



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

Invitation to Bishop Kathryn's Consecration

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.

St Mark's Day Luncheon

This Sunday, April 26, we will celebrate our Patron Saint St Mark. This will take the form of a chili luncheon after the 10 a m service.

Thank you to the 45 or so people who signed up for lunch. Now we have a good idea by adding another 10 or so.

Even if you didn't sign up there will be enough food, so please join us.

Get a coffee or tea and find a place to sit. Then relax and enjoy the company.

Cynthia

Spring Market

There are 3 Ham strata, 3 Bacon strata, 1 Greek strata, 6 Vegetable strata and about 4 Strawberry and Chocolate Meringue cakes remaining in the freezer. If you are interested, please speak to Joy.

By the grace of God and with the consent of the people,

The Venerable Kathryn Anne Otley
will be ordained and consecrated
a Bishop in the Church of God

by

The Most Reverend Anne Germond
Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

with

the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada

and will be seated as

The Eleventh Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

at

Christ Church Cathedral
414 Sparks Street, Ottawa

Saturday, May 9, 2026
10:30 am

Commemoration of Julian of Norwich (tr.)

Your prayers and presence are warmly requested
as we gather in thanksgiving and hope for this new ministry.

Festive reception to follow

Clergy are invited to vest (red stoles)

Livestream available at

<https://www.youtube.com/@ChristChurchCathedralOttawa/streams>

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Tulipathon Walk for the Multifaith Housing Initiative

The annual Tulipathon Walk hosted by The Multifaith Housing Initiative, is being held during the afternoon on Sunday, May 24. It starts and finishes at Commissioners Park across from Dows Lake. People from many faith groups will be walking in support of the important mission to provide safe and affordable housing for low-income families, veterans, and others in need of a home in a supportive community.



This year, we again have an extra incentive to donate to the Tulipathon here at St. Mark's. An anonymous parishioner will be matching donations up to \$1,500! This means that your \$10 donation becomes \$20, your \$20 donation becomes \$40, your \$40 donation

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becomes \$80, and your \$50 donation becomes \$100 etc. Last year, we raised a remarkable \$3,395.

Please consider walking with the St. Mark's team along the Canal and making our presence known. You can complete the walk in 20 to 30 minutes. If you can't make it to walk, then a donation towards our church's contribution would be very welcome.

See either Laurie Slaughter or Brian Harrison for further information on donating and walking. We need you!

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Forty-eight people came to CCC on Thursday to hear and enjoy the singing and playing of well known and original songstress, Jamie Anderson. Jamie is an American who now is Canadian and lives in Ottawa. However, she still performs and records in the U.S. as well as Canada. She is a seasoned artist who not only sings and plays guitar, but also writes songs and teaches guitar, ukulele and mandolin. She has played in many large and small venues such as music festivals (will be performing at both the National and Virginia Women's Music Festivals this summer), and also is an author of such books as "An Army of Lovers: Women's Music of the Seventies and Eighties". As well, she is a stand up comic. Her morning program was quite diverse, from Beatles songs, to Leonard Cohen, to Ian and Sylvia, as well as funny stories of being "on the road". It was a delightful mix of favourites that brought back memories.



The food was a wonderful selection brought together by several CCC team bakers. Ham and cheese pinwheels, Grandma's butter tarts, oatmeal coconut and cranberry cookies, Concerto cookies, assorted chocolate cookies, doughnut holes, cinnamon rolls and cheddar cheese and kielbasa slices with crackers, plus apple and orange slices made the morning coffee and tea all the more enjoyable. Thank you to the bakers who provided all the goodies.



*** Next week - a very special guest, Laurence Wall, former CBC broadcaster who is well remembered for his mellifluous voice on the radio, will be presenting "The History of Canada in the Twentieth Century through the Magic of Radio". His audio and visual slide presentation on this period in Canadian history, covered by the CBC, is not to be missed. Bring a fellow lover of Canada's history, CBC radio - and Laurence Wall, to CCC next week.

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Gardening Help Needed

Our spring/summer garden season is finally here. We are looking for volunteers to help with planting, weeding, and watering. It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors and make our church gardens beautiful. No experience necessary—just a willing heart!

If you can spare just one half hour a week to weed our garden beds (flexible time!), we need you. It's a peaceful way to serve that fits almost any schedule.

Please talk to Joan Grayer or Mike Duval if you are interested.

Debra Dynes Family House

There is always a need for our assistance, at any time of the year. We all know how much our grocery prices are rising. Every tin, every package is greatly appreciated. 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 flyers and Flipp app:

Food Basics

Case of KD dinner (contains 12) - \$10.99
Selection and Life Smart peanut butter - \$4.44
General Mills Cereals - \$3.88

No Frills

Colgate or Crest toothpaste (50-100 ml) - \$1.00
Campbell's mushroom, tomato, vegetable or chicken noodle soup - \$.95
KD Dinner (5) - \$4.97
KD Dinner (1) - 1.79

No Name canned evaporated milk - \$1.50
Quaker Granola bars - \$2.29

Shoppers Drug Mart

PC pastas mix n match - 2/\$4.00 (starts Saturday)
Prego pasta sauce - \$2.99 (starts Saturday)

Metro

Post Shreddies - \$2.99
Quaker oats - \$2.99
Nature Valley and Fibre 1 granola bars \$2.99

Giant Tiger

Classico pasta sauce \$2.97

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.

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.

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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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The poster features a green and yellow background. At the top, 'SPRING SEASON 2026' is written in large, gold, outlined letters. Below this, 'COFFEE COMPANY & CONVERSATION' is written in a similar gold, outlined font, with a red coffee mug and a black coffee grinder integrated into the text. To the right, a red text block reads: 'a weekly gathering for seniors in the community coffee, goodies & featured activities'. Below this, it says 'Every Thursday 10:00am - 12noon April 2 - June 18, 2026'. The phrase 'SENIORS - COME & JOIN US' is written in a white, outlined font. On the left, there is a small logo of a golden winged lion holding a book. On the right, there is a photograph of several tulips and daffodils in shades of pink, red, and yellow.

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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!