

Today's Scripture Readings	Next Sunday's Scripture Readings
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: the Reign of Christ (Proper 34)	First Sunday of Advent
II Samuel 23:1–7 OT page 233 Psalm 132:1–7 BAS page 889 Revelation 1:4b–8 NT page 193 John 18:33–37 NT page 86	Jeremiah 33:14–16 Psalm 25:1–9 I Thessalonians 3:9–13 Luke 21:25–36

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
Worldwide Anglican Cycle The people and leaders of the Lusitanian Church
Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle The people and leaders of the Anglican Church of Canada The people and leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Diocesan Cycle The people and leaders of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
Deanery Cycle The people and leaders of St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole (The Rev. Lisa Newland, The Rev. Canon John R. Wilton, The Ven. Kyn Barker)
Parish Ministry Cycle Pub Knights Gathering
Congregation Cycle Betty Richards * Juan David Rivas * Craig Robertson & Berta Zaccardi * Nuha Saleh * Michele Santoo

Newsletters are available for pickup in the Narthex.
If you have e-mail, you would have received it Friday.
We express our thanks to our editor, Kathy Baillie.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

This Week at St. George on Yonge

November 25, 2018

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Wednesday Morning Group: 10:00 a.m.

Mandarin Choir Practice: 10:00 a.m.

Worship at Midday: 12:00 noon

Thursday

Proverbs Class: 9:30 a.m.

Mandarin Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Advent Event: Join us on Saturday, December 1. Potluck supper at 5:00 p.m. followed by Advent activities. Fun for all. Sign up after services beginning November 18. Contact Kathy Baillie at **fambail@hotmail.com** if you can help or require more information.

Parish Announcements

2019 Church Calendars will be on sale for \$5 each following the services.

Thank you for your financial support of St. George on Yonge.

Through your generosity in regular givings, we are able to fund the ongoing programmes in the parish, and your donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund help us to help those in need, and build relationships in the community. Thanks be to God.

Our Pre-Authorised Remittance Programme (PAR) is available to help you support the ministry of our Church through a debit from your account on or about the 20th day of each month, and the amount will be credited to the parish bank account. You will receive a charitable receipt from the church as usual. This programme allows the church to meet its on-going commitments, even when parishioners are away. An informational brochure (which contains a registration form) is available from the Ushers. Please speak to Anne Baillie for more information.

We are looking for donations of hats, mitts, gloves, and scarves to give to the people involved with our gift card programme. Please bring these items in by December 1. Help to distribute them on December 4 would be appreciated. Speak to Doug Heyes if you are able to help.

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.

Bishops' Charges to Synod: You can listen to our Bishops' addresses to Synod at www.toronto.anglican.ca/2018/11/09/highlights-from-day-1-of-synod-3/

Gently used clothing, household goods and much, much more!

Second-hand clothes and household items shop at Lansing United Church (located in the Community Hall downstairs), 49 Bogert Avenue (one block southwest of Yonge and Sheppard). Open Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more information, please see the bulletin board.

8:00

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Readers	Doug Heyes, Elvine Jin
Intercessor	Scott McFarlane

10:30

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Subdeacon	Margie Lyttle
Readers	Michael Leach, Max Wynter
Intercessor	Laura Pummell
Chalice	Craig Robertson, Sangeeta Randive
Slides	Doug Heyes
Ushers	Team 1: Egan Done (leader), Betty Clennett, Jean Ferdinands, Sherwin Ferdinands
Duty Warden	Max Wynter
Altar Guild	Team 2: Grace Pryce, Margie Lyttle, Roshni Sircar
Refreshments	Laura Pummell

Advent & Christmas at St. George on Yonge



Advent Event

Saturday, December 1 5:00 p.m.

First Sunday of Advent Eucharist

Sunday, December 2 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
with Holy Baptism at 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent Eucharist

Sunday, December 9 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent Eucharist

Sunday, December 16 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Eucharist

Sunday, December 23 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Services

Communion & Reflection

Wednesdays, December 5 & 12 12:00 noon

Candlelight Evening Prayer

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19 7:00 p.m.

Taizé Service

Thursday, December 6 7:00 p.m.

Seniors' Christmas Communion

Wednesday, December 19 12:00 noon
followed by lunch provided by Lansing Retirement Residence



Family Christmas Eve Communion

Monday, December 24 7:00 p.m.
with "Spontaneous Christmas Pageant"

Yearly Christmas Eve Visit to Area Emergency Workers

Monday, December 24 8:00 p.m.
with trays of sandwiches, cookies, and other treats!

Almost Midnight Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24
10:00 p.m. Singing Christmas Carols
10:30 p.m. Festive Christmas Communion

Christmas Day Communion

Tuesday, December 25 10:00 a.m.

Pub Knights

Thursday, December 27 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
*at the "Frog & Firkin" (4854 Yonge Street,
across from the Sheppard Centre on Yonge Street)*

First Sunday after Christmas Eucharist

Sunday, December 30 10:30 a.m. (one service only)
singing favourite Christmas Carols



Diocesan Synod November 9 – 10, 2018

Geraldine Sperling, Izunna Umezinne, and myself were the lay delegates for St. George on Yonge at Synod this year.

The theme of the Synod, “Growing in Christ,” was a continuation of the Diocese’s strategic plan that was introduced in 2016. The strategic plan is a five year vision for the Diocese. The goal of the strategic plan is to establish foundations/programmes for how all the parishes will work together to build healthy, missional Anglican communities that engage faithfully with the world and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Included on the Synod agenda for the two days were presentations from parishes and Diocesan leaders describing missional and outreach moments, some business matters pertaining to the operation of the Diocese of Toronto, and several smaller group sessions to further the discussions, reflections, and considerations about the proposed changes to the Marriage Canon to allow for same-sex marriage in our Church.

Here are a few of the highlights of this year’s Synod.

1. The Synod begun with a Eucharist Service being shared with approximately 400 people. Imagine the warmth and the wonderful sounds of all those Anglicans singing the hymns.
2. The inspiring missional presentations were about parishes trying new approaches to programmes and projects to meet people within their own communities. The projects included operating summer sports programme, organising an 850 km canoe pilgrimage from Midland to Montreal over 2 weeks, opening a food bank, and operating a youth drop-in centre one day a week.

3. The outreach presentations were given by PWRDF and the Archbishop’s Working Group on Intercultural Ministry.
4. The opportunity to engage in small group sessions of listening and contributing to discussions about the proposed changes to the Marriage Canon to permit same-sex marriages. The results of these sessions will be presented to the General Synod in July 2019 where a vote on the motion will occur. The acknowledgement that this subject has been on many agendas for a long period of time and perhaps there was a feeling of weariness and fear. Regardless of the decision at General Synod, there will be a mixture of reactions to the result of the vote. Nevertheless it was stressed that the overall need was for us to move forward in faith with compassion and empathy in boldness representing the diversity of all of us – the people of God.
5. Near the end of the Synod, the Archbishop Colin Johnson addressed the assembled audience to report that this Diocesan Synod would be his last as a Diocesan Bishop since he is retiring as of the end of December 2018. Bishop Johnson offered the assembly a recap of his time serving in the Diocesan Office as well as being the Bishop of Toronto, highlighting some of the changes he has witnessed in the Diocese and the missional work within the Diocese and the effects on our lives. Then the Coadjutor Bishop, Bishop Andrew Asbil, offered his comments about the how grateful he was to have been elected in the June Synod to replace Bishop Johnson in January 2019. He acknowledged that currently he is “in-training” but he definitely is very energised and inspired to proceed with the work of the Diocese of Toronto.

In summation the two days offered a brief glimpse into the workings of the Diocese of Toronto and allowed me to reconnect with a few of my Anglican friends that have moved to other parishes.

– Laura Pummel