

Today's Scripture Readings		Next Sunday's Scripture Readings
Proper 12		Proper 13
Genesis 21:8–21	OT page 13	Genesis 22:1–14
Psalms 86:1–10, 16–17	BAS page 819	Psalms 13
Romans 6:1b–11	NT page 119	Romans 6:12–23
Matthew 10:24–39	NT page 8	Matthew 10:40–42

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
<p>Worldwide Anglican Cycle The people and leaders of the Diocese of Nyahururu, Kenya</p> <p>Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle The people and leaders of the Diocese of the Arctic The people and leaders of the Prince Albert Conference of the Saskatchewan Synod</p> <p>Diocesan Cycle The people and leaders of the Mission to Seafarers (The Rev. Judith Alltree, Chaplain)</p> <p>Deanery Cycle The people and leaders of St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole (The Rev. Lisa Newland, The Rev. Canon John Wilton, The Rev. Kyn Barker)</p> <p>Parish Ministry Cycle Lay Members of Synod</p> <p>Congregation Cycle John & Laura Pummell * Rakesh & Sangeeta Randive, & Roanna, Ryan, & Naomi * Craig Robertson & Berta Zaccardi, & Alex & Adriana * Ruth Ross * Rick Sage & Lorraine Luski, & Linnea</p>

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Subdeacon	Morning Wang
Readers	Doug Heyes, Margie Lyttle
Intercessor	Geraldine Sperling
Server	Cameron Cadogan
Chalice	Doug Heyes, Sangeeta Randive
Ushers	Team 1: Egan Done (leader), Betty Clennett, Jean Ferdinands, Sherwin Ferdinands
Counters	Team 3: Ann-Marie Powell, Lorraine Luski
Altar Guild	Team 2: Grace Pryce, Margie Lyttle, Roshni Sircar
Coffee Hosts	Aili Maki & children

This Week at St. George on Yonge

June 25, 2017

Monday

Don Valley Refugee Resettlers: 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

ESL Conversational Classes: 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Separate beginner- and intermediate-level sections are offered. No registration needed.

Thursday

Proverbs Class: 9:30 a.m.

Mandarin Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Coming Soon

Fall Market and Craft Sale: Plans are underway to be held on Saturday, October 14. Clean out your closets over the summer. Donations of books, treasures, jewellery, toys and games, household items, and more would be appreciated. If you have any questions or suggestions, please talk to Lorraine B., Laura P., Geraldine, or Hazel.

Parish Announcements

Sunday School Classes will resume in the fall. Thank you to the children and parents who made it a very enjoyable year. There will be an unattended area outside of the library set up with items to use during the summer months. Parents, please remember to supervise your children and help clean up the items at the end of each Sunday. Thank you.

Thank you to those who have and continue to contribute to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Through your support we in turn offer support to individuals who come to us in need. Each month we give out more than 30 Loblaws Gift cards for \$10 and a TTC token. We are building relationships with the individuals who come, which we hope to build on going forward.

At present the Rector's Discretionary Fund is in a deficit position. If you are able to offer any kind of support, we would greatly appreciate it. Donations can be left on the offertory plate. Thank you.

Community Notices

Yonge Churchill Child Care Centre: Full day summer camps **AND** before and after school programmes are available! Please see the flyer on the Welcome Desk for contact information.

The Tale of a Town – Canada is a nationwide theatre and media initiative aiming to capture the collective community memory of Canada's main streets, one story at a time. This cultural project has been touring the country, visiting small towns and big cities alike, collecting oral histories through interviews with independent business owners, local heroes, community stakeholders, and neighbourhood residents. After visiting every province and territory, the project turns its attention to Canada's longest main street this summer with its Highway 11 project – **the next stop is here in Willowdale** at the historic Gibson House Museum, a project funded by the Toronto Arts Council – Animating Historic Sites programme! The Tale of a Town brings the storymobile (mobile recording studio) to conduct interviews between June 21 and July 1 about our memories of Willowdale. **Do you have a story to tell?** See the bulletin board for more details.

A Service of Celebration of New Ministry for Mark is scheduled for Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul, Uxbridge. More information will be available over the summer.


Gay Pride: A For All of Us



June was designated Gay Pride Month in Toronto by Mayor John Tory with him raising the Rainbow Flag at City Hall on June 1. Festivities will conclude on Sunday, June 25 with the Toronto Gay Pride Parade. We all have much to be proud of in Toronto, Ontario, and Canada when it comes to LGBT rights. At one time in the 20th century, homosexuality was considered criminal behaviour, with individuals being charged with gross indecency and even portrayed as sex offenders, being subject to life in prison. Even after criminalisation was removed, discrimination continued in social, employment, and financial areas of our lives, as well as the right to marry.

We all have a lot to be proud of in the area of LGBT rights now. Canada is seen as one of the gay-friendliest countries in the world. In 1995 the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that sexual orientation was implicitly covered in our existing Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and in 2001, the first ever same-sex marriages in the world took place in a church right here in Toronto. An excellent example of thinking globally, but acting locally, that proud and daring act has had a huge effect on millions of people around the world. In our own church, Anglicans took the first step in allowing same-sex marriages last July, and we have had at least three same-sex marriages in our own diocese since then.

We can be especially proud of our stance on LGBT rights in Canada when we see gay men being rounded up and imprisoned in concentration camps and likely killed in Chechnya, gay men being thrown off buildings in the Middle East, and discrimination in Africa, among other places. In Sudan, southern Somalia, and northern Nigeria homosexuality is punishable by death. In Uganda, Tanzania, and Sierra Leone, offenders can receive life imprisonment for homosexual acts. In addition to criminalising homosexuality, Nigeria has enacted legislation that would make it illegal for heterosexual family members, allies, and friends of LGBT to even be supportive.

The theme this year for Toronto's Gay Pride Month is . This sign makes reference to the diversity of people and voices recognised in LGBT people, as well as their allies. Adding new voices, understanding different cultures, and being open to sharing those experiences ***adds*** to our own experience. There is a song by Patty Larkin called "The Thread of Life," which reminds us to "keep the hope alive, keep the love alive, we are all a part of the Thread of Life." In Canada, and specifically Toronto, that thread has been woven into a rich tapestry, full of colour and texture, and for that we should all be grateful. **Thanks be to God** that we are fortunate enough to live in such an enlightened time and place. We should all stand proud.

– Chip Barkel