



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

**May 16, 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.

### 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!)

The Bible readings for the May 21 Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5, John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Last Sunday was the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Each of our children received a toy lamb, blessed by Fr David (lower right) and generously donated by Janis.



### 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



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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!

### Coffee, Company & Conversation

"Murder and mayhem" were the order of the morning at CCC on Thursday. The guest was local crime fiction author, Mary Jane Maffini, who delighted the group with her tips on writing a murder mystery. Mary Jane had the group create a fictional character for a crime story complete with personality quirks and a murder to solve. It was a fun exercise. She talked about her very popular three mystery series that she's written over the years. One of the appealing features of the three series is that they are situated in Ottawa or nearby. Her female sleuths are characters that one can't forget. In addition, she has written over two dozen short stories and won a number of Canadian awards for her crime stories. She also writes a series with her daughter under the name Victoria Abbott.

As she describes herself, she is a "lapsed librarian" and a former co-owner of Prime Crime Mystery Bookstore in Ottawa for a number of years. She is a charter member of the group, "The Ladies' Killing Circle", a group of well known female crime writers in the Ottawa area. She was a pleasure to listen to as she has a wonderful sense of humour

about crime and murder in the abstract. Over 45 people were present to hear her talk, and a number were eager to buy her signed books.



A great variety of wonderful food accompanied the coffee and teas. Chickpea curry mini-buns, asparagus cheese pesto prosciutto, pizza, lemon rhubarb scones, gluten free coconut almond cookies, coffee cake with currants, chocolate oatmeal squares, orange loaf, vegetable and bacon spinach quiches, along with cheeses, crackers, strawberries and grapes. The bakers of the morning, Joy and Judy, provided amazing goodies. Many thanks to them.





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Next week is creative writing and/or coffee and conversation. Bring a friend.

### **Parish Council Highlights**

#### ***Financial Update***

Overall, we are well ahead (~\$11,000) of where we expected to be at this time of year.

Our User Fees are more than expected and the bazaar did slightly better than expected. Our Lenten Outreach was the highest it has been in several years and it has been forwarded to the diocese for distribution.

Our overall expenses are much lower than expected due to having an interim priest.

The area of concern is the collections income. Our total collections income to the end of April is the lowest it has been. While it is not a problem this year, it does affect long-term sustainability. The stewardship committee being assembled needs to look seriously at how to address this issue.

#### ***Property Update & Expressions of Thanks***

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,  
Grace and peace to you.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all who take part in the life of our church—parishioners, community members, and the many groups who make use of our space throughout the week. Your presence and support help make St. Mark's not only a place of worship, but also a home of welcome, care, and connection. For all you do, we are truly grateful.

We are pleased to share that we are in the early stages of planning an upcoming event: St. Mark's Rejuvenation Day. While a date has yet to be finalized, this will be a day of fellowship, service, and thanksgiving—a chance to meet the faithful, hard-working volunteers who help keep our church running, and to join together in caring for our shared space.

We'll be tackling both indoor and outdoor tasks as part of a general spring cleaning—from light repairs and cleaning inside the church and hall, organizing, to gardening, tidying, and small projects outside. Whether you can offer an hour or more of your time, we warmly invite you, your family, and loved ones to come out, meet others who care for and enjoy St. Mark's, and help us care for this space that serves so many. If you have a trade or skill to offer, or simply a willing spirit, we would love to hear from you. More details will be shared soon.

As we continue to care for our aging building, there are a few recent updates to share. A plumbing issue in the kitchen was resolved by a licensed plumber, ensuring the space remains fully functional for all the ministries and groups that rely on it. We also discovered an issue with the heating system—a faulty valve that had to be shut off manually, which unfortunately was also leaking. We are now proceeding with the costly repairs through a licensed HVAC specialist. In the meantime, the system remains off, and we appreciate your patience.

We give heartfelt thanks for the many hands and hearts that make St. Mark's the vibrant and caring community it is. To our dedicated volunteers—thank you for your generous service. To Father David Clunie, we are deeply grateful for your wise leadership and constant encouragement. We also thank the Church Wardens, who selflessly offer their time and energy to keep our church running smoothly, and the Parish Council, whose longstanding commitment to St. Mark's is a true blessing.

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Our sincere appreciation goes to the choir and music directors, whose gifts bring us joy and inspiration each Sunday, and to our devoted staff—especially Joy and Rose—for their tireless and faithful work behind the scenes.

Finally, we extend our deepest gratitude to all who support St. Mark's through prayer, presence, and financial contributions. Your generosity sustains our ministry, cares for our building, and helps us welcome and serve all who come through our doors. We are especially thankful for the many volunteers who give of themselves in love and service, embodying Christ's hands and heart in our midst.

May God continue to bless this church and all who are part of it.

In faith and gratitude,

Mike Duval

*Deputy Warden, on behalf of Parish Council*

### **Debra-Dynes**

Since most churches donate early in the week, I have changed my delivery to Thursday or Friday, so that I can include the donations from the Coffee, Company & Conversation group. Also, a wise parishioner told me that by the end of the week, the supplies are sometimes quite low for the canned and dry goods.

When I made our delivery last Friday, they were desperate for egg cartoons and really appreciated the large number we had collected.

It is gratifying to see how our donations make such a difference. Thanks again for all your kind donations!

Specials advertised on FLIPP app:

**Metro:**

**Cloverleaf Albacore tuna and pink salmon:**  
**\$1.99**

**Breton Crackers \$1.99**

**No Frills:**

**Bush Baked Beans: \$1.50**

**No Name Pasta: \$2.00**

**No Name Evaporated Milk: \$1.79**

### **Food Basics:**

**Brunswick sardines: \$1.49**

**Crest toothpaste: \$.99**

### **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.

### **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](mailto:greercynthia69@yahoo.com) or send an email to [Eprayer@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto: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 Loblaw's, 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](mailto: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:

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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.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47820>.

### **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.