



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

**February 14, 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](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, 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](mailto:David@stmarksottawa.ca) For Pastoral Emergencies, please call 613-867-7027.

### Bible Study at St Mark's

Continuing this Wednesday, there is a Bible Study in Bishop Reed Hall for anyone who wishes to come. It will last an hour and there

is no preparation needed (and no homework given!)

Each Wednesday we will delve into the bible readings for the following Sunday. We ask ourselves what they might mean and how they relate to our world and to us personally.

It's a fruitful time together as we learn from the bible and each other. I hope you can give it a try.

Fr David

The Bible readings for the February 19 are: Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, Luke 6:27-38.

### Turkey Pies

There are limited 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.

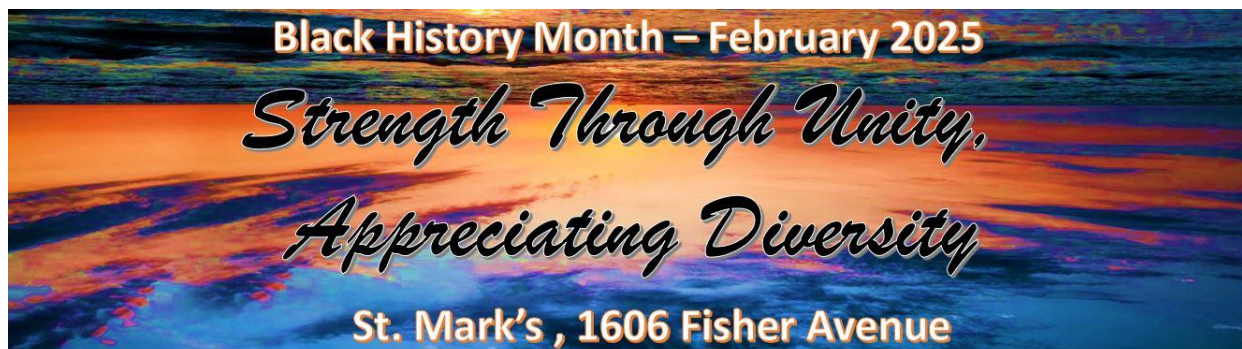
### Vestry

Vestry will be held in the parish hall after the 10 am service on February 23. [Here](#) is the link to the vestry report. If you wish to receive a printed copy of the vestry report, please contact the office.

### Black History Month

**Due to the prediction of significant snow on Sunday morning, our scheduled guest speaker, Yolande Parsons, and our extended coffee hour will be postponed until March 2.**

Our guest speaker last week was Sophia Chiboka. For those of you who did not get a chance to hear her wonderful talk, or who



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would like to reflect more upon her words, [here](#) is the text.

Please see the end of the newsletter for a complete listing of our Black History Month Events as well as the Black

History Month events at St Thomas and more information on the Fashion Show & Panel Discussion.



Fr David wore the new BHM stole last Sunday.

### **Coffee, Company & Conversation**

CCC was cancelled this week due to inclement weather. Next week is the deferred annual Valentine Hearts quiz competition where people compete to answer the most questions related to books, movies, musicals and songs about love! There are prizes! Come test your memory and take a trip back down memory lane. Wear something red if you can.

In the case of inclement weather, remember that if the school buses don't run, CCC is

cancelled. Listen to your favourite radio station.

### **Belong Ottawa**

Although Warton Willie might have predicted only 6 more weeks of winter, we in Ottawa know that even if Spring comes on March 21st, the warm weather doesn't follow until much later.

I shall be taking things that have accumulated, down to Belong at the beginning of March.

They can always use toiletries both large and small, for men and women, and new socks and underwear. If you received new T-shirts, sweaters and so on for Christmas, and feel you could spare some of your gently used ones, please bring them to church to go to Belong. Used jackets or pants are also of use, and continue to bring pill bottles, as they split up large shampoo bottles etc into those.

There is a large see-through plastic tub in the cloakroom. I'll put it where you can reach it.

The people at Belong are in far more need than they were 5 years ago, especially the women. please help if you are able.

Thank you,

Cynthia

### **Forward Day By Day**

The Forward Day by Day for February, March and April is now available at a cost of \$3 per copy.

### **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:

Fr David [David@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:David@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](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.

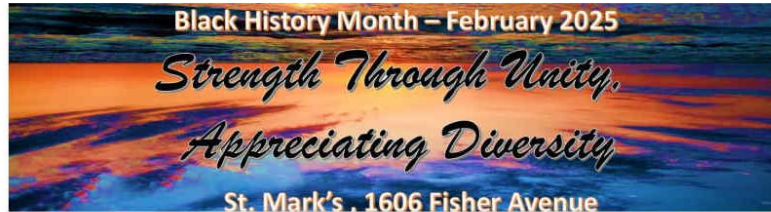
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### **Contacting the Church**

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca). Messages are being monitored. Email is faster.



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**Saturday February 8:**

2:00 pm **Celebrate Black Fashion** at St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church, 2345 Alta Vista Dr.

**Sunday February 9:**

10:00 am **Eucharist Service:**

Guest Speaker:

**Sophia Chiboka**, Member, St Mark's.

**Saturday February 15:**

3:00 pm **Panel Discussion**

**Theme: "Black Contribution to Peace"** at St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church, 2345 Alta Vista Dr.

**Sunday February 16:**

POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 2

10:00 am **Eucharist Service:**

Guest Speaker:

**Yolande Parsons**, Lay Minister.

following the 10:00 am service, there will be an

**Augmented Coffee Hour with Afro-Caribbean Finger Foods**

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**an open welcome to all**

**Special Activities:**

A Vernissage of community children's artwork highlighting Black History Month will be showcased in the Church Hall.



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 Armstrong<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> 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

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