



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa ON K2C 1X6

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Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future.

September 19, 2025

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

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.

Announcement from the Diocese

Last Sunday, a letter from Archbishop Shane was read during the services announcing that the Rev Mary Cate Garden will become Priest In Charge of St Mark's beginning on October 1, 2025.



Mary-Cate was ordained in our diocese in 2016, and served in the parishes of Trinity Cornwall, St. Martin's Ottawa, and Huntley. She

holds an MDiv (Trinity College, Toronto), a PhD and an MPhil (University of Cambridge, UK), an MA (College of William and Mary, Virginia), and a BA (University of Toronto).

Mary-Cate has brought a wealth of expertise to our diocesan church, along with much good-humour, compassion, creativity, and a particular love for ministry with children and youth.

You may read the letter from the diocese [HERE](#)

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 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

Looking forward to the fall bazaar, one of our downfalls has been the publicity. If you have any marvellous ideas or our willing to help, please contact Joy.

One of things I am really hoping for is to have the bazaar reflect the backgrounds of our current congregation. For example, I make a lot of preserves for the bazaar. Some of them I make from recipes from my great-grandmother. It is a reflection of my interest and family background. We make Eccles Cakes, which are something very British, carrot cakes, cookies and pies which are very much part of our North American culture. Is there something in your family background you could share? Is there food or a craft? Please talk to Joy to see how we could work it into the bazaar.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

On Thursday this week, a smaller group than the very large one that attended last week's event, were nonetheless chatty, full of energy and in some cases, thoroughly enjoying board games and bridge. Twenty-nine people were present, who enjoyed the wonderful spread that Janis and Michael Perkin and Georgia Roberts provided. There were blueberry muffins, madeleines, ginger cookies and other sweets, plus cheeses and crackers and fruit. CCC bakers continue to spoil everyone at the Thursday mornings. We appreciate all that they do.



Next week is Creative Writing for the writers at CCC, and one of their group, a published author, will be featured. All non writers will enjoy a "koffee klatsch" with good company.

Debra Dynes Family House

Please continue to generously support the food bank for Debra Dynes Family house. There is a blue bin in the link waiting for your donations.

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

Metro

Ritz Crackers - \$2.44

Campbell's Soup - \$.99

Hellman's Mayonnaise - 2/\$8.00

No Frills

Green Giant Corn - \$1.25

PC Oxi dish soap - \$1.00

Allen's juices - \$.88

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Campbell's Chunky Soup - \$2.50

Food Basics

Selection Butter - \$4.88

Cedar Chick Peas,

Dark Red Kidney Beans - \$1.25

Heinz Beans - \$.98

Clover Leaf Tuna (albacore in water) - \$1.99

Shoppers

Family and Friends Event: Tues. Oct 23, Wed.

Oct 24 - 20% off (not on sale items)

Weekend only:

KD Original - 2/\$3.00

Ritz Crackers - 2/\$5.00

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.

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

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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.

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Fall Stewardship – Volunteer Hours

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

I am so grateful to have received many reports of volunteer hours. Thank you so much. I know there are a few outstanding.

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.

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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.

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:

Fr David David@stmarksottawa.ca

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Elaine: Elaine@stmarksottawa.ca

Janis Perkin : Janis@stmarksottawa.ca

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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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 "Sgt. Widtlower Murder Mysteries" - 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**