



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

Forward Day By Day

The Forward Day by Day for February, March and April is now available at a cost of \$3 per copy. Since they did not come until this week, if you want to know the readings for tomorrow you can get them [here](#) and the meditation is [here](#).

Turkey Pies

There are turkey pies available at a cost of \$6 each. There is a limit of 4 or the number of people in your household. Please speak to Joy on Sunday or contact the office.

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 February 14, (but hopefully February 7). Anyone writing a vestry report should submit it by Sunday.

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.

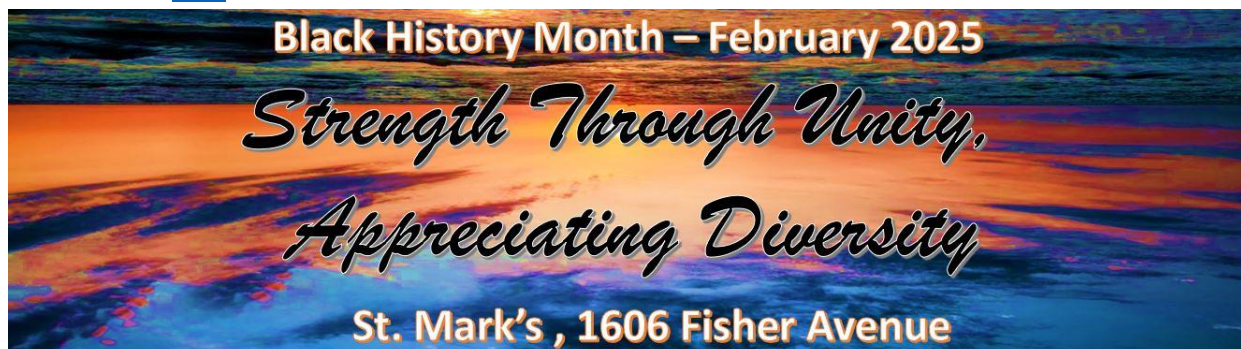
February 9, 10 am Service: Sophia Chiboka

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

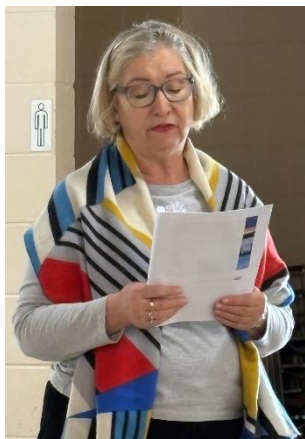
After the 10 am service on February 16, there will be an augmented Coffee Hour, featuring Afro finger foods and snacks.



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

Yesterday at Coffee, Company and Conversation, thirty people enjoyed chatting over coffee, as well as listening to readings by three of the Creative Writing Group. A lovely poem about travel, a short tale of a treasured memento, and a moving remembrance of childhood experience during a Blitz raid in England, were read by the authors.. All were beautifully told and appreciated by those present. The writing group meets once a month under the guidance of Ruth Latta, our resident author. It is an opportunity to pursue a talent and interest with others who share the desire to create through words. It is one of several activities at CCC.



Delicious snacks including sourdough muffins and squares, loaves and cake, fruit and cheese were provided by Gillian and Penny. These wonderful morning goodies were enjoyed with coffee and tea by all.

Next week is a coffee and conversation morning where three more of the hard working members of the writing group will share in a short presentation.



Always keep in mind that if the school buses do not run as a result of inclement weather, then CCC is cancelled.

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.

A Lenten Journey in the Holy Land

Violence and uncertainty have created a major crisis for St. George's College Jerusalem, an integral part of the ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

The College normally draws many pilgrims to the Land of the Holy One, and many local Palestinians provide services and goods to pilgrims. The College enables pilgrims to see, feel, and understand the biblical and contemporary richness of the land and the Christians, Jews, and Muslims who live there. It is wholly committed to building awareness and dialogue through pilgrimage, education,

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and by arranging encounters between different groups of people to promote reconciliation.

The College's earned revenue from pilgrims' fees, gift shop sales, and other lodging fee has been totally disrupted, and there are insufficient funds to provide already-reduced salaries for the College's staff and essential operations in 2025. The situation is dire for the remaining staff and their families, and for the future of the College itself.

Let Light Shine: The Canadian Campaign for St. George's College Jerusalem is an appeal to friends of the College in Canada. It will run until the end of April 2025. The Campaign objective is to raise \$250,000 from Canadian friends of St. George's College Jerusalem, to provide funds for paying reduced staff salaries and related operations in 2025.

In this time of alarming tension and restrictions, the College has adapted with creativity and resilience. The Dean and remaining staff have produced videos for virtual pilgrimages, developed future curricula, and continue to maintain the facility.

During Lent, we invite parishes to benefit from an excellent six-week video/study program prepared by the Staff of the College, called [A Lenten Journey in the Holy Land](#). As you enjoy this wonderful Lenten Resource, which is free, please consider making an offering for the Canadian Campaign for St George's College Jerusalem.

The Canadian Campaign for St George's College Jerusalem

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

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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.



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.