



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 and also 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 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.

Thank you from Sheila Pitt

Sheila would like to thank everyone from St Mark's who has supported her during her time of grief. Over the years her son Ned was well known at St Mark's, most recently leading his reggae band at Black History Month Celebrations.

Thank you for your phone calls, cards and visits. They are all very much appreciated

Ned will be missed.

Forward Day By Day

The newest edition of Forward Day by Day is now available, covering daily readings for August, September and October. This inspiring resource offers reflections on the passages assigned for each day, along with



prayers and suggestions to enhance your Christian journey.

Copies are placed on the table in the Link, available for \$3.

(Since there were problems with last week's newsletter, this is a repeat of the article from last week.)

A message from the Diocese – Episcopal Election 2026

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, Archbishop Shane Parker was recently elected to the office of Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. We congratulate him and look forward to his leadership of our national church. In order to take on this new office, however, he will soon be stepping down as our diocesan bishop. This leaves us in a period of transition, as we prepare to choose a new bishop to lead our diocese.

The Canons and Bylaws of our diocese lay out the process for selecting a new bishop, and we have already begun implementing their guidelines. We will be communicating the particulars of this selection process soon, including a timeline for the election, details on the nomination process, and information on voting procedures.

In the meantime, we have produced a document which we hope will answer some questions you may have about Bishop Shane's election as Primate. It also contains some information about how our diocese will

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operate while we await the selection of a new diocesan bishop. You can find the document here.

As Secretaries of Synod, the Canons and Bylaws of our diocese give us an important role in overseeing the administration of the election process. So, please feel free to contact us if you have questions about this or any other aspect of the upcoming Electoral Synod.

Finally, please remember to hold Archbishop Shane, the national church, and our own diocese in your prayers. We are always in need of the Holy Spirit's guidance, but that need is particularly great in times of transition. May God bless us all as we seek to follow where the Spirit leads.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Canon Stephen Silverthorne & Margaret Porter

Synod Secretaries of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

[Read more](#)

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.

Pedalheads is on hiatus for the next few weeks.

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.

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

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

Food Basics

Carnation Evaporated Milk - 2/\$4

Shopper's Drug Mart (starts Saturday)

No Name Evaporated Milk - \$1.79

No Name Pasta - 2/\$4

Giant Tiger

Cloverleaf Tuna - \$2.79

Barilla Pasta - \$2.00

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

The concert on Saturday evening is sold out. There is still an evensong on Sunday evening at 7:15 – for which I think you would want to arrive early.

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

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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.

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:

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Joseph Amuah : Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca

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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.