



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.

Bible Study at St Mark's

This will be the last bible study before the summer break.

The Bible readings for the June 18: Isaiah 40: 25-31, Psalm 19, Philippians 4: 4-9, John 1: 1-18

Sign-up Rosters

The summer sign-up rosters are now posted in the link.

Parish Clean-Up and Rejuvenation Day

Join us on June 21 from 9 am to 12 noon for fellowship And sprucing up our facility! For more information, you can click [here](#)

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Four of CCC's creative writers shared their poems and short stories on the theme, "About Me" this past Thursday morning. Margaret Williamson, Martha Dathema, Roger Latta



and Nubuo Obukuro shared about themselves in short literary works that they had worked on over the spring season. They were both creative and enlightening about each one of them. Forty-three people were present and appreciated hearing the varied tales and thoughts these four writers brought to CCC. Ruth Latta, a published author of a number of books about Canadian women of note, inspires the writing of over ten people in the CCC creative group. It is an integral part of the CCC program.



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The morning snacks were just delicious as always. This week's bakers, Gillian and Penny, provided a wonderful array of sweets: rhubarb sour cream bread, strawberry jam gluten free

squares, Bakewell ripple, lemon thyme bread, chocolate chip cookies and southern style cheese wafers with pecans, along with cheddar, blue and brie cheeses and crackers along with varied fresh fruit. It all made the coffee table buffet irresistible. Many thanks to our bakers.

Next week, the 19th is the last morning in the CCC year's program, and the season will end with a luncheon after the coffee "hour". It is provided as an end to our year together, and as a celebration of both CCC and the Summer Solstice. CCC then takes a break until the fall when it will resume on September 11. The fall program is being drawn up now to be advertised through the summer in anticipation of the new CCC year coming.

Don't miss next week's luncheon and celebration.

Notes from Parish Council

Financial Update

While our bottom line is positive and we are in good financial shape for this year. If you take out the mitigating factor of our time of transition, there are some concerning trends. Our collections income, which makes up about 80% of our income, has been consistently lower than we had budgeted. At the moment, we are almost \$9,000 below our budgeted amount. The only time we have been that far behind was 2021. This has been partially offset by increased revenue from User fees and the Bazaar.

During May we received a generous donation from the Helen McGill estate. This has been directed to the Capital Projects Reserve Account for future use.

Property and Maintenance Update

Hello, my fellow parishioners,

Following up on my earlier message about St. Mark's Rejuvenation Day, I'm happy to announce that the date has been confirmed! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We are inviting volunteers to join us for a morning of hands-on care and maintenance around the church.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and help with tasks such as cleaning, organizing, light repairs, and outdoor work. Whether you're handy with tools, have a green thumb, or simply enjoy being part of a team effort, your help will be warmly welcomed.

To sign up or learn more:

- Email me directly at mike@stmarksottawa.ca
- Visit the website or click [HERE](#) to access the sign-up sheet, job descriptions, and a list of needed supplies

If you have a particular skill or interest—be it painting, organizing, landscaping, or anything else—please don't hesitate to sign up for a task that suits you or contact me directly. Feel free to bring along your friends, family, and

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loved ones—we hope to make this more than just a workday. It's a celebration of our vibrant church community and all those who contribute to its life and care. Even one hour of your time can make a big difference in keeping St. Mark's the warm and welcoming place we all cherish.

Property Updates & Gratitude

We're also thrilled to share a few recent updates:

Thanks to an anonymous donor from our YouTube streaming community, along with the contributions of several parishioners, we've purchased a new battery-operated lawnmower and weed trimmer! These tools are not only eco-friendly but also a much-needed upgrade to help us maintain the church grounds more efficiently and sustainably. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this possible—your generosity means so much.

A special thanks as well to John Hancock, one of our dedicated volunteers, who recently replaced several of our outdated light fixtures with modern LED lamps. These not only brighten the space beautifully but are also energy-efficient and cost-saving. John, thank you for your ongoing commitment and hard work—you've made a visible and lasting difference.

If you have any questions about property matters or upcoming maintenance activities, I'm always happy to chat. Please don't hesitate to reach out at mike@stmarksottawa.ca.

Thank you for your continued support and care for St. Mark's.

Blessings,
Mike Duval - Deputy Warden

Have a Good Summer!

While it's a bit early, Parish Council wishes everyone a wonderful summer. Our next scheduled meeting will be September 9, 2025, unless we need to meet sooner. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Wardens if you have concerns. “

Debra Dynes Family House

Summer is upon us and I have been told that donations tend to drop a bit in summer. I urge you to keep this in mind as you consider donations to Debra Dynes Family House. The needs of our community unfortunately are still rising, summer is no exception!

As always these items are in high demand

- Canned evaporated milk
- Canned tuna
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce

Here are some always needed items on sale this week (according to my Flipp app):

Giant Tiger:

Bravo Pasta Sauce - \$1.97

No Frills

Unico Tomato Paste - \$0.75

Freschco

General Mills Cereal (Selected varieties) - \$3.49

Kelloggs Rice Krispies - \$2.99

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.

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

Ottawa McGill Alumni Choir Concert

The Ottawa McGill which practices in the church on Tuesday evenings, has their seasonal concert this Saturday June 14 at 2 PM. Admission is free with donations to Roger Neilson's House encouraged.

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,

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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 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. 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

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Elaine: Elaine@stmarksottawa.ca

Janis Perkin : Janis@stmarksottawa.ca

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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.