



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.

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue this Wednesday at 10 am. The reading will be Luke 24: 44-53.

Spring Cleanup Day

Spring is finally here, which means it's time once again for our annual St. Mark's Spring Cleanup Day!

This year's cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 23, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, and we are looking for volunteers to help make our church property look its very best for the season ahead.

There will be a variety of tasks available, including:

- Raking
- Gardening and weeding
- Lawn cutting and trimming
- Parking lot sweeping
- Window cleaning and organizing



- Minor repairs
- Installing hoses
- Garbage and litter pickup

No special skills are required as there will be jobs suitable for everyone. Whether you can spare an hour or stay for the whole morning, your help would be greatly appreciated.

We also encourage you to bring along family and friends as we come together to show where we worship with pride, care, and love for our church community.

Please bring gloves and any personal protective equipment (PPE) you may wish to use. Most importantly, come prepared for a great morning of volunteering, fellowship, and social interaction with your fellow parishioners.

Coffee and Timbits will be served.

We hope to see many familiar faces as we work together to keep St. Mark's looking welcoming and beautiful for our community.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mike Duval
People's Warden
St. Mark's Anglican Church

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

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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 becomes \$80, and your \$50 donation becomes \$100 etc. Last Sunday, we received many generous donations from parishioners and our donations now amount to \$1,170 before donation matching. This amount doubles to a remarkable \$2,340 once donations are matched.

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

It was a most interesting CCC morning on Thursday with fifty people attending. Russell Wilkins, a retired senior government analyst, and Georgia Roberts gave a fascinating talk with slides, on researching their family histories, "Challenges and Surprises in our Family History Research". They belong to the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, and as Russell outlined in his talk, following the trail of ancestors back through time both in North America and European countries, was a multi layered task. First, he started his search with paper clues and recollections by relatives. Then with online sources and software it became much easier

and more thorough. What he and Georgia discovered was sometimes quite unexpected and hence the "surprises". It has been a challenging, but also fun activity for them. It provided an historical background that encompassed many people in their respective families. There were a number of questions afterwards, and it seemed to inspire a renewed or continuing desire in people to pursue their own family history. There was much discussion. Many thanks to Russell and to Georgia, who is one of CCC's volunteer team organizers.



The food was, as always, delicious and varied. It was prepared by two of our renowned CCC bakers, Penny Miller and Gillian Morris. On the full table was orange almond gluten free cake, pecan and walnut breads, coconut macaroons, maraschino bread, and tomato soup bread. The fruit served was cantaloupe, watermelon and pineapple chunks with grapes, The cheeses with crackers were cheddar, Monterey jack and Boursin. In addition, there was liverwurst and slices of French baguette. Many thanks to Gillian and

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Penny, who are an integral part of the kitchen organizers who make it happen.



Next week's activities will be Creative Writing and/or coffee and conversation with good company.



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 Gemmond
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>

[Link to Ordination & Consecration](#)

Debra Dynes Family House

**If and when you CAN, lend a hand and
please donate a CAN!**

As most of us are aware, grocery prices are going up and items on sale seem to be decreasing (I had a hard time finding anything to post this week from the flyers).

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

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 local flyers:

Metro

Classico Pasta Sauce - \$2.99

No Frills

Catelli Garden Select pasta sauce - \$1.99

Primo pasta sauce - \$2.00

Honey Nut Cheerios - \$3.46

Food Basics

Barilla pasta - \$1.69

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Freshco

Quaker granola bars - \$2.49

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.

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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JUNK *in your* TRUNK SALE

COMMUNITY YARD SALE EVENT!

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

JULIAN OF NORWICH ANGLICAN CHURCH PARKING LOT

PURCHASE A PARKING SPOT FOR ONLY **\$40!**

BRING YOUR "JUNK" AND GOODS TO SELL!

SELL RIGHT OUT OF YOUR TRUNK!
Turn your clutter into cash!

BRING YOUR "JUNK" AND HIDDEN TREASURES!
Something old could be someone else's new find!

COME SHOP, SELL, AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY!
Great deals, friendly faces, hidden gems!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

EMAIL: jiliangauthier@hotmail.com | SEND E-TRANSFER TO: julianonation@gmail.com

Let's keep great stuff going and our community strong!



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!