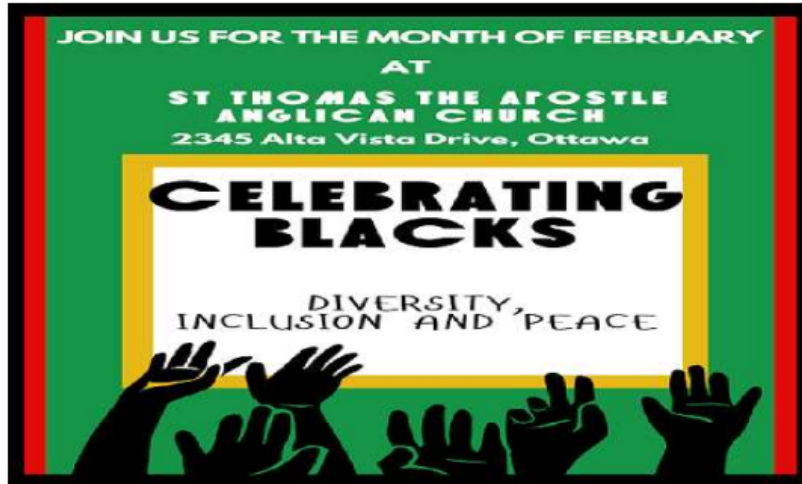


Image : Victoria Sajuyigbe

Sunday, February 2

8 AM & 10 AM - Eucharist Service

Guest Speaker: Dr. Joy Mighty

Enhanced Coffee Hour: Snacks provided by Joy and Kermit Mackey, featuring The Bahamas

Saturday, February 8

2 PM – Celebrating Black Fashion

Black-influenced Arts and Crafts Display: Everyone is welcome to bring Black Influenced arts and crafts before the fashion show and take them back after

Coordinator: Patricia Simon

Sunday, February 9

10 AM - Eucharist Service

Guest Speaker: Jacqui Du Toit, from South Africa - Storyteller | Co-owner of The Origin Arts and Community Centre

Enhanced Coffee Hour: Snacks provided by Andrea Teekasingh and Dr Joy Mighty, featuring Guyana

Saturday, February 15

2 PM - Drumming Workshop and Performance

Workshop leaders: Artist-educator-performer Kathy Armstrong¹ and Ghanaian Stacey Can-Tamakloe will teach a traditional piece from Ghana with some drumming, singing and movement, and then do a demo performance together with a short Q&A at the end

3 PM – Panel Discussion. Theme: “Black Contributions to Peace”

Moderator: Dr. Joy Mighty

Panelists: Dr. Joseph Emmanuel Amuah - Manager of Indigenous Health, Canadian Institute for Health Information, Rev. Felix Longdon - PhD candidate in Theology at Saint Paul University and University of Ottawa; Priest from the Anglican Church of Ghana and Anglican Diocese of Ottawa at St. Mary's Anglican Parish in Navan, Victoria Sajuyigbe - Product Marketer, Member of St Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church, and Josiah Davies - Member of St Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church

Sunday, February 16

8 AM & 10 AM - Eucharist Service

Guest Speaker: Rev Deacon Elizabeth December-Lovell - Julian of Norwich Anglican Church

Enhanced Coffee Hour: Snacks provided by Victoria Sajuyigbe, featuring Nigeria and Josiah & Charlotte Davies, featuring Liberia

Sunday, February 23 – “Freedom Sunday”

8 AM & 10 AM - Eucharist Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Felix Longdon - St. Mary's Anglican Parish, Navan

Enhanced Coffee Hour: Snacks provided by Patricia Simon, featuring Antigua and Emelda Haynes, featuring Barbados

¹ Kathy Armstrong integrates classical percussion, Ghanaian music, and dance in her educational and community-based work, having studied and performed internationally. She is the founder of

Prepared by Yassmina & Chandru Premakanthan

Baobab Drum Dance Community, a dedicated educator at Carleton University, and a recognized leader in promoting Ghanaian culture and music.