



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

February 21, 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, 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.

World Day of Prayer

The Ecumenical Worship service for World Day of Prayer is on March 7 at 1 pm at Julian of Norwich. Service prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands, prepared and adapted for us in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

Vestry

Vestry will be held in the parish hall THIS SUNDAY after the 10 am service. [Here](#) is

Ash Wednesday Service

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7 pm

the link to the vestry report. If you wish to receive a printed copy of the vestry report, please contact the office.

There will be a light lunch provided by parish council.

Black History Month

Due to the inclement weather last Sunday, we have extended Black History Month to March 2 when Yolande Parsons will be our guest speaker.

This Sunday the new Black History Month vestments will be blessed.

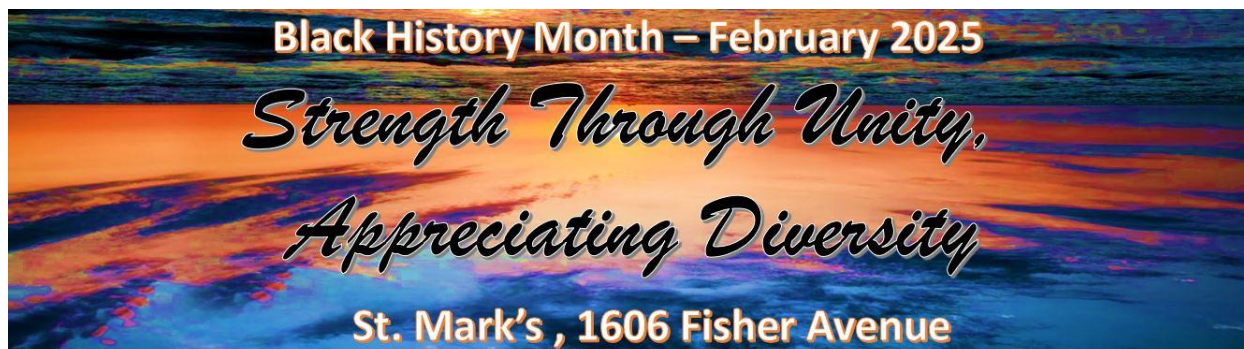
Please see the end of the newsletter for a complete listing of our Black History Month Events as well as the Black History Month events at St Thomas.

Stewardship



I don't know anyone who knows immediately what they are going to do with a cash windfall. Well many of us are faced with this

conundrum today. This week we received



two letters each with a \$200 cheque from Mr. Ford! Now I can figure out what I would like to spend this on but I paused to think “what should I spend it on?” We are fortunate enough not to need the money so we can be generous with it so do we spend it on ourselves or do we look outside our wants and needs to help others? We have decided that in addition to our planned Lenten giving that we will include the money received and donate it to St. Mark’s and to the Lenten outreach. I encourage you, if you are able, to consider donating your windfall in a similar manner. (Just remember that this will result in an additional tax benefit for 2025.)

Last Sunday



In spite of the significant snowfall last Sunday, a small but valiant group attended both services. The 10 am congregation were given the unexpected treat of having Keith Wilkins as a guest speaker. (He was the guest speaker at 8 am.) Of interest, there were 25 people in the church at 10 am and about 27 people watching the livestream.

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!)

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 26 are: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43).

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Although this reporter was not able to attend CCC, she has it on good authority that the 36 people who were there thoroughly enjoyed the Post Valentine's Day Quiz Competition. Each year there is a romantic themed quiz for table teams who compete for first prize by getting the most right answers. Rob, with his able assistant Janis, presented each table with a list of old Broadway musicals and movies. The challenge was to write down one or more love songs and leading actors from each production on the list. The winning table members were the happy recipients of individual small boxes of Ferraro Rocher chocolates. As well, an individual prize was won by Joan Grayer who successfully matched couples' names in another short questionnaire. The winning table team was headed up by Janis and Michael, with the Kitchen Team valiantly bringing up the rear (in the midst of all that they were doing at the same time), according to this writer's informant.

The morning's food was, as always, special. Many thanks to Joy and Judy for the delicious goodies that accompanied teas and coffee. It was another good morning of fun.

On February 27, at CCC, Bruce Deachman, the Ottawa Citizen's intrepid journalist about town, will be speaking. Bruce writes in depth articles each week on issues or events happening in our city that keep readers informed and engaged. His latest story in the paper this week is about homeless people in freezing weather on the streets, and how to help these fellow residents of Ottawa.. He gets to the heart of every topic. As well, his book on the stories about Ottawa that have been covered by the Citizen over the last 100 years, is a fascinating one. What he shares will

be a view into how our city really operates and lives.

Please remember that if the school buses don't operate due to inclement weather, then Coffee, Company and Conversation is postponed to the following week.

Belong Ottawa

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

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 For Pastoral Emergencies, please call 613-867-7027.

Kiwanis Music Festival Front of House

St Mark's is hosting Junior Piano from April 21 to May 1. We are looking for Front of House Volunteers to assist with registration. If you are interested in volunteering for a few sessions, please contact Janis or Michael Perkin and they will be happy to provide more information.

Forward Day By Day

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

Alongside Hope(PWRDF) – Lenten Study

This Lent, Alongside Hope invites you to explore the intersections of faith and international development.

Weaving scripture, reflection and prayer together with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Anglican Marks of Mission, the Rev. Jonathan Rowe of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador presents a rich tapestry. Titled "Living into God's Dream," the resource also offers the reader opportunity to reflect on questions, both personal and corporate and to learn more about Alongside Hope's partners.

Subscribe to receive a daily message in your inbox, including a Bible reading, a reflection and a prayer. On Saturdays during Lent, you'll receive an Alongside Hope story that relates to the theme of the week to come. Your introductory email will arrive March 4, the day before Ash Wednesday.

[Learn More & Subscribe](#)

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, 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.

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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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Joseph Amuah : Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca

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.

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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

POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 2

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 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

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

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

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