



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

November 28, 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

This Sunday after church, we will have some of the items left from the bazaar (and some new, and some that weren't quite finished in time) set out in the hall after the service. Look for hats, towels, puzzles and cards as well as preserves and our special weekly offerings. As well, there will be replacement candles for Advent Wreaths available.

Newsletter

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

Our offerings this week are All-Butter Shortbread, Maple Pecan Christmas Crackle and turkey pies. There is a little bit of Tablet, a few pie boxes and frozen cookie dough. The shortbread are excellent and I look forward to them every year. Christmas Crackle is a new item this year and it is sweet and **delicious** - maple caramel, pecans and chocolate – what else could you want?. If you were at the coffee hour after the 10 am service last Sunday, you may have been lucky enough to taste some.

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.

You can order these items on the fifth 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.

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.

Light Advent Potluck Luncheon

A Light Advent Potluck Lunch is being arranged for Sunday, December 14 after the 10 am service.

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on December 3. The bible reading is likely Matthew 3: 1-12 as we approach the first Sunday of Year A in our 3-year lectionary cycle.

Advent Soup & Study

Advent Soup and Study continues **this Wednesday**, December 3 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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There is a sign up sheet in the Link hallway on the desk.

Please sign there if you plan to attend, and also if you are able to bring something to add to the food table. It is for finger foods only. There are different categories of foods, all small sizes.

- A) sausage rolls, samosas, pasties, etc
- B) vegetables, C) fruits, D)desserts, all cut small. E) cheese and crackers.

You are welcome whether you can provide something or not. You are signing up so we have some idea of how many people to expect.

Mothers' Union who are organizing this, are providing sandwiches for everyone, but could use a few extra. (category A).

If you forget to sign up, please call me, Cynthia, at 613-723-2680, or greercynthia69@yahoo.com



Advent Giving Tree:

Our annual tradition of the Advent Giving Tree returns **this Sunday**, November 30. The tree is set up and ready to receive your offerings. This week the focus is on personal toiletries of all sizes. This includes: wash cloths, lotion, disposable razors, combs, tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant.

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.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Thursday morning was an uneventful one at CCC, but full of conversation. The Creative Writing group were hard at work, hopefully dashing out stories about Christmas memories past as on the morning of December 11

sharing these memorable tales will be the theme.

All past happy Christmas memories are special as time goes on. The next two weeks will be pre-Christmas gatherings. On December 4, there will be table games, conversation, and writing of stories to tell on the 11th. Then, on the 18th, the annual much-awaited "Christmas Joy" celebration morning of song and music wraps up the 2025 fall/early winter season.

The food at CCC yesterday was especially delicious. Both savouries and sweets were on the coffee table, prepared by Joy and Judy. Three cheese pesto pizza slices, antipasto and peach pepper salsa accompanied goat cheese, a baked cheese dip and other crackers, cheeses and grapes. The baked goodies were as follows: chocolate chip cookies, cranberry orange loaf, ginger bread squares, and mango, gooseberry tarts. Many thanks to Judy and Joy, one of CCC's five two person baking teams. The baking/snack teams make CCC a special coffee morning for all.



The 2026 Coffee, Company and Conversation Winter Program is now completed, and will be available in the first two weeks of December. It promises to be another interesting and active season at CCC.

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There is always a demand for the list below.

- Canned evaporated milk
- Canned tuna
- Apple Sauce for school snacks
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce

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.

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.

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.

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Our **Advent Giving Tree** is starting this Sunday!

**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**

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.

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

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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.