



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. Links for Holy Week are available in the top right. Not all of the bulletins are available yet but will be added on the website under Recent News as they become available.

Kiwanis Music Festival

The Junior Piano section of the Kiwanis Music Festival continues until Thursday in our sanctuary. You may notice the addition of the grand piano if you are in the church. It runs all day, every day starting Monday, April 21 through Thursday, May 1 (with the exception of Sunday morning). Please be considerate of the young performers and keep noise to a minimum. You are welcome to sit down quietly and listen to some of the extraordinary performances.

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



Easter at St Mark's



Our Newest Server

is no preparation needed (and no homework given!)

The Bible readings for the April 30 are Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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Tulipathon Walk for the Multifaith Housing Initiative



The annual Tulipathon Walk organized by The Multifaith Housing Initiative, is being held during the afternoon on Sunday, May 25. It starts

and finishes at Commissioners Park across from Dows Lake. People from many faith groups will be walking in support of the important mission to provide safe and affordable housing for low-income families, veterans, and others in need of a home in a supportive community.

This year, we again have an extra incentive to donate to the Tulipathon here at St. Mark's. An anonymous parishioner will be matching donations up to \$1,500! This means that your \$10 donation becomes \$20, your \$20 donation becomes \$40, your \$40 donation becomes \$80, and your \$50 donation becomes \$100 etc.

Please consider walking with the St. Mark's team along the Canal and making our presence known. You can complete the walk in 20 to 30 minutes. If you are unable to walk, then a donation towards our church's contribution would be very welcome.

See either Laurie Slaughter or Brian Harrison for further information on donating and walking. We need you!

Forward Day By Day

The Forward Day By Day booklets for May, June and July are now available in the Link, at \$3 per copy. This valuable resource will enhance your daily devotions with the proper readings for each day, as well as meditations, prayers and practical suggestions based on the given texts.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

CCC went on a wonderful journey Thursday morning. Janis and Michael Perkin shared their amazing adventure to Antarctica by cruise ship beginning in Sao Paulo Brazil, then down the coast of South America stopping at Montevideo Uruguay, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and a number of other South

American sites, the Falkland Islands, and down to Tierra del Fuego, the southernmost point of the continent. From there they were taken to the edge of Antarctica to view the penguins of which there were many, and the terrain of the icy and isolated continent. It was an experience that only .0001 percent of the world's population has experienced. There is rigid international determination to protect this very ecologically delicate environment.



Michael's comprehensive slides of the journey were enhanced by Janis' verbal description of each place. It was fascinating for the over 55 people present. The number of questions that followed indicated the great interest in this adventure. Many thanks to Janis and Michael for the detailed work that they put into their presentation. If you wish to see the slides (without the descriptions) Michael has created a YouTube video which you can see [here](#).



The morning's goodies were delicious, and consisted of almond bread, gluten free carrot muffins with nuts, sourdough lemon blueberry bread, molasses crumb cake, marmalade bread, carrot cake, lemon curd cake and snow mini donuts. These wonderful

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baked treats were accompanied by blue and cheddar cheeses with crackers and fruit. With many thanks to Penny and Gillian, two of our amazing and generous bakers.



Next week is a Coffee and Conversation morning with Bridge and board games for those who enjoy playing. All are welcome.

Outreach – Raise a Smile

Starting Wednesday April 23rd at 9:00 AM and ending Wednesday, May 7th at 9:00PM

Our Raise a Smile auction campaign was such a success that we were able to accommodate 78 unique community children in camp spaces in 2024.

Please consider being a champion for our children and joining us again this year to raise funds for summer camps which run continuously 5 days a week for 8 weeks.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for these much needed camps and nutritional programs during July/ August 2025.

This is a huge time of need for children as school programs end and any assistance through school ends too!

We are always focused on caring for and supporting children and youth in the community. Ensuring that they have proper

nutrition, an outlet for play, fun and socializing.

Creating a fun space is an essential way that we can do this in the summer months

Raise a Smile is a way to support vital programming and win some great items/experiences too! [Here](#) is the link to the auction.

The poster may be found at the end of the newsletter.

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

Echoes of Encouragement

A Tribute to Two Inspiring Women. Violin and piano Works by: Beach, Borowski, Corelli, Schubert and Williams.

St Thomas Anglican Church
1619 Stittsville Main
Saturday May 10, 2025 3 PM

Tickets \$20 at the door.

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.

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.

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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

Elaine: Elaine@stmarksottawa.ca

Janis Perkin : Janis@stmarksottawa.ca

Joseph Amuah : Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca

Mike Duval : Mike@stmarksottawa.ca

Gillian Martin: Gillian@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.

Debra Dynes Family House

ONLINE AUCTION



<https://www.32auctions.com/raiseasmile2025>

Funds raised will:

- * Send 70 children to camp
- * Fund summer nutrition programs (breakfasts, lunches, and snacks) for children in the community

**April 23 at 9:00 AM -
May 7 at 9:00PM**