



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Farewell to Fr David & Parish BBQ

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.

This Sunday our celebrant will be Fr Sony Jabouin. You can read an article about him from the Perspective [here](#).



Congratulations! 🎉

We share the happy news of the birth of Emmett Hong Walter-Joseph born in Toronto on September 8, 2025 weighing 7lbs 110z/3.49kg and measuring 19.1"/48.5 cm to parents Robert

Walter- Joseph (former St. Mark's server) and Jacqueline To.

Emmett's grandmother is Sharon Walter.

Emmett's family looks forward to introducing him to the St. Mark's family later on. 🎉



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At last week's BBQ, there was a formal farewell to Fr David on his last Sunday with us as Interim Priest. He was presented with a prayer shawl and a lovely hand-made card which everyone had the opportunity to sign.

The choir sang a farewell song written by Brenda Zanin with a copy given to Fr David decorated by pictures of his time here. (You can see this at the end of the newsletter.) There was also a cake (of which there are no pictures. – J



Last week's farewell to Fr David, and welcome back to church BBQ was a great success. Your generosity has allowed Mothers' Union to send \$400.00, our profits, to the Debra Dynes Food Bank, where our weekly donations of food also go.

There are also many thank yous.

Thank you to the M.U workers who carried out the various jobs needed to make the food part happen.

Thank you to those who efficiently set up on the Saturday.

Thank you to you our parishioners who gave Fr David a very enjoyable farewell, and appeared to be having a relaxing time.

Thank you to those who willingly cleared up. We seem to have some younger people compared with a few years ago, and it makes a huge difference. Usually some of us are flagging by the end, but to have men and women who cleared everything up was wonderful.

Last, but not at all least, my special thanks go to Folami and Folarin Ojo who on hearing the call to clear up, fetched the holders for the chairs and started putting them away. Since they arrived with us, they have automatically helped set out or clean up. They're amazing and so I thank also Seun and Mayowa for guiding them so well.

A successful event took place. when's the next?!!

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Cynthia
on behalf of Mothers' Union & Corporation

Fall Bazaar – November 1

This year at the bazaar we will have a jewellery table. This is a great opportunity to go through your jewellery. There will not be rummage, but there will be books.

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

Thursday was another busy one at CCC.

It was Creative Writing morning and nine busy writers spent the time together working on their creations. In all, thirty-four people enjoyed writing, playing bridge or just chatting over coffee or tea.

As always the goodies accompanying morning coffee were delicious. Home baked banana breads, apple cake, cookies and other sweets, were provided, along with cheeses, crackers and fruit. Many thanks to Gillian and Penny with a contribution from Ray. St. Mark's has amazing bakers.

Next week CCC is hosting the writer Catherine Grove, whose fascination with unsung Canadian heroines of 19th century Upper Canada has resulted in wonderful historical novels. It promises to be a most interesting talk. All are welcome.

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 Flipp app

Giant Tiger:

Primo pasta - \$.87

No Frills:

Canned Heinz beans or pasta - \$1.25

Carnation Evaporated Milk - \$1.75

Classico Pasta Sauce - \$3.00

Food Basics

Classico Spaghetti Sauce - \$2.97

Cashmere Bathroom tissue (24) - \$4.97

Cloverleaf light or flavoured tuna - \$1.48

Shoppers

Quaker Life and Rice Crispies - \$4.00

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.

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.

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Little Free Library

We have a little free library by our front walk. The children's books 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 you 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.

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:

Joy: stmarks@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.

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FAREWELL TO FR. DAVID

From this parish we hear you are going
We're all here now to wish you farewell,
We are glad for the time you've been with us,
Though it seems like it's too short a spell.

Bible studies and CCC mornings,
Sunday sermons and yes, yard work too,
You have blessed us in service and kindness,
It's no wonder we feel kind of blue.

May God bless you wherever he sends you,
We are glad that you came to St. Mark's
We will always remember you warmly,
And we thank you with all of our hearts.



— Brenda Zanin
(Sung to the tune of Red River Valley)
September 21, 2025



What you may not realize, unless you sit in the choir, is that Fr David often sports a halo while celebrating the Eucharist or preaching the sermon.

