



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.

- Bill & Karen Barber celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on June 21st
- Ray Davidson celebrated his birthday on June 16th

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.

Sign-up Rosters

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

Summer Camps

This summer we have two camps who will be using our facility every week day: Pedalheads, and Carleton Memorial Day Camp. Pedalheads is a bike camp and use the lower hall and the back parking lot. Their first camp of the year begins on Monday. CDMC use the upper hall and the lawns and their first camp begins next week.

Parish Clean-Up and Rejuvenation Day

Tomorrow morning, June 21, join us from 9 am to 12 noon for fellowship And



sprucing up our facility! Visit the website or click [HERE](#) to access the sign-up sheet, job descriptions, and a list of needed supplies

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.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

The final morning of the spring season at CCC was a full and happy one. Two more of the creative writing group shared a delightful poem and a lovely short description of childhood in England. The writings that people in the creative writing group have shared have truly been a gift to all.



A lovely coffee morning included delicious food that accompanied the coffee and teas. Judy, Joy and Janis prepared the following: gluten free lemon loaf, cheese bread, rhubarb muffins, oatmeal coconut cookies, raspberry squares, four different cheeses and crackers,

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and beautiful mixed fresh fruit (apple, melon and pineapple slices, and grapes). The generosity of the bakers means more than they know. Many thanks for all the wonderful goodies baked and prepared for every one of the weekly coffee mornings since September.

The closing luncheon celebrating the coming of summer was delightful. There were two kinds of homemade pizza along with vegetarian and ham and cheese wraps, as well as veggies and fruit. The dessert was a delicious chocolate cake served with five kinds of homemade ice cream. It was a midday feast, and everyone left both happy and very full! At lunchtime, the bakers were thanked individually for all that they have done through the year, as well as the Team who keep CCC running each week.



Thanks were expressed to those who carried out the artistic jobs for the program; Ruth Latta for leading and inspiring the Creative Writing Group, Margaret Lodge for designing each season's eye catching posters of the schedules, and Janis Perkin for beautiful and uniquely themed thank you cards for each CCC guest or group. Our incredible bakers are Gillian Morris with Penny Miller, Suzanne Bisson with Pat Sinclair, Joy Bowerman with Judy Life, and Georgia Roberts with Janis and Michael Perkin. They are headed by Penny Miller who keeps "all things food" organized. The Program's organizing team is Suzanne Bisson, Penny Miller, Gillian Morris, Georgia Roberts and Laurie Slaughter. They are supported by Rob Mellon, who greets people with friendly and warm enthusiasm, and records both the numbers of weekly attendees and the donations received, which then go to

the Team's treasurer, Georgia. These generous donations finance the program of musicians and speakers, as well as other special activities that makes the CCC program the enjoyable one that it is.



A hint of the upcoming fall program was shared, which will begin with a very special

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first morning on September 11. A one time unique partnership with the seniors' program at the Nepean, Rideau, Osgoode Community Resource Centre (NROCRC) will take place in the form of an "Irish Cultural Showcase" complete with lunch. CCC's bridge teacher and St. Patrick's Day organizer, Brian Armstrong, is working with NROCRC staff to combine the two groups at St. Mark's hall in order to share this cultural event. A luncheon will follow the coffee morning, courtesy of NROCRC, reflecting the Irish theme. Don't miss this great "kick off" to another wonderful year at Coffee, Company and Conversation.



Look for more information in August in the Anglican newsletter, Crosstalk, the Council on Aging's information online newsletter, on St. Mark's website and Facebook page, and in emails.

May everyone have a safe, interesting and happy Summer! See you in September.

Stewardship Summertime

As I sit here composing some thoughts about stewardship and summertime I look out at our front garden with roses in bloom, grass so green you can feel it grow and our garden getting ready for the surge of colour and vitality that only summer in Canada can produce. I also imagine all the activities we look forward to: barbeques, cottage visits, camping, vacations at the beach and ice cream treats melting on our chins.

I also think of our spiritual home of St. Mark's helping us in our journey through all aspects of our lives. I know that some of you



will be joining us on Saturday for a St. Mark's clean up and rejuvenation and I am looking forward to some hard work and great fellowship as we look after the physical parts of our church. But summertime also means that a lot of us will be taking in the joys of this special season and that means that attendance will be

going down and with it our income. As you may have read in the newsletter we have been falling behind in our general giving, to the tune of almost \$9,000.00, and the deficit is likely to increase over the summer period. Fortunately, we have been blessed with Father David our interim priest who is only part time and that means that our normal contributions to cover priestly services are not as high as they would normally be and that is helping to keep our heads above water.

As we enjoy our summer and all the abundance that comes with it, I invite you to remember St. Mark's over the summer. Spend some time in the rejuvenating sun and consider our financial needs. Please give some prayer and contemplation about our financial situation and give as generously as you are able.

“Lord, we pray for a summer filled with joy and gratitude. Help us to find delight in the simple things and to cherish every moment. May our joy be a reflection of Your love and grace. Let this season be a reminder of Your goodness and faithfulness. We trust in Your promise to provide for us. Whether it's financial, emotional, or spiritual needs, we know that You are my source. Help us to rely on You and to be a blessing to others as well. Thank You for Your abundant provision. Amen”

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May you have a joyful, restful and happy summer,

Michael Perkin Stewardship

Debra Dynes Family House

This Thursday was the last CC&C meetup of the lunch and with the donations from the church last Sunday and CC&C, I delivered a larger than normal amount of goods to the Debra Dynes Family House this week.

CC&C will resume on September 11th and I look forward to more items coming from that group. In the meantime, we will miss them!

Shouldice Farms donates the last berries of the day from their stalls to Debra Dynes. You cannot just show up and ask, there is a process that is a bit complicated and too lengthy for the newsletter. If you would like to volunteer your services for this, please contact me and I will help you get started. Shouldice Farms has various stalls across Ottawa. They offer the same service when the corn comes in! It is very generous of them to do this.

As always these items are in high demand

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

Here are some items on sale this week (according to latest flyers):

Giant Tiger

Cloverdale tuna - \$1.50

Metro

Cloverday tuna or salmon - \$1.97

Shoppers Drug Mart

Canned corn (peaches and cream) - 3/\$5.00

Canned sliced mushrooms - 3/\$5.00

Loblaws

No Name Tuna - \$1.49

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.

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 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.

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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. 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.