



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

November 21, 2025

Dear friends,

delves into the psalms and enjoy some soup and fellowship.

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

Fall Bazaar

Our offerings this week are Apple, Cherry & Raisin Pies and a selection of Pepperoni, Pesto or Gruyere and Leek Pizza. **Both of these items must be ordered by the end of the day today.** Eccles Cakes will be available for pickup if you have already ordered. Frozen cookie dough is available until December 7.

Newsletter

Please send any news items or announcements for the newsletter to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca with the word newsletter in the subject line.

You can order these items on the fourth 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.

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.

Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Trinity College

This past week, the Rev. Mary-Cate was in Toronto attending several events which celebrated the 70th Anniversary of Trinity College. On Tuesday, there was a multi-faith symposium on “Sustaining Hope and Seeking Justice in Challenging Times” featuring the Rt Rev Michael Curry and the Most Rev Linda Nicholls followed by a special convocation at which Bishop Michael Curry and Archbishop Linda Nicolls were recognized for their leadership of the church by being awarded honorary doctorates. On Wednesday and Thursday, an interdisciplinary conference was held at Trinity College on the theme “Sacred Space: Conflicts and Convergences.” On Thursday morning, Rev Mary-Cate did a

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 on November 26. The bible reading is likely Matthew 24: 36-44 as we approach the first Sunday of Year A in our 3-year lectionary cycle.

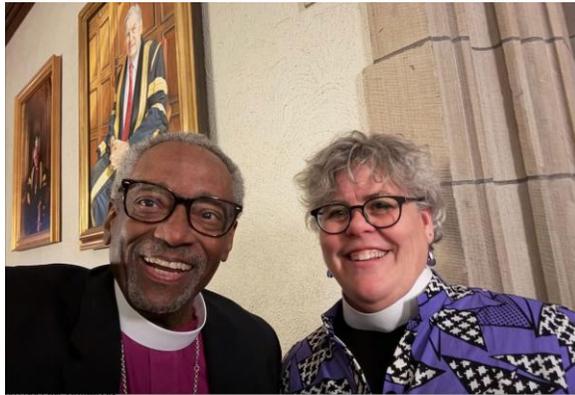
Advent Soup & Study

Advent Soup and Study starts **this Wednesday**, November 26 from 5:30 pm – 7 pm in the church. It will end on December 17. Come and join the Rev Mary-Cate as she

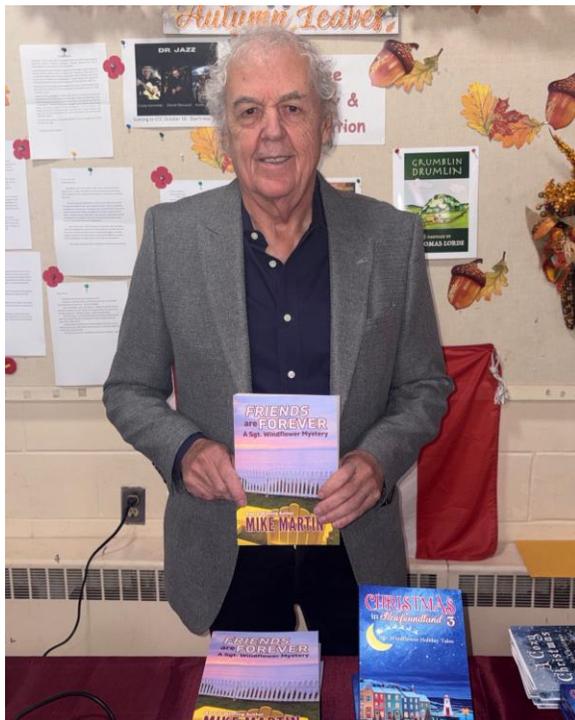
St Mark's Fall Bazaar ~ 2025
 1606 Fisher Ave. Ottawa
Saturday November 1, 2025
 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 Handcrafts (sewing, knitting & other crafts) Preserves, Baking,
 Café, Cards, Puddings, Calendars, Books, Puzzles, Jewellery
 there will be no Rummage or Clothing
 on-line Bazaar November 9 - December 14
 information: 613-224-7431 stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

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presentation entitled “Inside and Out: Exploring the Sacred Landscapes of Trinity College Chapel”



Coffee, Company & Conversation



It was a mystery morning at CCC on Thursday. Over 36 people attended to hear

Mike Martin, an award-winning mystery series author, share his love of books and writing. Mike grew up in Newfoundland, and although he has lived in Ottawa for most of his adult life, he returned to his roots in writing best selling books about Sgt. Winston Windflower, a fictional RCMP officer, stationed in Grand Bank Newfoundland. Sgt. Windflower solves mysteries on the Island, and through his adventures, the reader gains a view of Newfoundland that is both real and, at times, humorous. Each year Mike writes a book and thus, there now are 16 books in the Windflower saga. Mike has been both nominated for, and won writing awards, for his creations. In addition, he has written Christmas tales that are set in Newfoundland, as well as poetry and children's stories.

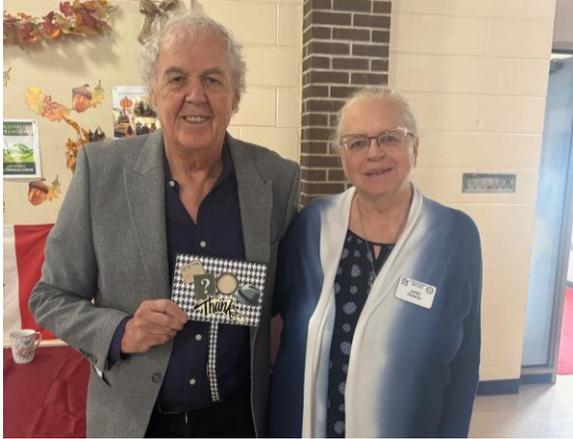


He was a most relaxing and interesting speaker who related how his love of reading books developed in childhood, and how he began his writing career. He first wrote articles and opinion pieces for newspapers and magazines, then challenged himself to take on a mystery book, hence Sgt. Windflower. How he writes, as he described it, fascinated the group. He writes a book a year, and thus there are now 16 Windflower mysteries that have been published. In all, his talk was both most entertaining and very informative. His books were for sale afterwards, and that gave people an opportunity to interact with him. It was a delightful morning.



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shared by Greta Robinson and Sharon Leeming Mann



Janis and Michael Perkin prepared a feast of morning goodies that were in tune with the theme of Newfoundland. Banana loaf, cranberry/lingonberry brie bites, custard tea buns, Queen Anne squares, molasses cookies, as well as grapes, marble, cheddar, brie and Cambozola cheeses that were accompanied by various crackers. Their morning snacks brought Newfoundland to the CCC tea and coffee table. As always, many thanks to two of our hard working and generous bakers on the CCC team.

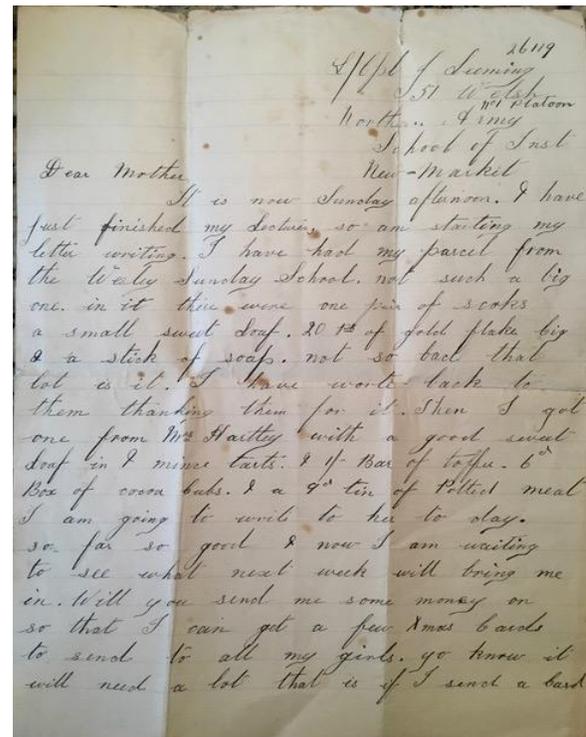


Next week the creative writing group will work on their Christmas stories and others will share conversation over coffee in good company.

Please remember to bring donations for the Food Bank at Debra Dynes Family House. The Christmas season is approaching, and all the support that can be given to the food banks is gratefully accepted and appreciated.

“Letter from Great Uncle Jim”

Greta was unable to come to CCC last week for the Remembrance morning so here is a letter from her Great Uncle Jim.



S. Corp. J. Leeming 26119
51 Welsh, 1101 Platoon
Northern Army
School of Inst.
New-Market

Dear Mother,

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It is now Sunday afternoon. I have finished my lectures so am starting my letter writing. I have had my parcel from the Wesley Sunday School, not such a big one; in it there were one pair of socks, a small sweet loaf, 20 p. of gold flakes, big, and a stick of soap; not so bad that lot, is it?

I wrote back to them thanking them for it. Then I got one from Mrs. Hartley with a good sweet loaf and mince tarts, 1 bar of toffee, a box of cocoa buds, a tin of potted meat. I am going to write to her today.

So far so good and now I am waiting to see what next week will bring me in. Will you send me some money on, so than I can get a few Xmas cards to send to all of my girls. You know I will need a lot; that is, if I send a card to each of them.

We have not got our pay yet, but when we do get it, it will be a nice draw. They may not pay us till we come home on leave.

Well, how is Edward, is he any better, and have you had any more letters from Tom? I'll tell you one thing, I don't think the war is going to last much longer. I give it until March.

Well, I don't think I have much more to say at present so will now come to a close. Remember me to Jim Edward, Tim, Ruth and Milley.

Your Loving Son,

Jim xxxx

S., Corporal James Leeming was killed in World War I at age nineteen.

Notes from Parish Council

Black History Month: It's that time of year again. We are convening the planning committee for Black History Month, commemorated in every February. If you're interested in volunteering or just learning more, please contact joseph@stmarksottawa.ca .

Advent Giving Tree: Our annual tradition of the Advent Giving Tree returns on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30. Check out

the poster at the end of the newsletter for more details. As in past years, these donations support the community outreach groups of Belong Ottawa. This season, consider donating mittens, gloves, warm hats, socks, underwear, towels, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, just to name a few.

Belong Ottawa Wishlist



Debra Dynes Family House

As the weather turns colder, our hearts hopefully get warmer. Please remember to contribute to the blue bin in the Link. Together we can help to prevent anyone in the Debra Dynes community from going hungry.

There is always a demand for the list below.

- Canned evaporated milk
- Canned tuna
- Apple Sauce for school snacks
- Pasta
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Some on-sale items from local flyers:

No Frills:

Oasis Juices - \$1.25 (.95 members only)
Quaker Quick Oats - \$3.50

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Clover Leaf Pink Salmon and White Tuna - \$2.50
Stagg Chile - \$2.50

Metro:

Habitant Soup - \$1.99
Cheezit and Goldfish Crackers and Breton Crackers - \$1.99
Quaker Chewy Granola Bars - \$1.99

Food Basics:

Selection Tinned peas and corn - \$1.37
Kelloggs Family Size Cereals - \$5.48
Nature Valley Granola Bars - \$2.98

Shoppers Drug Mart:

No Name chicken broth - 3/\$5.00
No Name canned vegetables - 3/\$5.00
Prego Pasta Sauce - \$2.99

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.

After the Turkey comes the soup!

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.

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



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.

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.

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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 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.