

St. George on Yonge Anglican Church: 5350 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario

## From Leonard's Desk...

*"For, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."* 1 Timothy 4:8 NRSV.

Greetings Friends:

As the summer winds down, and we begin our fall programs, I am thinking about the endless possibilities that are presented to us to build on the legacy of Christian worship, witness and service at St. George-on-Yonge.

Over the summer, four conversation groups met to talk about the parish. With a total attendance of thirty four, this proved to be a remarkable show of interest and enthusiasm. The discussions focused on: The best use of the gifts with which we have been blessed; intentional discipleship and support for each other in our Christian life and service; and growing in Christ. Naturally, we took a little time to look ahead, and to offer some preliminary ideas about "Vision 2022." You will recognize your ideas, as they are integrated into the plans for the parish. May these ideas from our conversations inspire us to continue to worship God with all our hearts, our souls and our minds.

A good way to improve our spiritual health is by setting realistic goals. So we are all encouraged to reserve the time to attend **"God at the Center; Habits for Spiritual Growth."** Be encouraged to continue, or begin, a lifetime of healthy spiritual habits.

This six week Christian education series will enable us to continue, or begin, a lifetime of healthy spiritual habits. It will be offered on the evenings of Thursday October 5, 12, 19 and 26; and November 9 and 16; starting at 6:30 pm with a light dinner. We are planning a family friendly environment, with the availability of child care. Registration is encouraged for planning purposes, and to receive a course booklet.

Thanks to all who continue to be faithful stewards, giving your gifts of time, skills and finances for the work of the church, in building God's Kingdom in this part of His vineyard.

It is a special privilege to be in this shared ministry with you.

*Leonard* 

Rev Leonard Leader  
Interim Priest-in-Charge

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## Parish Administrators' Retreat

by Craig Gustafson

In June 2015, I organised a parish administrators' retreat day with Mark Kinghan and Connie Gefvert, which was held at the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (SSJD). Forty people registered, and thirty-six attended. At this retreat, we asked if participants would like to be part of a planning group for future events.

In June, two other administrators and I planned a second retreat at SSJD. Twenty-four people registered, and all but one attended. In the morning we had small group discussions relating to how we work. We had the opportunity to reflect upon how we could improve our skills and competencies in our jobs, as well as ask others about what computer programmes they use. We had the opportunity to learn about the benefits and challenges of different communication and financial programmes others use, as well as how we can use the programmes more effectively.

In the afternoon, one of the Sisters instructed us on how to use the labyrinth, a maze-like structure which is set in floors or on the ground. They are large enough that the path can be walked, or they can be placed on paper that can be traced with a finger. There is one entrance with a separate exit, and they are used for private meditation. Half the group had the opportunity to walk the labyrinth while the other half participated in a physical activity for praying with the body. The groups then switched to experience the other activity.

Highlights of the day included getting to know each other through Human Bingo, celebrating the Eucharist with the Sisters where The Rev. Canon John Wilton served as celebrant and preacher, and enjoying a talking lunch with another opportunity to visit with our colleagues. By far, the favourite activity of the day was walking the labyrinth. It is interesting to note that we spent the morning reflecting on the practical aspects of the job, and the afternoon on our spiritual health.

I express my thanks to my two colleagues for planning and leading the retreat with me; to the Sisters for their hospitality and flexibility; and to the participants for attending and making the day a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone.

### Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 5.

Please remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday... unless you want to get to Church an hour early. That's okay too!



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

## Fall Events at St. George on Yonge



### Cheers, Cheese, & Chatter

Saturday, September 23  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Pub Knights

Thursday, September 28 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
at the "Frog & Firkin" (4854 Yonge Street,  
across from the Sheppard Centre on Yonge Street)

### Saint Kitts and Nevis Consulate Service

Saturday, September 30 3:00 p.m.

### Taizé Service

Thursday, October 5 7:00 p.m.

### Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday, October 8 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### Seniors' Thanksgiving Communion

Wednesday, October 11 12:00 noon  
followed by lunch provided by Delmanor  
Northtown Senior Community

### Fall Market and Craft Sale

Saturday, October 14  
10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Celebration of the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist – A.A.A.W.E.

Saturday, October 15 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### Commemoration of the 500th year from the Beginning of the Reformation

Sunday, October 29 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### Commemoration of All Souls

Thursday, November 2 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 8 12:00 noon

### Celebration of the Feast of All Saints

Sunday, November 5 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, November 12 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### A.A.A.W.E. Service

Sunday, November 19 10:30 a.m.

### Pub Knights

Thursday, November 23 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
at the "Frog & Firkin" (4854 Yonge Street,  
across from the Sheppard Centre on Yonge Street)

### Diocesan Synod

November 24 to 25  
*Please pray for the delegates*



### **Important!**

Worship at Midday  
Wednesdays at 12:00 noon  
Starting September 20



### **Dinner and Study Series**

"God at the Centre"  
Habits for Spiritual Growth  
Thursdays, October 5 to November 16  
Starting at 6:30 p.m.

*Please note there will be no session on November 2.  
Pub Knights will not meet on October 26.*

## 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. [www.forwardmovement.org/subscriptions.aspx](http://www.forwardmovement.org/subscriptions.aspx)

Regular Print: Our Daily Bread is published by RBC Ministries. Each daily thought is designed to draw the reader into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and to evoke responses of worship, love, trust, and obedience. It is also available on radio, podcast, e-mail, and mobile. For social networking users, it is available on Twitter and Facebook. It is available in more than 40 languages. [www.odp.org/about](http://www.odp.org/about)

## Leadership 2017

Interim Priest-in-Charge 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

## Church School



### **St. George Sunday Children's Program**

Church school resumed on September 10<sup>th</sup> and so far have registered 5 families with a total of 8 children from 3 years to 11 years old. Due to the lack of enough teachers, we are having one combined class where the children do a welcome activity and hear the lesson together and then split into groups by age for their activities. The children join their families for communion and then return to finish up and have a snack together. Parents are requested to pick up their children right after the service before going to coffee hour.

Teachers are needed for the nursery as well as the 6-8 and 9-11 groups so we can split the class. Until we get a volunteer to run the nursery for infants and toddlers up to age 2, there will be some toys/books outside of the library for parents to use while still being able to hear the service. A changing area as well as play area is also available in the Church school room on the lower level.

Anyone interested in joining the teaching team please speak to Kathy Baillie or Leonard Leader. Until more teachers are found, a parent will be asked to help out each week. Please talk to Kathy and sign up for a Sunday or two.

Thanks,  
Kathy Baillie and Debbie

## Announcements

**St. George Sunday Children's Programme** has begun and takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. We are looking forward to another fun filled, exciting year.

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

**Wednesday Morning Group:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Join us for refreshments and conversation. Topics often include travelogues, seasonal studies, and guest speakers. All are welcome. Speak to Ann Beecham for more information.

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

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

**Mandarin Fellowship:** Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.

**Cheers, Cheese, and Chatter:** Saturday, September 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Formal welcome for the Rev. Leonard Leader, Priest-In-Charge, as well as any new parishioners and previous members of St. George on Yonge, to acknowledge our past, present, and future in the community. We are pleased to announce that Bishop Kevin Robertson will be in attendance and celebrating with us. Everyone is welcome!  
Please provide the names of former parishioners, and your guests, to Laura Pummell at (416) 222-3354 or to the church office at [office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca) so that we can send a formal invitation. You can also use the form on the Welcome Desk and return it to Laura or the office, or place on the offertory plate.

**Prayer Group:** You are invited to a meeting of the prayer group on Sunday, September 24 from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. in Room 113 – Meeting Room. New members are welcome.

**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) on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. The next dates are September 28, October 26, and November 23.

**Taizé Service:** Sponsored by the St. George on Yonge Mandarin Fellowship. Bilingual in English & Mandarin. A quiet service of song, prayer, and reflection that is meditative and contemplative. Please plan to join us the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next dates are October 5 and November 2. Everyone welcome!

**Harvest Thanksgiving:** As a thank-offering for God's bounty here in Canada, we are asking members of St. George to bring vegetables, fruit, and non-perishables to decorate the Altars for Thanksgiving Sunday, October 8. Donations of foodstuffs can be made at the church on Thursday, October 5 or Friday, October 6. Perishables will be kept in the Narthex fridge until Sunday. Or, you can just bring your donation with you on Sunday, October 8. The perishables will be donated to Eva's Satellite and the non-perishables to the Harvest Foodbank after the services. Thank you for your help in supporting this important ministry in our community. – The Altar Guild

**Food Bank:** The second Sunday of each month is "Food Bank Sunday" and we try to fill our shopping cart. Upcoming dates are October 8 and November 12. The cart will be presented at the Altar along with the offerings that day as a symbol of our gift in reaching out to the hungry in our community. When you are shopping remember to pick up some non-perishable canned goods. And remember Jesus saying "When you did it for the least of these, you did it for me."

**Fall Market and Craft Sale:** Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This year's sale will feature all the aspects of a traditional bazaar plus craft vendors, community displays, and hopefully some fresh produce tables. We hope everyone will take part in some way to help this event be socially and financially successful. We are looking for donations of treasures, household items, books, toys, games and items for our silent auction, bake table, and lunch room. We need people to help at the various tables, to help with setting up and cleaning up, and especially to promote the sale with family, friends, and in the community (as well as attend it yourself). A flyer will be available shortly to post or send out via e-mail. Items for the sale can now be brought to the church at any time to be stored. If you are not able to bring them to the church, a pick-up can be arranged. Sign up to help after the service or leave a message at the office! Thank you from Lorraine, Laura, Geraldine, and Hazel.

**Draw at the Fall Market and Craft Fair.** Tickets on sale after the services. Many prizes of restaurant meals for 2. Tickets: 1 for \$3.00, 2 for \$5.00, 5 for \$10.00

Be there at 12:00 noon to choose your prize.

**2018 Church Calendars** will be on sale for \$5 each during Coffee Hour in the coming weeks. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**All Souls Services:** Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. **AND** Wednesday, November 8 at 12:00 noon. During these services we will name those known to us who have died during the past year, as well as other names we have been given. **You are invited to write the names of loved ones in a book in the Narthex; it will be available in October.** We encourage you to bring a flower to place in memory of your loved one.

**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!

**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.

**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 at least 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, because we purchase these gift cards a year in advance, 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.

**Photographs Hung in Our Church:** One of Mark's great contributions to St. George on Yonge was the tradition of putting up new photographs from parishioners through the year. I would like to continue this tradition. If you have a photo you think would fit (or want to help organise this initiative), please contact me at **the.haywards@sympatico.ca** Thank you. – Chris Hayward

**Please remember that we strive to keep our building a seafood- and nut-sensitive environment.**

For the safety of everyone at Church and in the daycare, please remember to refrain from bringing food that contains peanuts, tree nuts, fish, and seafood into the building. Thank you.

## 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 (AAWE)
Wednesday	12:00 noon	Worship at Midday

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

AAWE (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 available on Sunday, November 26.

**The deadline** is Sunday, November 12 at 2:46 p.m.

Email articles to the editor: Kathy Baillie at [fambail@hotmail.com](mailto:fambail@hotmail.com)



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EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
AT ST. GEORGE ON YONGE CHURCH**

**"To nurture our relationships with God in Christ,  
with one another, and with our community."**

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