



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

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

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.

Coffee, Company & Conversation



Thursday's CCC morning was filled with music. Special guests, Davina Pearl, saxophonist and Gino Scaffidi on guitar, entertained a group of 55 people, who were enthralled by well known melodies, beautifully played by a very talented and professional duo. "Davina Pearl Groups" are made up of musicians that may be duos, trios, quartets, or

Kiwanis Music Festival

Beginning on Monday, April 13 and continuing until Thursday, April 23 (with the exception of Sunday April 19), the Kiwanis Music Festival will be in the church every day from 8 am – 6 pm. They will also be in during the evenings of April 20 & April 22.

St Mark's is hosting the Junior Piano section of the festival.

To respect the young performers, we ask your cooperation in remaining quiet in the hallways and not going through the church during these times.

full bands, and are well known in the Ottawa area. For 35 years Davina has been playing, conducting and teaching. Gino spent 25 years in the RCMP Band, and has played, like Davina, with many of the top musicians in Ottawa at places such as the National Gallery, the former Shaw Centre and the Ottawa Jazz Festival. In the summer this duo may be found playing "on the water" at Remic Rapids Bistro. It was a morning that many said was immensely enjoyable, and they were happy to have heard.



The food was, as always, very special. Georgia Roberts and Penny Miller provided chocolate chip crisps (cookies), Jamaican banana bread, date squares, chocolate mini biscotti, cheddar rosemary shortbread. As well, there was fruit,

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mandarins, pineapple and apple slices, and grapes. Cheddar, Brie and Blue cheeses with crackers rounded out the full selection. The delicious goodies were quickly depleted as people drank their coffee and tea. Many thanks to Georgia, Penny, Gillian and others for baking, brewing teas and coffee, setting up and cleaning up afterwards. CCC people are well fed, and most appreciative of the major efforts by the CCC bakers and other volunteers who make it all happen.



One special treat was provided by a CCC regular on the occasion of her birthday! Greta Robinson brought a beautiful cake made with fruit and cream. It was shared by all who wished Greta a very Happy Birthday and good wishes.



Next week is a quieter one The Creative Writing Group will be busy, while others will share conversation and perhaps some bridge. Hope to see you then.

Debra Dynes Family House

The donation bin is located in the Link on a bench.

Beside Sunday service gifts, we also have generous donations from the Bible Study group Wednesday mornings, and Coffee, Company and Conversation on Thursday mornings.

Thanks to all who donated cloth bags! I am well stocked for now.

As always, much needed are the following:

- Canned Evaporated Milk
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauces
- Tuna/canned meats
- Fruit cups/granola bars

Sales this week from today's Flipp app and local flyers:

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Canned Evaporated Milk

Selection Evaporated Milk - \$1.88 at Food Basics

Carnation Evaporated Milk - 2 for \$4.00 at Food Basics

Canned Tuna

Ocean's Light tuna - \$1.25 at Food basics

Selection Light tuna - \$1.59 at Metro

Granola Bars and Fruit Cups

Nature Valley granola bars - \$2.99 at Freshco

Fruit Cups - I could find none on sale on FLIPP app

Pasta and sauces

Primo pasta - \$.97 at Giant Tiger

Selection pasta - \$1.97 at Food Basics

No Name pasta or Primo pasta sauce - \$2.00 at

No Frills

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

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questions or concerns, please contact Joan Grayer.

Parish List

If you have changed your home address, email address, landline or cell number that you previously gave us, please send the changes to the office so we are able to put out an up to date directory. Thank you to those who have already done so.

If you are a recent member who may not have filled in a membership form, please ask for one from a sidesperson, the office or membership chair, Cynthia Greer.

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.

Rev Mary-Cate's contact information

Mary-Cate's email is MaryCate@stmarksottawa.ca You may call her at 613-231-7451 or 416-709-3487.

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 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.

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SPRING SEASON 2026

COFFEE COMPANY & CONVERSATION

a weekly gathering for seniors
in the community
coffee, goodies & featured activities

**Every Thursday
10:00am - 12noon
April 2 - June 18, 2026**

SENIORS – COME & JOIN US

 **St Mark's Anglican Church
1606 Fisher Avenue, Ottawa**

For more information contact:
St Mark's at 613 224-7431

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES

- April 2** Games and Koffee Klatsch
- April 9** Guest: **Davina Pearl** - much in demand Ottawa saxophone player and band leader, with guitar partner, **Gino Scaffidi** in a duo presentation of popular classic standards and light jazz
- April 16** Creative Writing Group and Koffee Klatsch
- April 23** **Jamie Anderson** – guitarist, songstress and songwriter – a CCC favourite
- April 30** **Laurence Wall** – well-known former CBC radio broadcaster presents ***Canada's History in the 20th Century through the Magic of Radio***
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- May 7** Guest: **Russell Wilkins** - on ***Challenges and Surprises in Genealogical Research***, a presentation of 20 to 25 minutes
- May 14** Creative Writing Group and Koffee Klatsch
- May 21** Guest: **Miyo Brown** - presenter on her family's Internment experience as Japanese Canadians during WWII
- May 28** Games and Koffee Klatsch
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- June 4** Guest: **Glebop Jazz Trio** – a return visit by a popular group presenting well-loved favourites in music and song
- June 11** Games and Koffee Klatsch
- June 18** End of Season **Luncheon** hosted by the CCC Team

BACK ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, WITH A NEW FALL SEASON!