



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.

- Carolyn and Peter Findlay celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on September 9.

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.

Office Help

Our regular Wednesday morning office volunteer is on a leave of absence. The duties of an office volunteer are to be a presence in the office from 9:30 to 11 am, check the messages and answer the phone. Usually bible study will happen on Wednesday morning so there will be someone around for at least part of the time. Please contact Joy if you are interested or have questions.



Livestream Operators Needed

Due to health concerns, half of our livestream operators are on a leave of absence and another one will need to take a leave of absence. We are in desperate need of people who are interested in this ministry. On the job training is provided. Please contact Joy if you are interested or have questions. You may also talk to whoever is on livestream on a Sunday and shadow them to see exactly what is involved.

Welcome Back Sunday

We return to our regular service schedule on Sunday September 13. We'll begin this new season marking the Season of Creation as we welcome back folks from summer holidays. We'll bless backpacks and workbags and then gather for a festive BBQ. Be sure to join us after the 10 am service. Bring a friend or neighbour or school mate. All are welcome!

Celebration of New Ministry

On Wednesday, September 23 at 7 pm we will celebrate our new ministry as St Mark's and the Rev'd Mary-Cate begin a new journey together. The Venerable Linda Hill will preside and preacher will be announced.

Slim & Trim

Slim & Trim will begin on September 14 at 9 am, on the Monday following Labour Day. Slim & Trim is a low impact exercise class focussing on toning and flexibility. It runs Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9 am to 9:30 am.

Fred Kimball Graham 1946-2026



Fred Graham was the organist/choir director at St Mark's from 1970 – 1975. He was educated at the Royal Conservatory of Music (ARCT 1966) and the University of Toronto (Mus. Bac. in Education 1967), winning a graduating scholarship

and a Canada Council bursary which took him to Germany for three years to study sacred music and conducting at the Berlin School of Church Music. He completed a Fellowship in the Royal College of Organists in London in 1971. Returning to Canada as a parish musician at St Mark's, he taught instrumental and choral music in Ottawa, and succeeded Nicholas Goldschmidt as director of the Canadian Centennial Choir (1972-75). He later completed a doctorate in liturgical theology at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

Over a long and distinguished career, Dr. Graham presented organ recitals throughout eastern Canada, as well as in the United States, England

and Germany. In addition, he held positions including Music Director at All Saints' Cathedral in Halifax, Adjunct Professor at the Atlantic School of Theology and Dalhousie University, and Officer for Worship and Music at the national headquarters of the United Church of Canada.

During Fred's time at St Mark's there was both a Men & Boy's choir and a Senior choir. Fred also taught both piano and organ at the church as well as teaching at Ashbury College. Both Wesley Warren and Joy Bowerman took piano and organ lessons from Fred. Although, it is clear who had more drive and talent. If you look at the picture of the Senior Choir in 1974, you will notice a few familiar faces. Ray Davidson, Jenny Morphew and Joy Bowerman were in the choir at that time. Jenny & Joy are standing side by side in the front row. Wesley is also there in the centre of the back row and Ray is at the far left.

Back Row: Ray Davidson, Fred Grahm, Bruce Lodge, Glen Holt, Lorne Kelly, Wesley Warren, John Kiel, Bob Anderson, Michael Plumridge, John Kirby, David Bolton

Front Row: Bev Anderson, Eileen Heppell, Bobbi Cain, Dot Kirby, Veda Kelly, Barbara May, Joy Bowerman, Jenny Morphew, Norah Bolton, Lizanne Gillham



**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, back packs.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY
DONATION
DRIVE 2026**


Debra Dynes
— FAMILY HOUSE —

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:
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Pencil Cases | Duotangs
Highlighters | Pencil Crayons
Geometry Sets | Lined Paper
Erasers | Binders

Online Donations:
www.debradynesfamilyhouse.com

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/>

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.

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(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 Virgine 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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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.