



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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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 9 am on Sunday. [service bulletin](#) The link is also available on the home page of our website.

Summer Office Hours

The office will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am to noon until after Labour Day. It is staffed by volunteers so please call ahead (613-224-7431) to make sure someone is there.

Summer Sign-Up Rosters

From next week, July 5 and continuing until September 6, there will be one service at 9 am. During this time, there will be no formal schedule for Opening, Closing, Sides, Servers, Readers, Prayers, Communion Assistants, Livestream and Refreshments. However, all of these volunteers will be required each week. There are Sign-up rosters posted in the link. Please check it out and sign up. It is not expected for the whole summer to be filled in all at once. Working several weeks ahead allows peace of mind for the celebrant and



allows everyone a chance to sign up as their plans clarify.

Summer Camps

Carleton Memorial Day Camp will not be using Bishop Reed Hall.

Pedalheads Camp will be back on Monday, August 24th for the week.

Coffee, Company and Conversation Planning

The CCC team met for afternoon tea to discuss the new fall line-up of events. We are all looking forward to an exciting fall season, which starts on Thursday, September 10th.





Centre 454

In recent weeks the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa has made public the news that the City of Ottawa has advised the Diocese that Centre 454 one of our Community Ministries, must relocate from their current home at St Alban's Anglican Church. The City has imposed a deadline of end of January 2027 for this move.

As you may imagine, a transition of this type is complex and sensitive and will impact the many vulnerable and at-risk people who rely daily on the services and programmes that Centre 454 offers. The services that Centre 454 provides are essential and critical. In this time, when social programmes have been cut and when safe consumption sites closed, the work that Centre 454 does is important and, often, life-saving. The current deadline threatens to create serious impacts for the users who rely upon Centre 454 and does not allow staff to develop a safe and reasonable transition with uninterrupted service.

This is a critical moment for Centre 454 and our Diocese and Belong Ottawa are reaching out for help.

What can you do?

Belong Ottawa has begun a petition asking that the City extend this deadline in order to find a suitable site. They are asking that people write letters to the City of Ottawa and you may find an online petition on Belong Ottawa's website.

You also may support Belong Ottawa and Centre 454 with donations. Links are below.

To read more and for other ways you can help please see the recent story in '**Perspective**' <https://ottawa.anglicannews.ca/belong-ottawas-centre-454-asks-city-for-an-extension-of-its-time-at-st-albans/> .

Petition

More information and the online petition may be accessed via Belong Ottawa's website <https://belongottawa.ca/blog/centre454advocacy/>.

Donations

Online at Belong Ottawa <https://belongottawa.ca/programs/centre-454/>

St Mark's Flagpole.

On Sunday, August 2 we raised the third of the flags on our new flagpole. As with the others these flags are meant to celebrate or mark important moments within our wider community. We began with the 'Survivors Flag' in June to mark those who had been impacted by residential schools. In July we raised to the Canadian flag to celebrate our country's birthday

Our new flag is the 'Pride Flag' sometimes known as the 'Rainbow Flag'. August is Capital Pride, the month in which the City of Ottawa celebrates Pride. A time to remember the struggles and celebrate the successes of our 2SLGBTQ+ siblings. Flying a Pride Flag aligns us with other businesses, schools, and churches within the City of Ottawa and across our Diocese who also fly Pride flags. More importantly it signals to our wider community that St Mark's is a welcoming, affirming place.

If you have any questions about this or any of our flags, please reach out to the Rector who will be glad to chat.

Debra Dynes Family House School Supplies Donation Drive 2026!

Besides bringing food items, please remember to start looking for school donations such as binders, paper, pens, pencils, backpacks.

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION DRIVE 2026



EVERY CHILD DESERVES A GREAT START.

Every child deserves the chance to learn, grow and succeed. But for children living in poverty, something as simple as a backpack filled with school supplies can be out of reach. Help us make sure no child starts the school year behind.

YOUR GIFT CAN HELP A CHILD START THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH CONFIDENCE.



WE ARE COLLECTING:
Crayons | Notebooks
Pencil Cases | Duotangs
Highlighters | Pencil Crayons
Geometry Sets | Lined Paper
Erasers | Binders

Online Donations:
www.debradynesfamilyhouse.com

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.

(Re)Discovering the Spirit of St. Mark's

After many years of significant change and uncertainty, St. Mark's is ready to think about what comes next – but first, we need to understand who we are *now*. What gifts has God given us for *this* time in the life of our parish and our community? How do we prepare ourselves to hear and follow God's call today *and* into the future?

Whether St. Mark's is your church home of decades or of months, your perspectives and insights are needed! Gather on Saturday, October 17th from 10-3 for a day of reflection, prayer, and preparation.



Facilitator: Rhonda Waters, Incumbent of St. Helen's, Orleans and Archdeacon of East Ontario

Rhonda came to ordained ministry after exploring a career in community development and discovering she wanted to talk to everyone about God. As a priest, she continued to pursue her interest in organization development, understanding that parishes are best able to serve God and God's world when they function well as organizations. She has Graduate Certificates in Community Economic Development (Concordia University) and Philanthropy and Non-Profit Leadership (Carleton University) and is currently writing her doctoral thesis for a D. Min in Ministry Development from Virgina Theological Seminary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 10 AM-3 PM

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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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.