



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.

No Newsletter next week

Because of various circumstances, there will be no newsletter on August 8. The service links for both this week and next week can be found below.

Live Streaming

The service will be streamed at 9 am on Sunday.

Links for August 3: [service bulletin](#).

Links for August 10: [service bulletin](#)

The link is also available on the home page of our website.

Prayers for Comfort

Carol Dicks, a long-time faithful and active member of St Mark's passed away peacefully on the morning of July 30. Our prayers are with her family at this time.

Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord and may light perpetual shine upon her.

Fall Stewardship – Volunteer Hours

As part of the fall stewardship campaign, we would like to explore the amount of time and effort which is donated to the church and how ministry is supported by the generosity of our members.

If you donate your time to the church in any volunteer capacity, could you think about how much time you spend volunteering? I am not looking for a single number. For example, if you volunteer in the office, are on altar guild, help with CCC, host coffee hour at 8 and 10, act as sidesperson, I would hope for a list something like this:

Office – 2 hr/week

CCC – 2.5 hr/week not during summer

CCC snacks – 2 hrs/month

8 am coffee – 2 hr/month not during summer

10 am coffee – 2 hrs/6 weeks not during summer.

Sides – (8 & 10) 4.5 hrs/month (not summer)

It is important to us to know where the time is being spent so that we can not only know how much time people donate, but where the main focus of it is.

Please send your responses to the office sooner rather than later. Thank you - Joy

Service of Thanksgiving for our Journey with Bishop Shane

Dear friends,

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa warmly invites you to attend A Service of

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Thanksgiving for our Journey with Bishop Shane as we gather in the presence of God to celebrate Archbishop Shane's faithful leadership on his final day as our diocesan bishop.

Date: Saturday, September 20th, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m. Service followed by a light festive reception.

Location: Christ Church Cathedral | 414 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario

Clergy are invited to sit with family and friends, as vesting will not be required.

Watch the Service Live: If you are unable to attend in person, you are invited to watch the service in real time via the Cathedral's livestream [here](#).

We look forward to sharing this meaningful moment together as a diocese.

In Christ,

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa
ottawa.anglican.ca

ADO Leadership Transition – Electoral Process

Dear Friends,

We are writing to update you on some important information on the process of electing our new diocesan bishop.

First, we are happy to announce that the date for the Electoral Synod has been set. Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, has summoned an Electoral Synod for February 28, 2026. Her letter of summons is available [here](#). The Synod will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, 414 Sparks Street, Ottawa. Registration will begin at 8 am, followed by a 9 am celebration of the Eucharist. The meeting will be called to order immediately afterwards.

Second, we have produced an FAQ document which helps explain the electoral process going forward. This includes information on who can be nominated for the election, who is eligible to vote, some important deadlines and

events you should keep in mind, and how you can learn more about the nominees. The document is available on the diocesan website [here](#). Please note that this document may be amended with new information in the coming months, so be sure to visit the site periodically for updates.

Third, the portions of the Canons and Bylaws relevant to the election of our next bishop are available on the diocesan website. These rules lay out the electoral process in great detail, and familiarity with them will be a benefit to those voting in this election.

Lastly, we will be sending out more election information through the coming months. In particular, we will be making nomination forms available for download, as well as a copy of the official Diocesan Profile. The profile will supply key statistical data about the Diocese of Ottawa and will include information on the strengths, challenges, and priorities of our church today.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we move forward in the electoral process.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Canon Stephen Silverthorne & Margaret Porter
Synod Secretaries of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa
synod-secretary@ottawa.anglican.ca

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.

Fridge Catastrophe

This week the daycamp reported the fridge in the hall was not keeping things cool. When the fridge was examined, it was discovered that the interior temperature was 17C, even though the lights and fan were on and the temperature set to 3C.So we now have a

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new fridge in the hall. Thanks to all who investigated and arranged for the purchase and delivery of the fridge. If anyone feels moved to help out with expenses, you may give a donation designated for the fridge. We switched the door ourselves (as an explanation for the pictures).



Tables anyone?

We have been clearing out the lower hall and have found a number of surplus tables. There are about 10 stacking 4' x 4' wooden tables and maybe 14 rectangular child-size tables. If anyone is interested, please let the office know.

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.

Debra Dynes Family House

A big thank you to Georgia for taking the donations to Debra Dynes Family House for past few weeks.

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):

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No Frills

Ocean's tuna - \$1.50
Kraft Dinner - \$1.25
French's mustard - \$2.00
Italpasta pasta - \$1.25 (selected varieties, 750 g)
Oasis drinks - \$1.25

Freshco

Tinned Coconut Milk - \$1.25
Barilla pasta - \$1.69 (410 g)
Catelli Garden Select pasta sauce - \$1.69

Rexall

Admiral tuna - 2/\$3.00

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



Celebrations after the Concert included an enormous card and cake for Anna Lapwood who turns 30 (!) this week.

If you are interested in the service of Solemn evensong where the Pembroke Chapel Choir led the music, you may watch [here](#).

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.

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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Gillian Martin: Gillian@stmarksottawa.ca

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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.