

From the Incumbent's Desk...

Dear Friends,

Greetings as we continue through the last steps of our Lenten journey.

I have very much appreciated our theme for Lent this year ... "A Contemplative Rhythm for Lent". And in truth, it's not just about these 40 days leading up to Good Friday and Easter; it is equally about developing and sustaining a contemplative rhythm everyday of our lives. It is good to be reminded and to learn more about contemplative spirituality and how to embrace it. In particular I have appreciated the series reflecting on what we can learn about contemplation from our spiritual parents, the mothers and fathers of our faith who have gone before us. They provide a wealth of witness that can be informative for us as we develop our own spiritual rhythm and our relationships with God.

The saints of the early church we have reflected on are: St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Anselm, Saint Catherine of Siena, Thomas Aquinas and Julian of Norwich. Each of them is individual and different in how they approached their spirituality and expressing their faith. However, a constant that is there in each of them is the place of Jesus Christ and in particular the relevance of the crucifixion in defining us God's relationship with us and our relationship with God. We know and profess that the cross of Christ is central to our faith and our understanding of salvation, redemption and forgiveness. And yet, it's all too easy to take the cross for granted in our everyday lives. My prayer for myself and for each of us is that we may always remember and value the cross of Christ and what it means for us as believers in the good news of the Gospel.

In the coming week we will walk the sacred journey with Jesus into Jerusalem and contemplate all that happened to him leading up to Good Friday. Personally, I value that we set a week aside and call it holy; it's not just about one day. And as such I appreciate the liturgies offered throughout the whole week. If you are available, I encourage you to set a rhythm for the week as a whole and contemplate what each day means to

you in light of the cross and Jesus' death.

In the end, though, I can't talk about the cross without also bringing in the empty tomb. After all, we are a resurrection people!! Thankfully, the story doesn't end on Friday with Jesus buried in a tomb; we wait and pray with anticipation for what is yet to be; the joy and glory of Easter morning; the hope and promise of the resurrection.

Often in our lives we experiences moments of "death" in one form or another: the end of a job; the breaking up of a marriage; the children growing up and moving out on their own; moving from one city to another; the end of school; the closing of a church; the changing seasons from summer to fall and winter; and the list goes on and on. Of course there are also the literal deaths we

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experience in those who are close to us who have died.

What keeps hope alive in us, and which sustains us through each of these life changing events and situations, is the promise of resurrection. As something dies, whatever it may be, that opens up the way for something else to be born and given new life. The empty tomb can't happen without the pain, suffering and death on the cross; spring won't come each year without the frost, snow and cold of winter; a new job doesn't happen without ending an old one; new friends aren't made in a new community without leaving the one where you used to live.

Resurrection isn't just a concept; it is a reality; and it is relevant in so many things that happen in our lives. I encourage all of us, myself included, to be aware of and to recognize the gifts of resurrection moments that God offers us as we walk through our lives. Look for the buds in the garden and on the trees; think about good friends you didn't know at one time; the promotion that gave you new opportunities to use your God given gifts, talents and abilities. These are all resurrection moments of grace and blessing. All we need to do is be open and attentive to what God is offering to us and inviting us into.

As we journey through the rest of this Lent, into Holy Week and to Easter morning, may this be a microcosm of life and glimpse of what we can experience always as we walk each day with faith and trust.

I wish you a holy week of contemplation; a sacred Good Friday of solemn remembrance; and a joy filled celebration of Easter knowing that Christ is always alive. And to that our response is Alleuia!! Thanks be to God!!

Blessings,

Mark ✝

Celebrating our Faith Stories...

By Mark Kingham

In each issue of our newsletter, I will interview a member of our parish to learn about their faith journey. As we read of their experiences, may we be inspired to reflect on our own.

I'm pleased that Angela Goodwill agreed to be interviewed for this edition.

1. Who was influential in your faith formation?

A woman by the name of Miss D.K. Dunningham who was a teacher in the prep school Angela attended from grades 4 to 7. She was also Angela's Sunday school teacher. Angela remembers her making all the stories of Jesus come alive using stick figures that she can still picture in her mind. She especially remembered the one of the paralytic being lowered from the roof. She is grateful to Miss Dunningham for the part she played in her faith development and formation at a very young age.

2. What is your favourite biblical passage or story?

One is the story of Daniel in the lion's den. In particular, that he was brave and had a strong faith; goodness shone through him.

A second is the story of the Israelites journey after their release from captivity in Egypt. They had done all that God had asked of them; they took what little they could carry; they followed with faith and trust Moses into the unknown future. And where did they end up: with Pharaoh's army in sight behind them and the red sea in front of them. In their fearful and anxious state, Moses parted the sea and they made their way through to safety on the other side. Can't you just hear God saying "I told you so!"

3. What are some significant moments along your faith journey?

Angela was quite ill for a year; the specialists couldn't figure out what it was and tries to convince her it was all in her head. At her wits end, she eventually found a clinic in Etobicoke that

might be able to help her. On her way there, out of the blue, she felt the strangest sense of peace. The doctor at the appointment had a solution for her that would attend to her issues. Afterward in talking with John Wilton, he asked what time she felt that peace. He told her that the prayer group of the parish had been meeting and praying at that moment.

On another occasion her son was in a cross country race; it was summer and hot. He started to pass out almost at the finish line. When Angela was contacted, she went immediately to where he was. The medical team couldn't get his temperature down and there was a threat of brain damage. He was sent to Sick Children's Hospital by ambulance, with Angela riding in the front. She was worried; cars along Highway 400 were not moving out of the way; it seemed to take forever. At some point she felt an incredible peace come over her. The next moment the nurse riding in the back with her son told her that his temperature had broken. How had she known that peace at that moment other than from God?

Her son's death at a young age, with a young family was very difficult. However, she never blamed God for his illness or his death. To her, God, even in these trying times, wasn't a puppet master. She found strength and peace and comfort from her faith even in the midst of her grief.

4. How do you pass on your faith to others like your grandchildren?

Angela tells them stories; when she can she brings them to church with her, including to do the preparation work of altar guild; she answers their questions; and she simply listens to what they want to say.

We give thanks for Angela, for her faith that has grown throughout her life and for her ministry here at St. George on Yonge!

St. George Church School

The Church school welcomes children in two classes – 3-5 year olds with Kathy Baillie assisted by Debbie, and 6 – 12 year olds with Geoff Clennett. For parents of the little ones under 3 years of age, the nursery area with a change table, rocking chair and toys is available for their use. Anyone interested in joining our teaching team please speak to Geoff or Leonard.

A reflection on my ordination

Thanks for your prayers, and for your presence at my ordination on Saturday February 6th; and a special word of gratitude to those who worked diligently behind the scenes, and participated on the day; to the parish leadership, and to the hospitality team for ensuring that we were provided with food for the body, after we were blessed with food for the soul.

The parish gifts of a white chasuble and stole were presented and worn on the day of my ordination; and, by God's grace, the leather-bound Book of Alternative Services will be used for a long time to come. Thanks for the many cards, words of encouragement and gifts.

My family who attended, and many visitors from parishes where I have worshipped in the past, appreciated the warm and generous hospitality extended to them.

Let us continue to uphold each other in prayer; and may the love of Christ fill our hearts and give us courage and strength to serve him in the world.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Leonard



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St. George on Yonge is there too!!

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<https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge>

St. George on Yonge is...

At vestry, we had some time to reflect and share with one another words or phrases that describe our parish church. The responses were very similar and diverse at the same time. That makes sense given we all have different experiences of what it is like here at St. George on Yonge.

These responses will eventually be used in a parish wide exercise on a Sunday morning to discern the five words or phrases that we as a whole parish would use to describe our life together. Think of it like this ... if I wanted to tell someone about St. George on Yonge that would entice them to join us, what words or phrases would I use.

Here are the responses ...

Caring, spiritual, faithful, warm, friendly, multicultural, witnessing, united, renewed, supportive, active, traditional, welcoming, loving, inclusive, justice, exciting, helpful, pastoral, missional, diverse, family, peaceful and inspired

Excellent promotional words and phrases that speak of who we are and how we relate to each other.

Also included were some realities we live with ...

In need of funds, inward, status quo, challenged, lack of young people and stretched.

These are part of experience too. However the strengths above, and what brings us joy and delight in being together in this place allow us to face these realities confident that God is up to something with us and working through us. Let's be attentive and grow what brings us life together!

Leadership 2016

Incumbent	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria
Churchwardens	
People's Warden	Max Wynter
Rector's Warden	Aili Maki
Interim Children's Ministry Co-ordinator	Geoff Clennett



Prayer Network



by Muriel Thompson

Newly formed, this group is made up of people who believe in the value of prayer and want to share their commitment with anyone who has a concern for God's help in their own life, or often a family member or friend in need. We hope that those asking for prayer are themselves praying for the people or situations they are requesting. We believe our concerns and cares.

If anyone feels a need for help in voicing their concerns to God, the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer has material available at their website, www.anglicanprayer.org

Holy Week & Easter



- ❖ **Palm Sunday** **March 20**
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service with distribution of Palms
 10:30 a.m. AAAWE Communion with distribution of Palms & procession

- ❖ **Monday in Holy Week** **March 21**
 7:30 p.m. *"The Way of the Cross in Times of Conflict"*
 with candlelight Communion

- ❖ **Tuesday in Holy Week** **March 22**
 7:30 p.m. Anointing with prayers for healing with candlelight Communion

- ❖ **Wednesday in Holy Week** **March 23**
 10:30 a.m. *"Listening to the Words from the Cross"*
 & 7:30 p.m. with candlelight Communion

- ❖ **Maundy Thursday** **March 24**
 7:30 p.m. Communion with solemn hand washing & stripping of the sanctuary

- ❖ **Good Friday** **March 25**
 9:30 a.m. Family Good Friday Service
(geared to children & families, but all are welcome)
 11:00 a.m. Solemn Good Friday Service



- ❖ **Holy Saturday** **March 26**
 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil with Baptism, the First Communion Service of Easter, and a Resurrection Party Afterwards

- ❖ **Easter Sunday** **March 27**
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 10:30 a.m. Festive Communion Service

- ❖ **Easter Wednesday** **March 30**
 10:30 a.m. Seniors' Communion Service followed by Lunch

We hope you will join in the celebrations here at St. George on Yonge of the mystery of our faith in the promise of Easter!



Announcements

ESL Conversational Classes:

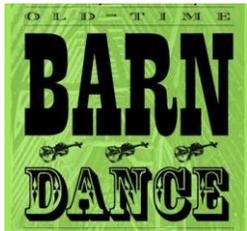
Tuesdays, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.
Separate beginner- and intermediate-level sections are offered. No registration needed.

Proverbs Class: Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Mandarin Bible Study: Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.



Pub Knights: Come join the Knights on the 4th Thursday every month. The longest journey begins with just one small step. Take that first step and join the Knights for spirited conversation, a cold beverage, and great food at the “Frog & Firkin” (4854 Yonge Street, across from the Sheppard Centre on Yonge Street). The next dates are Thursday, March 31 (*please note change in date*); Thursday, April 28; Thursday, May 26; Thursday, June 23.



A Barn Dance and Potluck Dinner: Saturday April 2 with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and dance at 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$12 adult (plus a dish) in advance; \$15 (plus a dish) at the door; no charge for children.
Tickets are available from Angela (at 8:00 a.m.) or Aili (at 10:30 a.m.)
Featuring Jacquie Adain (caller), and Tom & Kerry Fitzgerald (fiddle and piano)



The Altar Flower Request Form is available from the Ushers. If you would like flowers placed, please complete the form and place on the offertory plate or mail to the office in an envelope with a donation **at least 2 weeks in advance**. Suggested donation is \$50. Thank you.

Did You Know? Bulletins along with recordings of the service (sermons and announcements) are available on our website. Click on the “Latest Sermon” or “The Sermon Archive” links on the front page. Bulletins are available through the “Next Service” link on the front page; from there you can look at past services. If you cannot make it to the service, we hope you will feel connected to us via these tools!



Please remember that we strive to keep our building a seafood and nut-sensitive environment. For the safety of our children, and the children in the daycare, please remember to refrain from bringing food that contains peanuts, tree nuts, fish, and seafood into the building. Thank you.

ANGLICAN JOURNAL

Since 1875

The Anglican Journal is a newspaper published monthly (except July and August) by the Anglican Church of Canada. All Canadian Anglican members are entitled to receive this publication at \$10/year. If you would like to receive the newspaper delivered to your home, please write a note for Craig Gustafson, or send him an e-mail message at office@stgerogeonyonge.ca and he will add your name to the list. You can also view the newspaper on the National Church's website at www.anglicanjournal.com



Concerts



St. George on Yonge is presenting a joint venture concert with **Canadian Sinfonietta** on Sunday, April 24th at 7:30 pm. The programme will include Mozart's Horn Trio in E flat and Brahms' Trio for violin, horn and piano Opus 40. Our musicians for this concert will be Toronto Symphony Orchestra's Associate Principal Horn Chris Gongos, horn, Vanessa May-Lok Lee, piano, and Joyce Lai, Violin. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students. Please contact Geraldine or Alan Sperling for tickets - 416.221-8342 or alansperling@gmail.com. We are engaged in a project with Canadian Sinfonietta to establish an audience base justifying their establishing a concert series at St. George on Yonge. Please support this project and this concert in particular.

Alan Sperling

Mark your calendars - **The Yorkminstrels Show Choir** is returning to St. George on Yonge **Friday, June 3** Enjoy an evening of excellent entertainment as the choir sings and dances, Broadway hit songs to ballads. Invite your family and friends. More information about ticket sales will be available soon. Help will be needed with ticket sales, set-up, ushering, selling refreshments, running a silent auction and clean-up. Please support this fundraising event. Contact Lorraine Baillie for more information at 905-881-1465 or lbaille@rogers.com
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Community Notices

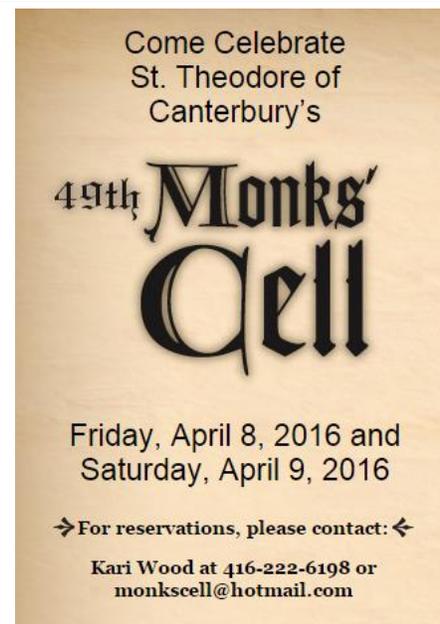
Yonge Churchill Child Care Centre: Before and after school programmes are available! Please see the flyer on the Welcome Desk for contact information.

Free Daily Devotional Books are Available in the Library that help readers spend time each day in God's Word. Large and Regular Print: Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer. It is also available via e-mail, cassette, and braille. It is also available in Spanish.

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49th Annual Monks' Cell at St. Theodore of Canterbury, 111 Cactus Avenue (south of Steeles between Bathurst and Yonge) on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9. Reservation required. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Faith on Film and Television

by Craig Gustafson

Yes, Minister (1980 – 1984, 22 episodes) and Yes, Prime Minister (1986 – 1988, 16 episodes). Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne, Derek Fowlds, Diana Hoddinott. Available for purchase and through the library. Also published as journals.

These two British comedy series follow James Hacker, Member of Parliament, as he moves from being a member of the opposition to a member of the government and cabinet following an election, and then succeeding to being prime minister following the resignation of his predecessor. In retrospect it is amazing that this series became a success around the world. As co-creator Jonathan Lynn reflected in 1999, it was a simple television show about three men standing in an office talking about government: no action, no women, no sex.

The story is based upon the struggle between Jim Hacker as a member of the government who is trying to enact change, and the Civil Service in the personage of Sir Humphrey Appleby, the Permanent Secretary of Hacker's ministry, resisting change. The go-between, Sir Bernard Woolley, Hacker's Principal Private Secretary, tries to serve two masters simultaneously, but will also look out for his own best interests. Hacker tries to make changes that he feels the public wants, thereby giving him and his party greater popularity and more votes. Appleby's goal is to stop Hacker at all costs to maintain the *status quo* in government and society.

A highlight of the series is speech. Appleby and Woolley often take a very simple idea and make it completely unintelligible by using obscure words that are not used in everyday speech. Hacker will try to mimic Churchill by giving grandiose speeches and newspaper headlines to make his policies seem better than they really are.

Both of the following episodes are from Yes, Prime Minister, and their plots involve the church.

"The Bishop's Gambit," Episode 7
In the British House of Lords, 26 seats are

designated as "Lords Spiritual." The bishops of the 5 great dioceses or sees (the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Durham, and the Bishop of Winchester) are members of this House, as well as 21 other bishops who have the highest seniority (length of service as a bishop) within the Church of England on the island of Great Britain, which has 44 dioceses. The 5 Diocesan Bishops named above are chosen by the Prime Minister from a set of nominees, and affirmed by the sovereign.

In this episode, the Prime Minister is asked to choose a bishop for the Diocese of Bury St. Edmunds. Presumably this is a fictional diocese that stands for one of the 5 dioceses above, as the bishop of Bury St. Edmunds will be a member of the Lords Spiritual. Representatives of the Church of England Synod submit two names to Hacker for consideration. The first (whom the Synod supports) is someone who has limited beliefs in the teachings of the Bible and questions the existence of God. The other wants to remove the church from the state, which on the surface seems sensible, but a part of the sovereign's Coronation vows is to defend the church; therefore the affirmation by the sovereign for this candidate effectively would require the sovereign to break the Coronation vows. The Prime Minister makes the unprecedented decision to turn down both names, and ask for candidates who believe in the teachings of Christianity.

Meanwhile, a British nurse has been arrested in an Arab country for the alleged possession of a bottle of whisky. As punishment, she may receive a prison sentence and/or lashes. Of course there is public outcry about this miscarriage of justice, but the Foreign Office does not want to make trouble as it is trying to negotiate a business agreement. Therefore Appleby arranges for the Dean of his *alma mater* to visit the Middle East to try to secure her release. Appleby himself could become the next Master of the College, except that the Dean does not like him and would block the appointment. If the Dean took another position, Appleby himself could become the next Master.

Appleby then arranges for the Dean to be a candidate for the bishop of Bury St. Edmunds after his good work of intervening on behalf of the nurse's release.

The discussions in this episode include many cynical remarks and assumptions about the church and its leaders. Being a member of the House of Lords would give the bishop much exposure and influence. Therefore the bishop needs to have a good upbringing, be intelligent, be a good speaker, and have diplomatic tendencies. He must have good health and not be too old so as to have the energy to do his duties. The church is a social not a religious organisation; therefore personal beliefs and theology have no relevance in selecting a bishop. Religion has nothing to do with the appointment of a bishop. The church is trying to look more relevant to the people; therefore they should say what the people want to hear. Clergy who are interested in being a bishop will take up work with committees, advisory groups, and college chaplaincies to avoid pastoral work. The bishop needs to be a corporate manager. If the bishop is inclined to have moral views, speeches made in the House of Lords could challenge the government's policy, especially if they do not want the public to discuss certain issues.

Considering all these remarks about the "proper" attributes of a bishop, what would you look for in a bishop instead? What would you say to someone who is a member of synod who would elect the next bishop to represent you, your church, and your diocese? How do you view the church? How do you think people outside the church view the church?

"A Diplomatic Incident," Episode 11

Hacker's predecessor is writing his memoirs, and wants access to certain documents. He has not been writing positively about Hacker, who desperately wants work on the memoirs to cease. He gets his wish when the former Prime Minister dies suddenly of a heart attack. As a last wish, he asked that a state funeral be held for him. Wanting to demonstrate to the people of Great Britain his compassion, and sorrow and loss over a "friend,"

Hacker readily agrees. He also looks forward to a "working funeral."

When world leaders meet at summit conferences, very little tends to be accomplished. The press tend to have high expectations, and agendas need to be agreed upon in advance. The people, however, do not expect their leaders to return from a funeral with agreements and such that are of real benefit and substance. Furthermore, leaders can have impromptu conversations that have real substance that lead to better relations and lend themselves to deal-making.

Both the Prime Minister and the President of France would like to use the funeral as a means of completing negotiations for sovereignty over the Channel Tunnel so that construction can begin. The British are willing to meet the French halfway, but the French want the British to concede much of their sovereignty, so that the French will have more authority over the Tunnel. The French try a couple of schemes to undermine the French public opinion of the British, whereby forcing them to give into the French demands, in the way of a puppy and a security breach at the French Embassy.

In the midst of all these hopes and plans, the funeral is to take place. The Prime Minister has his own agenda about what should happen at the funeral. One of the amusing exchanges in this episode is a discussion about the placement of cameras in Westminster Abbey. Hacker wants a camera aimed at his pew (in order to demonstrate to the people of Great Britain that he is mourning the loss of his predecessor), which would require it be placed in the pulpit or on the High Altar, but the Archbishop would most likely want to use both. Hacker believes the Archbishop has unreasonable expectations. It appears the bishop believes the funeral is a religious ceremony, rather than a public relations exercise for the Prime Minister.

There seems to be much confusion about the purpose of a funeral in today's society, demonstrated by many remarks made in this episode. Why do we assemble for funerals? Why do we attend funerals? What do we expect to happen at a funeral? Why is a funeral important to conduct and attend?

Services

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
 9:00 a.m. Mandarin Fellowship
 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (BAS)
 3rd Sunday of the month (AAawe)

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a "harbour for love," where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上

帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

AAawe (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers

The next edition of the newsletter will be coming out on Sunday, June 5, 2016

Deadline is Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 6:54 p.m.

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