



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.

- Gillian Martin celebrates her birthday on Friday, March 21 (which is also Bach's birthday).

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.

E-Prayer

E-prayer is now managed jointly by Cynthia Greer and Joy Bowerman. If you have a concern for which you would like prayer, you may contact Cynthia Greer at 613-723-2680 or greercynthia69@yahoo.com or send an email to Eprayer@stmarksottawa.ca. Likewise, if wish to be included on the E-prayer list, you may use the same contact information.

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 March 26 are: Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Spring Market

The second order form for the Spring Market was sent out on Wednesday. If you missed it, you can get it [here](#). There will be another coming out next Wednesday.

On offer this week are muffins and Eccles cakes. The hot cross buns are spoken for this week but there are still 2 packages available next week. There are also various kinds of marmalade on offer. There are a few breakfast strata and one caramel pudding left, although I am considering making more next week.

Newsletter starts Volume 6

Our first electronic newsletters came out on Friday, March 20, 2020. There have been 5 complete years of electronic newsletters and we are starting into our sixth year. Our first video service was for March 22, 2020. The picture below was included in our first newsletter. It reminds me of Fr David's comments in the sermon last week.



A timeline and retrospective of the first year of the pandemic can be found in the [March 19, 2021 newsletter](#).

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Coffee, Company & Conversation



A quiet and friendly morning took place on Thursday at CCC. Over 40 people enjoyed coffee or tea, company and conversation at the various tables. The theme was the first day of Spring, and the mood was light. A table of four played serious bridge at the back of the Hall, and delicious food was the highlight.



Trays with two kinds of squares, hot cross buns, meringues with lemon curd, maple scones, spring pizza squares, along with cheeses, crackers and grapes made it a spring morning feast. Many thanks to Judy and Joy for lovely goodies.

Next week is the last morning on the CCC Winter schedule, and the special guest is Akiko Sakiyama. She is a Professional Home Organizer and Certified Konmari Method Organizing Consultant. Akiko helps to guide people in their quest to create a personal space that reflects their own version of an ideal lifestyle. The morning's topic is one that many older people reflect on as they move through a life of change, and aim for more

peace and joy in each day. Akiko's message is one not to miss as spring decluttering and reorganization begins in our homes.



April 3 is the start of the Spring CCC program, and the [schedule poster](#) is now available.

Hopefully there will be no need for school buses to be cancelled due to inclement weather, and thus no need to cancel CCC. See you then!

Outreach

While all donations of packaged or canned foods are appreciated by Debra Dynes Family House, they specified a need for the following:

- Tinned evaporated milk
- Canned tuna
- Pasta

Monetary donations are another way to give. You may place your donation in the collection plate in a plain white envelope clearly marked for Debra Dynes. or give it in person to Joan Grayer to take to Debra Dynes. If you require a tax receipt, please indicate and provide any information needed for that.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joan Grayer.

Earthub Ottawa wish list

Earthub works with All Saint's Greely helping to provide them milk bags. They have a number of other things that they are collecting which we could contribute to by our link to All Saints'. There is a poster at the end of the newsletter. I would not suggest egg cartons, but of interest may be can pull tabs, plastic tags and plastic bottle caps.

[All Saints Greely Video](#)

LENT + MADNESS

Welcome to Lent Madness 2025. Once again this year we will be dancing with all the candidates for the Golden Halo.



Those of you who have participated in the past, or if you are new to this online devotion, here's how Lent Madness works: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo.

Every day the two Saints that are up for election will be posted on St Mark's facebook page.. This is a fun and enlightening event and in the process we journey through the Lenten season with a new appreciation for our Saints. You will notice the Lent Madness poster in the church hall, we will be updating this on a regular basis so keep track of your favourites as we journey through Lent.

For more information or if you wish to participate directly please click on [Lent Madness](#)

From the ACC newsletter:

[The rocks cry out: Praying Lent with all of creation](#)

via Facebook

With busy schedules in mind, Queen's College Faculty of Theology is offering a flexible Lenten resource this year. "The Rocks Cry Out: Praying Lent With All of Creation" provides short daily liturgies and video reflections, encouraging moments of prayer and connection with creation.

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

St George's College, Jerusalem is one of our two Lenten Outreach charities.

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.

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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.

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

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.

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.

Rev Canon David Clunie

Our interim priest is the Rev Canon David Clunie. You may reach Fr David at 613-224-7431 or David@stmarksottawa.ca For Pastoral Emergencies, please call 613-867-7027.

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

Joy: stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

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Janis Perkin : Janis@stmarksottawa.ca

Joseph Amuah : Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca

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Mike Duval : Mike@stmarksottawa.ca
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<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.

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.



EARTHUB
Items To Keep Out of The Landfill
www.earthhub.ca | environment@earthhub.ca

OTTAWA COLLECTION

These items are collected for reuse.
Earthub is run by volunteers - for privacy reasons, drop-off locations can only be obtained by email.

Monetary donations to help support our program can be made to: accounting@earthhub.ca
Security Question: *Ottawa*
Answer: *Chapter*

Car Pull Tabs
Fundraiser for Earthub programs

Milk Bags
Reused to make sleeping mats for people experiencing homelessness

Egg Cartons
Closeable 6, 12 & 18 holder cartons are reused for egg distribution by local food banks and farmers

Plastic Tags & Plastic Bottle Caps
Reused for an Earthub project in the works!

Crayons + Empty Lip Balm & Glue Stick Tubes
Melted down & used for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes - tubes used for 'push-up' crayons

Want to join our movement? Please email us about volunteering, we'd love to hear from you!

* All items must be donated clean

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