



*Our plan is to re-open on
September 6, 2020, with one
Holy Eucharist Service at 9 am.*

*Here is what to expect,
based on directions from the
Diocese of Ottawa and guidelines
from public health authorities.*



Getting Ready to Open Our Doors

*These months that we have not been
able to meet face to face as a church
community have been difficult.*

*We're all looking forward to
coming back, but we are returning
to a new reality.*

*Please take the time to review this
brochure so that we can meet
together again as safely as possible.*

St Mark the Evangelist

Anglican Church of Canada
1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa, ON K2C 1X6

Before you arrive

In order to help ensure the health
and safety of everyone,
**the church building will be cleaned
and sanitized before each service.**

Before you attend a service, please screen
yourself for COVID-19 symptoms.
**If you feel unwell or are in a high-risk
group, please stay home.**

The size of the congregation will be
limited to **50 people.**

**Please contact the office (613-224-7431
or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)
at least a day in advance to indicate your
planned attendance at a Sunday service.**

Those who call or email ahead will be
given priority over walk-ins.

**Everyone in church will need to
wear a mask.**

If you have your own mask, please
bring it with you and put it on before
you enter the building.

If you don't have a mask, or have for-
gotten it, you can pick up a disposable
mask at the entrance to the church.

Other things to note

**Areas of the church not necessary for
worship will be closed.**

To keep everyone safe and healthy,
**we must forgo coffee hour for the
time being, and refrain from gathering
in the building before or after the
service. We also must maintain
physical distancing at all times both
inside and outside.**

On Sunday Morning

Arrive EXTRA early.

Like everything these days, it's going to take a little longer to get everyone into church.

Please enter the church via the link and respect all directional signage outside and inside the church.

Please sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church.

There will be hand sanitizer dispensers at the entrance of the church and at other locations.

You will be asked to provide your name and a telephone number or email address.

We are required to collect this information to help with contact tracing in case someone who's been here is later found to have COVID-19.

You will be directed to fill the pews from the front to the back of the church to minimize the amount of passing within 6 feet of other people.

Please remain in your assigned seat to ensure that physical distancing is respected as much as possible.

The order of service will be available at the church, since all prayer and hymn books have been removed.



During the Service

Physical distancing should be maintained at all times.

Current health requirements mean we cannot shake hands or touch others at any point before, during or after the service.

There will be no singing in church due to its potential to spread the virus.

Only the clergy will administer the Eucharist. They will sanitize their hands several times, before and after the distribution of communion. **Consecrated hosts will be the only element administered to the congregation.**

Your health and comfort are important

Please don't feel obliged to return to in-person worship if you don't feel ready to do so, or if you are in a high-risk group (because of age, underlying health conditions or as a caregiver to someone at high risk).

Online services will continue to be offered for the foreseeable future.



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