



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.

Newsletter

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. [service bulletin](#) The link is also available on the home page of our website.

Bible Study

Bible study will resume at 10 am on Wednesday, September 17 with Fr David. There will be a 2-week hiatus and start again on October 8 with Rev Mary Cate.

The readings for September 17 Bible Study are: Jeremiah 8:18—9:1, Psalm 79:1—9, 1 Timothy 2:1—7, Luke 16:1—13

Remembering Ned Pitt

There will be an extended coffee hour on Sunday in memory of Sheila Pitt's son Ned, who died unexpectedly during the summer. A short video will be shown in the hall after coffee is served.

Parish BBQ

Given the news that Fr David is leaving us after September 21, the welcome back to church aspect has now stretched to 'Sorry you

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St Mark's BBQ Sunday September 21, 2025

thank you Fr David
~~fare thee well~~
&
welcome back
reconnecting after the summer

BBQ funds will go to the
Debra Dynes Food Bank
giving to the community where our parish roots were first planted



sponsored by St Mark's Mothers' Union

are leaving Father, but thank you for everything' BBQ.

Please join us to say our goodbyes at the BBQ and wish him well.

Sausages, hotdogs and jumbo hotdogs will be available, along with chips, hot and cold drinks, ice cream and cake.

There is a set price this time. Since we would like to feel our enjoyment can be passed along to the people at Debra-Dynes, all financial profit will go to their foodbank.

Cost:

\$10.00 per adult

\$5.00 per child

\$25.00 per family max.

Please join us in the hall on September 21 for regular coffee and cookies, and enjoy a BBQ together.

Fall Bazaar – November 1

Keep watching this space for more information about the upcoming bazaar. In the meantime, you may want to think about what you might like to do to contribute.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Coffee, Company and Conversation had a great 'kick-off' to its Fall/Early Winter 2025 season on Thursday this week. In partnership with NROCRC (Nepean, Rideau, Osgoode Community Resource Centre). The two groups hosted one of NROCRC's cultural events which are funded by a grant.

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The event was an Irish Culture Morning designed and presented by one of CCC's regulars, Brian Armstrong, who brought the two groups together to have this joint activity. There were 88 people who attended, 49 of whom were CCC people. A beautiful power point presentation, set up with the assistance of Joy Bowerman who always lends her expertise for such presentations, was lovely, with background music about Ireland and its people. It was designed and given by Brian, followed by the Ottawa Celtic Choir. Their songs were beautifully melodic in the Irish way. Irish dancers performed next, and their routine was delightful. Who doesn't like Irish dancing! Finally, an Irish lunch of Lamb Shepherd's pie and Halibut pie was served, The delicious lunch was catered and paid for by the New Horizons group from NROCR. The Apple cakes served for dessert were

baked by Penny Miller and Georgia Roberts. Many thanks!



As usual, CCC started off with coffee and tea, accompanied by the most amazing Irish goodies. Pat Sinclair and Suzanne Bisson, two of the CCC bakers, went all out to keep the Irish theme with Barmbrack, Soda Bread, Guinness Cake, Bailey's Coffee Cake, Shamrock Shortbread, Irish and other cheeses (six types in total), a veggie platter, grapes and sliced apples, as well as three types of dip with crackers. What a spread to start off the CCC year!



The table and chair set-up for such a large gathering was done amazingly well by Georgia and Suzanne with the help of their husbands

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and Carolyn Findlay. The kitchen was coordinated by two other members of the CCC team, Penny and Gillian Morris. Meeting people and moving them along, as they entered, was done by Janis and Michael Perkin, with the CCC greeter, Rob Mellon, keeping count. In other words, it was “all hands to the pump” to make the morning happen flawlessly.

People’s comments afterwards were enthusiastic. They thoroughly enjoyed this singular event, and the team from NROCRC’s New Horizons group was very well organised for the presentation with their volunteers helping the CCC team make it happen.

It was a successful collaboration with another organisation who also work hard to provide a program for older adults in our community, and we thank them for their enthusiasm. Most particularly, thank you to all the people at St. Mark’s who give so much to help keep CCC active and growing.



Next week is a quieter one with Bridge and Games or “Koffee Klatsch”. All are welcome.

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.

The food bank was completely out of canned evaporated milk, so our delivery was greatly appreciated yesterday. The need is greater than ever - please keep the donations coming!

There is always a demand for the list below.

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

Here are some specials from this week’s flyers:

Specials this week from weekly flyers

Food Basics

Spam, Hereford Corned Beef,

Gold Seal Salmon - \$2.98

Assorted juices - \$.99

No Frills

Sugar - \$1.99

Italapasta - \$1.25

Unico tuna- \$1.33

Shoppers Drug Mart

No Name and PC peanut butter - \$3.99

Crest and Colgate toothpaste - \$1.99

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.

Parish Council Updates:

Welcome back to all as we return to our regular Sunday services and other activities resume such as CCC, Slim & Trim and Choir. We hope that you all enjoyed a pleasant summer.

If you haven’t already done so, please take the time to submit your estimated volunteer hours to support our upcoming Stewardship campaign. This includes not only your service by volunteering at the office, Coffee Hour (prep ahead of time and on Sunday morning itself), Sunday School or weeding, but also activities such as reading a lesson or administering the chalice during Sunday

services. If you aren't sure about the number of hours you spend on each activity, providing a list of activities will still help us capture the narrative of our work together as a Parish.

We have much on the horizon as we say goodbye to Father David on September 21 and welcome our new Priest-in-Charge Rev Dr Mary-Cate Garden on October 5, not forgetting to mention Thanksgiving, All Saints and Advent quickly on their heels. Thank you for your presence and service, and your Parish Council wishes you a blessed and fruitful time as we embark on Fall together.

Financial Update

We are in reasonable financial shape at the end of the summer and have paid our full remittance to the diocese. However, the collections income over the summer was extremely low - almost \$5,000 less than last year and \$20,000 less than budgeted. Since I wasn't around much this summer, I checked to see if attendance in the summer was low. In fact, our summer attendance was higher than it was last year, although this year we did not have the large service in July for Bahamian Independence. We have ground we have to make up and this will become critical when we start paying full priestly costs next month.

We did have some unexpected expenses over the summer. One surprise was the demise of the refrigerator. We have been extremely fortunate this year to have dedicated individuals who have contributed to our property expenses, including the new carpets you will see installed in the link. We do have a costly furnace repair coming shortly to replace a defective actuator valve.

Joy

Wardens' Property Update: Building for the Future

Over the past few months, we have been carefully reviewing the needs of our church buildings and grounds. This ongoing work helps ensure that St. Mark's remains a safe, welcoming, and compliant place for worship,

fellowship, and community life—while also preparing for a sustainable future.

Here are a few highlights of the progress made this year:

Teamwork in Action: Our clean-up day was a wonderful example of parishioners coming together in fellowship. With many helping hands, we made real progress in the basement, sanctuary, and around the grounds. More opportunities will arise in the months ahead as repairs and maintenance projects are under review, and we look forward to sharing those dates so everyone can take part.

Kitchen Fridge Replacement: When the kitchen fridge failed this summer, the Wardens stepped up quickly to address the issue. We handled the viewing, purchasing, and setup of the new unit—saving the parish both time and money.

Grounds and Lawn Care: With the support of volunteers, the church grounds were kept tidy and welcoming despite the weather and other challenges. With continued volunteer involvement next year, this work can become lighter, more manageable, and a more enjoyable time of fellowship.

Sump Pump Replacement: After flooding issues in the basement, we replaced the sump pump and are now looking into a more commercial-grade unit to better protect the church in the future.

Carpet Replacement: Thanks to the generosity of a donor, new carpets have been installed at no cost to St. Mark's. Old runners have been repurposed, and professional cleaning is to be determined, with the hope of having them cleaned in time for Holy Week to protect this investment.

Waste Management: We are looking at small improvements in how we organize recycling, compost, and garbage. Labels and signs are being considered to support clearer St. Mark protocols, helping make our spaces more welcoming, keeping us in line with safety requirements, and showing consideration toward our neighbours.

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Looking Ahead: Window assessments are underway, heating system repairs are under review, and we continue to plan carefully for fire safety compliance. These steps ensure St. Mark's remains strong and sustainable for years to come.

As we look to next year, we encourage parishioners to consider volunteering—whether it's for clean-up days, lawn care, or lending a hand with small projects. Every bit of help makes a difference, and working together strengthens our community.

With gratitude for all who contribute their time, talent, and generosity, we move forward confident that St. Mark's will remain a safe, vibrant, and welcoming home for all.

Blessings,

Mike Duval
Deputy Warden

Fall Stewardship – Volunteer Hours

Many thanks to those who have answered – where are the rest of you?

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 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

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.

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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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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Elaine: Elaine@stmarksottawa.ca

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Joseph Amuah : Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca

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>.

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Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored. Email is faster.



St Mark's Anglican Church
FALL & EARLY WINTER 2025
a weekly gathering for seniors in the community
SENIORS – COME & JOIN US
September 11 to December 18
Thursdays at 10:00 am



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1606 Fisher Avenue, Ottawa
For more information contact: St Mark's at 613 224 7431

WE ARE BACK! THURSDAYS AT 10AM
UP-COMING ACTIVITIES

September 11	Welcome Back with a special Irish Cultural Event - co-hosts CCC and Nepean/Rideau/Osgoode Community Resource Centre (NROCRC) - Irish entertainment, culture, snacks and luncheon to follow
September 18	Bridge & Games - or - "Koffee Klatsch"
September 25	Creative Writing Group - or - "Koffee Klatsch" for non-writers
October 2	Guest: Catherine Grove , author of historical books related to Upper Canada's fascinating history, speaking on Canada's heroines who were part of that history
October 9	Bridge & Games - or - "Koffee Klatsch"
October 16	Guests: Dr. Jazz! - an amazing morning with three of Ottawa's best-known musicians .. Ottawa Jazz Festival & the NAC - Not to be missed!
October 23	Creative Writing Group, Bridge, - or - "Koffee Klatsch"
October 30	'Hallowe'en H.jinks' - It's Back! – spooky fun, food, - and the annual Costume Contest
November 6	Bridge & Games - or - "Koffee Klatsch"
November 13	Post Remembrance Morning
November 20	Guest: Mike Martin , noted Ottawa writer and author of the <i>"Sgt. Widtlower Murder Mysteries"</i> - set in Newfoundland
November 27	Creative Writing Group - or - "Koffee Klatsch" for non-writers
December 4	Pre Christmas "Koffee Klatsch"
December 11	Stories Shared about Christmases Past
December 18	'Christmas Joy' - a joyous morning celebrating the Christmas season - sing along with pianist and song leader, Joy Bowerman

 **Christmas Break until January 2026**