



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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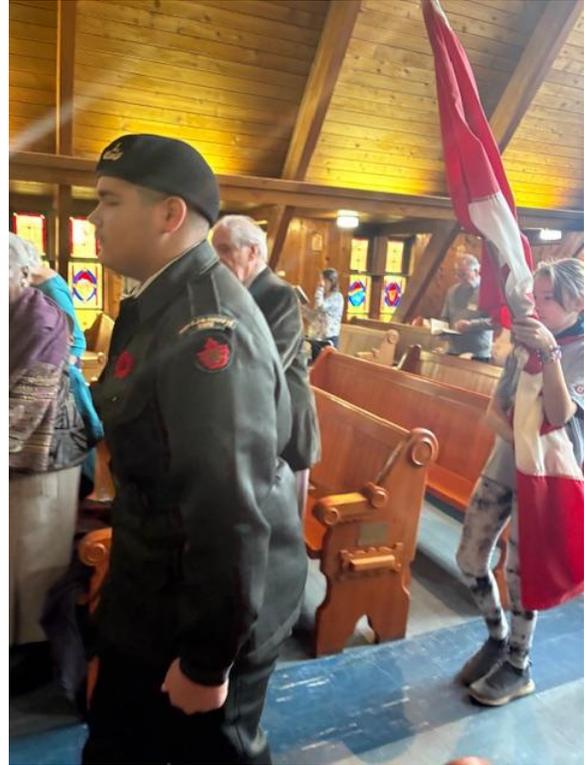
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Weekly Newsletter

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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

There will be no Bible Study on November 19.

Advent Soup & Study

Advent Soup and Study is coming starting **Wednesday**, November 26 from 5:30 pm – 7 pm. It will end on December 17. Watch this space for more details.



Remembrance Sunday last Sunday.

St Mark's Fall Bazaar ~ 2025

1606 Fisher Ave. Ottawa

Saturday November 1, 2025

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Handcrafts (sewing, knitting & other crafts) Preserves, Baking,
Café, Cards, Puddings, Calendars, Books, Puzzles, Jewellery
there will be no Rummage or Clothing

on-line Bazaar November 9 - December 14
information: 613-224-7431 stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca







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We were delighted to welcome the scouts, cubs, beavers and leaders to join us in our annual service of Remembrance.



Fall Bazaar

Our offerings this week are carrot cakes and turkey pies. A few of both of these items are still available but the majority of them are sold. Frozen cookie dough is available until December 7. Eccles cakes are on the order form but are not available again until Nov 23.

You can order these items on the third order form which is available [here](#). There will be weekly order forms from now until mid-December with new offerings every week.

The weekly order form should arrive in your inbox on Wednesday evenings. See the end of the newsletter for pictures from the bazaar.

Coffee, Company & Conversation



It was a special morning at CCC on Thursday. The theme was Post Remembrance, and in our CCC community, as in other communities across Canada on the 11th, those who fought and served in the Canadian Armed Forces were remembered and honoured. The tribute started with the Rev. Dr. Mary-Cate saying a prayer on behalf of all who gave so much. Then she followed it with a recording of the national anthem. The 37 people who attended sang O Canada together as it played.



Many had brought treasured items that had belonged to members of their families who had gone to war. They were displayed on a long table representing stories conveying

history from WW I to Afghanistan, including WW II, the Korean War, the Cold War, Peacekeeping and conflicts in between.



When family members shared about the items on the table that belonged to someone who served, it was a moving experience for all who were listening, and more so for the storytellers. Much was learned in hearing these descriptions and tales that told of feats and experiences that must not be forgotten. Many thanks to those who brought such precious pieces of history to CCC. In addition, the remembrances that members of the creative writing group had written, were displayed on the bulletin board for all to read.

The food, as always, was delicious. Pat Sinclair and Joan Hounsell provided the following for all to enjoy with their coffee or tea: butter cinnamon sticks, gluten free peanut butter cookies, gingerbread bundt cake, orange-cranberry bread, brie, blue and cheddar cheeses accompanied by baguette slices and assorted cracker, plus both red and green grapes. A big thank you to this baking team, one of five teams who are so very generous in purchasing and preparing goodies for Coffee, Company and Conversation each and every week.



Next week, November 20, will highlight a very special guest, Mike Martin, writer of the Sgt. Windflower Mysteries, and many other books. He is an award winning author, sharing in his mystery series, his knowledge of Newfoundland where he was born. It promises to be a most enjoyable time shared with a writer known and followed by many. All who enjoy reading will not want to miss this upcoming CCC event.

Notes from Parish Council

Financial Update

Our financial situation continues in the same pattern as the last few months. Our collections income is well below our target. In fact, our income at the end of October was the lowest it has been in the last 5 years – which includes the pandemic years. Our financial situation is reasonable because we paid no housing allowance and part-time clergy (0.6 Base ECOPS) for almost 9 months. Without that, we would be in serious financial trouble.

The significant change in October is that we began paying housing allowance and our full share of ECOPS. ECOPS stands for Equalized Cost of Priestly Services. In essence, the clergy salaries for the whole diocese are lumped together in a big pool. This pool is then divided between the churches of the diocese based on their income for the last three years. This means that the

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amount we pay in ECOPS is not related to the amount our priest is paid. The housing allowance however is directly related because housing throughout the diocese can cost very different amounts depending on where the parish is located. (Think downtown Ottawa vs Pembroke or Cornwall)

Property Report

Stepping Into the season

With Gratitude, Progress, and Purpose

Dear Friends of St. Mark's,

As we move into the fall season, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your continued support, encouragement, and patience. With grace and good teamwork, we continue making steady progress toward securing St. Mark's future, staying ahead of maintenance needs and keeping our beautiful church safe, comfortable, and fully compliant.

I'm pleased to share that on **November 18, 2025**, Candor Plumbing will be completing the installation and maintenance of our **backflow preventers**. This important work brings us fully up-to-date with the City of Ottawa's water-safety program and ensures we continue to meet all compliance standards. A water shutdown will be required during this time, and we thank you warmly for your understanding.

We have also secured a three-year snow-removal contract, giving us stability and reliability through the winter seasons ahead. In addition, we are currently reviewing proposals for an HVAC service agreement so that our heating and cooling needs remain dependable into the future.

As always, St. Mark's thrives because of our caring and dedicated community. We are currently looking for **volunteers to join our Fire & Safety Inspection Team**. This involves a simple once-a-month inspection to help keep our church safe and compliant. If you feel called to assist, I would be grateful to hear from you at mike@stmarksottawa.ca

Lastly, we're hoping to gather **2-3 volunteers on Saturday, November 22, 2025**, to help with some light seasonal work on our front

doors. If you're able to lend a hand or would like more information, please reach out to me at mike@stmarksottawa.ca

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, your energy, and the spirit of grace you bring to our parish life. Together, we continue building a bright and hopeful future for St. Mark's.

With gratitude,

Mike Duval
Deputy Warden
St. Mark's Anglican Church

Belong Ottawa Wishlist



Debra Dynes Family House

Please continue to donate generously to Debra Dynes Family House. More and more people are having to use the food banks in our unsettled times.

Many thanks to those who responded to the request for candy to help with Halloween. 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
- Apple Sauce
- Pasta

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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.

Our **Advent Giving Tree** is starting soon. Here is a preview.

**St Mark's
Advent Giving Tree 2025**

Every year the small tree, in the corner of the church near the Baptismal font, becomes our Advent Giving Tree. You are invited to help 'decorate' it with your gifts for those in need in our diocese.
For 3 weeks in Advent we have different gift suggestions



**Week 1
November 30**
Personal Toiletries:
wash cloths, soaps,
shampoo, conditioner,
deodorant, combs,
toothbrushes,
toothpaste,
hand/body lotion,
disposable razors

**Week 2
December 7**
hats, mitts,
scarves, socks,
slippers,
underwear,
undershirts
*for all ages
and all sizes
men, women,
and children*

**Week 3
December 14**
drink boxes,
fruit bars,
granola bars,
small treats

Labels on tree: The Well, Debra Dynes Family House, The Mission, Belong Ottawa, St Luke's Table, Centre 454

Some of the gifts we collect and send specially for Christmas, but through the Diocesan group **Belong Ottawa**, these groups are happy to receive donations all year long, since their needs are on-going.

If going out shopping is not easy for you, but you would like to take part, please feel free to make a donation, by giving it to Cynthia Greer, or another Mothers' Union member.

Forward Day By Day

The newest edition of Forward Day By Day, covering November, December and January is now available. Enhance your prayer life with these daily devotions, carrying you through Advent, Christmas and into the new year. Copies are placed in the link, and are \$3 apiece.

Rev Mary-Cate's contact information

Mary-Cate's email is MaryCate@stmarksottawa.ca We are still finessing the access details. You may call her at 613-231-7451 or 416-709-3487.

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.

Emails Addresses for Key People

The wardens, as well as the paid staff (Rev Mary Cate, Joy and Elaine) all have email addresses in the StMarksOttawa domain. They are:

Rev Mary Cate: MaryCate@stmarksottawa.ca

Joy: stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

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

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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 unable to get to church, putting a cheque in the mail is always an 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.

