



# 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.

### Summer Newsletter

Please send any news items or announcements for the newsletter to [joangrayer@yahoo.ca](mailto:joangrayer@yahoo.ca) and also 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 9 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.

### Upcoming Event: Nedley “Ned” Pitt Memorial Concert - beloved eldest son of Sheila Pitt.

The Ottawa Pop Music Festival and the Barometers Magazine are honoured to host a special memorial concert in tribute to Ottawa musician Nedley Pitt who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on June 18, 2025.

**Date: Sunday, July 19, 2025**

**Location: Andrew Haydon Park (Carling Ave, Nepean, On)**

**Gates Open: 12:00 noon**

**Live Music: 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

This heartfelt afternoon and evening of music will feature performances by Johnny Vegas, Tiger Will Mason, Steve Mah, Dave Baker and



other legendary guests who will gather to celebrate Ned's life, legacy, and the joy he brought to so many through his music.

Bring your friends, family, and a blanket for an uplifting day by the water, filled with great local talent, community spirit, and fond memories of Ned.

♥ Proceeds from the event will go directly to benefit the Pitt Family.

Mark your calendars and join us in making this a truly special celebration. We hope to see you there!

### 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. CDMC use the upper hall and the lawns.

### Summer Office Hours

The office will be open Tuesday and Friday mornings **from** 9:30 am to noon. Please call ahead to make sure someone is there.

### Little Free Library

We have a little free library by our front walk. The children's book are sought after and we do not have very many. If you have any to donate, just bring them in.

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## Church School

Church school is taking a summer break and will resume in September.

## Debra Dynes Family House

Please remember to bring something for our food bank. The blue bin is in the link on one of the benches.

As usual, there is always a demand for the list below.

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

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.

## Pembroke Chapel Choir Concert

CONCERT  
Saturday  
26  
JULY  
7.30pm

Chapel Choir of  
PEMBROKE  
COLLEGE  
Cambridge

conducted by  
ANNA  
LAPWOOD

Tickets  
in  
advance

For more  
information:  
www.  
stbarnabas  
ottawa  
.com

St Barnabas  
70 James St  
Ottawa

Anna Lapwood has for a number of years been the music director for Pembroke College. She has now left that post to become

a full-time organist. She is now the official organist for Royal Albert Hall. She is coming to St Barnabas as she was booked well in advance. If you want more information on Anna Lapwood, [here](#) is the link to her official website. You can also follow her on facebook.

From the St Barnabas website: “Our parish is overjoyed to host the Chapel Choir of Pembroke College, Cambridge, during the Ottawa leg of their Canadian tour. The choir is conducted by Anna Lapwood, a well-known organist and BBC personality in the U.K.

The choir will make two appearances:

A concert on Saturday, July 26 at 7:30 pm. Click [here](#) to buy tickets

A service of Solemn Evensong on Sunday, July 27 at 7:15 pm. A free-will offering will be taken.

St Barnabas last hosted a Cambridge choir from Christ’s College in 2014, which was sell-out event, and we expect the same for Pembroke. Tickets are available on a sliding, pay-what-you-can basis, and proceeds will be split 75/25 between the choir and our parish. Click [here](#) to find out more. “

## Memories of my childhood

by Greta Robinson

*This was written by Greta Robinson for the creative writing group of Coffee, Company and Conversation*

Blackcurrants, gooseberries and Sweet Peas in my grandmother’s garden. Lilac trees, pansies, carnations and sunflowers, with heads the size of dinner plates. The henhouse at the bottom of the garden with the rooster who frightened me.

The horses who clip-clopped constantly down the road we lived on, bringing vegetables, fruit and milk to our door. The milk had to be boiled if it was a hot day. The coal men with black soot all over them, from the heavy sacks of coal they brought on their backs to the coal house in the backyard.

I played hopscotch, skipped rope, and bowled a hoop with a stick along the sidewalk.

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I remember the tinker who mended our pots and pans and sharpened our knives. Luigi who came from Italy every summer and brought his ice-cream truck. The ice cream was sixpence and delicious.

The Johnny Orion boys from France with strings of plump onions strung around their bodies. The gypsy's selling wooden clothes pegs and the rag and bone man who collected our rags and bones.

I remember picking wild blackberries along the country lanes, playing until our mothers called us in for tea. May 1st we danced around the Maypole, and collected pennies for sweets. In the summer we swam from our beach hut at Poole Harbour. It was always cold but we didn't feel it. Being told at school that King Canute ordered the waves to retreat from that very beach.

In November we celebrated Guy Fawkes day, and the excitement of the bonfire with the "guy" on top of it. The Catherine Wheels, rockets and sparklers, and eating the blackened potatoes from the fire.

We had wonderful Christmases, one of our hens for dinner, and of course, the flaming Christmas pudding, and listening to the King's speech at 3pm. Money was tight, but I always had one big gift and a stocking full of exciting lumps and bumps. New Year's Eve was a great celebration as my grandmother carried on her Scottish father's tradition of the "First Footer": the first person to come into the house had to be a tall and dark-haired man, to bring us good luck in the new year.

My unhappiest memory was of being hit by a dispatch rider on a motorbike on the way home from school, but it had its compensation: being set up with a bed in the kitchen, and 6 weeks off school. A very pleasant memory was of my mom and dad dancing around the living room singing "Tea for two" and "If you were the only girl in the world". All in all I had a pretty lovely childhood, being a spoilt only child.

### **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 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.

### **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.