



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

October 23, 2020

Dear friends,

Welcome to the thirtieth edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.

“Shout Outs”

If you would like some special occasion like an anniversary or birthday acknowledged in the Sunday service, Fr Julian will be more than happy to announce it. However, it must be into either Father Julian or the office by **Tuesday noon** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

- Madrica MacKay celebrated her birthday on October 18
- Joan Hounsell celebrates her birthday on October 23
- Chris Robertson celebrates his 48th birthday on October 30

Episcopal Visit

Bishop Shane Parker will be making his first visit to St Mark's next Sunday, November 1 at the 9 am service.

Sunday Services

Please remember to let the office know if you would like to attend the service. Although walk-ins are allowed, there is a strict limit of 50 people in the building.

The Pandemic Planning Committee has prepared a [Reopening Brochure](#) with [Re-Opening Q & A](#). The Q & A has been updated. These updates can be found later in the newsletter. For those of you who would like to have more information on what we are doing as a diocese, the full Diocesan Plan was revised on October 14 and is available at [Diocesan Plan - In This Together](#). There is a summary of the plan on pages 3-5.

Video Morning Prayer Service

Morning Prayer services will continue for the foreseeable future. As usual, you should receive an email with a link to the service and the bulletin on Saturday

Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the video editing for this endeavour.

All Saints' Day

It is our tradition at St Mark's to remember on All Saints' Day those members of our congregation who have passed on in the year from November to November. This year, we would like to include any loved one you would like remembered in this way. There will be a list included in the bulletin on Sunday and a slide on the Morning Prayer with the names listed. If you have a name to add, please contact the office.

Bishop's Podcasts

Season 2 of the Bishop's podcasts has begun. Here is a link to last Saturday's podcast: [Bishop's Podcast - Season 2 Episode 3](#)

St Mark's Bazaar 2020

A team has started to discuss the bazaar. If you have anything to contribute to the bazaar, please let the office/Joy know so that we will know what we are offering. The bazaar will be online this year and very likely to start later than its normal first Saturday of November. The good news is the items are likely to be available for longer.

Small Acts of Kindness

The Order of St. Lazarus Canada (the Order) is a national charity that supports:

- Palliative and hospice care
- Ecumenism and
- Internationally, the fight against leprosy.

During 2020 the Order initiated a program to recognize 200 individuals across Canada who have contributed to assist others through their

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Small Acts of Kindness. The recognition comes as a small pin with the emblem of the Order (a green Maltese Cross) with the words Small Acts of Kindness around the border.



Joy Bowerman is our Parish Administrator and, as such, keeps the usual schedule of parish activities moving forward as well as supporting Father Julian. When COVID closed the Church for an extended period, Joy was a vital member of the team that brought about the video broadcast of Morning Prayer at St. Mark's. This has required more than reimagining the role of a Parish Administrator in the time of COVID. It is a multi-day activity that records, edits and consolidates the various participants safely and professionally. The results speak for themselves, providing comfort to the parish community and beyond.

Please join me in thanking Joy for her efforts during these challenging times and contributing to St. Mark's continued wellbeing.

- Keith Wilkins



Interfaith Prayer Service

The Capital Region Interfaith Council invites you to an Interfaith Prayer to be held on October 25th from 3pm to 5pm via Zoom.

The Zoom event can be accessed here:
<https://bit.ly/34krhpn>

At the end of the main program, there will be group discussion sessions led by facilitators.

Further information can be found here:
interfaithottawa.ca

Wool Wanted:

Doreen Matweow, who is housebound and keeping busy during these times, has asked if anyone has excess wool that they would like to give her. Doreen is making scarves, which will be donated to Horizon House, Debra Dynes, etc. Wool donations can be dropped off at Church on Sunday (put in the DDFH bin) or please call the Parish Office and arrangements will be made for pick-up.

Doreen thanks everyone who sent her get well cards and phone calls during her recent operation at the Ottawa Heart Institute. She says she is feeling great!

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River Ward Older Adult Summit

The annual River Ward Older Adult Summit will be held online this month so that everyone can participate. The live broadcast will be on Thursday, Oct 29 at 10am and will include presentations from Ottawa Public Health and the Council on Aging in Ottawa on how to live well during the pandemic. Send an email to Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca to register for this event.

River Ward's OLDER ADULT SUMMIT *Virtual edition*

Thursday, October 29
10am - 11:30am
Online with ZOOM

Join City Councillor Riley Brockington & special guests, including **Ottawa Public Health** and the **Council on Aging in Ottawa** for the annual River Ward Older Adult Summit

This year's topics include:

- Health and Safety for Older Adults in a Time of COVID; and
- How to Stay Active in your Home during the Winter Months

Register to attend by emailing Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca.
You will receive the link to the meeting following your registration.

Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca 613-5

Sharing Coffee Hour

If you would like to share a photo, a recipe of what you would have made for coffee hour and/or a short hello message with a few details of what you've been up to, then you are welcome to do so. The editor will not

seek out people but would be happy to receive submissions.

Contacting the Church

Contacting the office has actually not changed at all. You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored and the business of the church is continuing, albeit remotely.

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 not on PAR, we would encourage you to continue your donations. Of course, putting a cheque in the mail is always a great 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>.

You will have to remember when you go to do your taxes for 2020 where you have put your receipts from CanadaHelps. If you cannot find them, contact CanadaHelps and they will be happy to issue duplicate receipts. All money donated will be put in to the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have anything you would like to see in next week's newsletter, please email the church at stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca.