

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

## Fall 2019 – The Season of Creation

Fall is a time of new beginnings as the summer comes to a close, the new school year begins, and people return to their usual routines.

In the wider church, Diocesan Bishop Andrew Asbil has invited the diocese to participate in the Season of Creation, when Christians around the world give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation. This annual event is observed from September 1<sup>st</sup>. to October 4<sup>th</sup>.

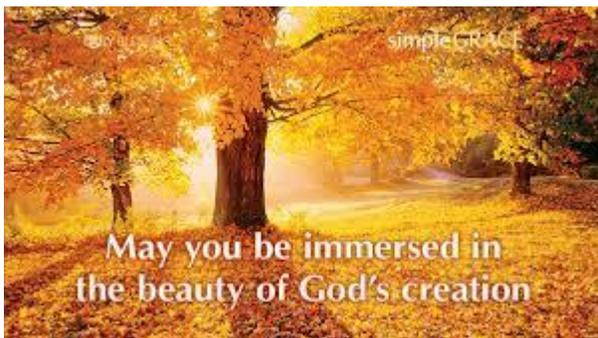
Bishop Asbil's presentation was shown at our September 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday worship; and in case you missed it, the video can be seen on the website of the Diocese of Toronto: [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca).

In the parish, our Children's Sunday Program has resumed; and our schedule of fall events is included elsewhere in this newsletter. One highlight of the fall will be the discussion series "From Visitor to Disciple", based on the work of Professor John Bowen. The evenings of October 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> have been set aside for this purpose. We hope that you will be able to attend.

Ministry to children and youth remains a high priority for the parish. Our engagement in mission action planning continues, as we focus on what works well for the parish; and look at ways to build on the legacy of Christian worship, witness and service at St. George-on-Yonge.

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

*Leonard* †  
Rev. Leonard Leader  
Priest-in-Charge



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## From the Wardens

We hope you had a chance for some relaxation and rejuvenation during the summer, and are planning to take part in many of our fall events and services.

Many projects have taken place recently to keep our building clean, safe and looking good. With our daycare's assistance we have been able to replace the main level flooring, clean rugs and upholstery, have some painting done and repair several heat pumps that keep our air circulating. We have also had the exterior windows cleaned.

The Diocese has a program requiring all churches to undergo a Property Condition Assessment every ten years. We recently had this done and have received a report which will help in long-term planning and financing of necessary maintenance work.

Our financial situation is stable for the time being, but givings have not grown as we had hoped. We also ask for additional donations for the Rector's Discretionary Fund, to allow us to continue to support less fortunate people in our community.

At the end of July we were very pleased to welcome Ramey (Faisal Ramme) to our staff team, as our Assistant Custodian. He is working on Sundays, Tuesday nights and when we have special events going on. Philip continues to work Monday to Friday nights.

A record number of parishioners have attended the required workshop for their ministry. Thanks to all who have given up your time to take part, and to Craig for his leadership in our Responsible Ministry program. At least one more workshop will be run this fall.

Feedback, positive and constructive, is always welcome. Please let us know if you have suggestions or concerns you would like addressed. If you're not yet part of one of our many ministries, please consider volunteering. Taking part in our fall study program, or helping with events such as our Fall Craft Sale, allows us to get to know each other better, so that we can all be supports in a caring environment, welcoming new members and growing the church.

Lorraine Baillie, Kwan Luk, Aili Maki

## Creation Month

Let's do our part to lessen our impact on the environment and recycle properly at Coffee Hour.

Green bin - paper plates, food, napkins



Blue bin - Styrofoam cups, plates if they are rinsed, otherwise place in garbage



Garbage - stir sticks



## Community Connection

We are looking for some new ideas, as well as new people, who would like to be involved in the Community Connection activities. We recently had a lunch and movie offering on August 24<sup>th</sup> for people which was well attended (despite some issues trying to keep the VCR's going during the movie) where everyone seemed to enjoy the good food, and conversation and we did have 3 guests stay to watch the complete movie once it was up and running on a laptop. It was the first time we tried such an added feature to our lunch, and perhaps we should have spent the extra time to check if the Blu-ray player in the heritage room might have been a better option.

As always we still have our monthly Pub Knights outing (usually 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening of the month) and we are hopeful that some new people will be open to dropping by. It is a great opportunity to show the community who we are and we have often noticed people around us listening to our discussions. It also gives us the chance to sound out others about life decisions, issues that we may be facing, or just to have someone to talk to without judgement or criticism. The upcoming dates to look out for us, in the next few months are on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, or our usual early meeting for December on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please prayerfully consider joining us, either for a good meal and conversation (no drinks required) at the Frog or during the Tuesday 'gift card' distribution some month and connected events when offered. The more people that can help out the more that we can do. You will be glad that you did.

Submitted by Doug Heyes

## Ushers

A sincere thank you to all those dedicated individuals who devote time with the important ministry of ushering, providing guidance to those new to the church as well as being available to assist when required. Thank You!

If anyone is available 30 minutes before the start of the service and would like to contribute to building our team, please let us know. This is a good way to meet those new to St. George and to interact with current parishioners.

Submitted by Ann-Marie Waithe Powell

## Which Baillie is which?

Got a question about your envelopes or PAR giving... please speak to **ANNE**... or email her at [family.baillie@sympatico.ca](mailto:family.baillie@sympatico.ca)

Information about our Children's Ministry... newsletter article to submit... special events such as the picnic... please speak to **KATHY**... or email her at [fambail@hotmail.com](mailto:fambail@hotmail.com)

Warden business... Church events... anything else you think you need to speak to a Baillie about... please speak to **LORRAINE**... or email her at [lbailie@rogers.com](mailto:lbailie@rogers.com)

Thank you.

## Prayer Group

Members of the Prayer Group have made a commitment to pray for others. Prayer requests are sent to the coordinator of the group. These requests are shared with the group members who then pray. The prayers continue until the person who made the request follows up with a report. It is truly a blessing when someone reports that the prayer has been answered, not necessarily completely but that there is improvement. Then the group can thank God for answered prayer. It is important to show gratitude to God as he intervenes in our problems.

The group members are committed to absolute confidentiality. The requests are not up for discussion at any time with anyone.

Some requests have been made via email to the office. This happens because our website lists the prayer group as one of the church's ministries. The request is passed on to the coordinator who then shares it with the group members.

Currently the group consists of seven persons: Sangeeta Randive, Olga Joloud, Felicity Leader, Collene Happi, Ruby Dalvina, Max Wynter, Margie Lyttle as coordinator.

The Rev Leonard Leader and Canon Sr. Connie Gefvert are clergy members of the group.

The group welcomes anyone who would like to intercede for others. The group is hoping to build in numbers and to have sustained meeting times.

Do you have a matter that is causing you great concern? Share it with the group. We will pray with you and for you.

Blessings,  
Margie Lyttle, coordinator.

## Fall Craft Sale

**Saturday, October 26th –**  
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with the lunch room, children's craft area and with the draw. Sandwiches and goodies are needed. Sign up to help!

A limited number of tables are still available for crafters.

Contact Lorraine Baillie for further information.



Are you on facebook??  
St. George on Yonge is there too!!

Be sure to look us up and "like" us at ...

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

## Fall Events at St. George on Yonge

### Taizé Service

Thursday, October 3                      7:00 p.m.

### Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday, October 13                      8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### Seniors' Thanksgiving Communion

Wednesday, October 16                12:00 noon  
*followed by lunch provided by Delmanor  
 Northtown Senior Community*

### Fall Craft Sale

Saturday, October 26                  10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Commemoration of All Souls

Saturday, November 2                  4:30 p.m.  
*followed by potluck dinner*

### Celebration of the Feast of All Saints

Sunday, November 3                    8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### Taizé Service

Thursday, November 7                7:00 p.m.

### Diocesan Synod

November 8 & 9  
*Please pray for the delegates*

### Remembrance Sunday

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

### Interro String Quartet

Saturday, November 16                7:30 p.m.



### Children's Program

Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. service  
 Join us for learning and fun!



### Worship at Midday

Wednesdays at 12:00 noon  
 starting September 18



### Making Disciples

The Great Commission is to make disciples.  
 Discover why a focus on making disciples is an  
 essential step. Join us for a book discussion  
 focussed on seeing every member as a minister.  
 Thursdays, October 10 & 17; November 14 & 21  
 beginning with light supper at 6:30 p.m.

### THEOLOGY PUB



### Pub Knights

normally the fourth Thursday of the month  
 September 26; October 24; November 28  
 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the "Frog & Firkin"  
 4854 Yonge Street, across from the Sheppard  
 Centre on Yonge Street



Dick Colyer's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday – July 6, 2019



Geraldine and Alan Sperling – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – Congratulations  
September 8, 2019



## Glass Art Studio Visit

On August 1, a group of parishioners visited the Glasstronomy Studio for a tour and workshop with Elizabeth Beecham. Pendants were made to sell at our Fall Craft Sale. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the chance to create fused glass items. We thank Elizabeth for her warm hospitality and clear instructions and encouragement.



## Wonderful News!!!



The Interro String Quartet will play a return engagement at St. George on Yonge on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Program details will follow but mark this performance on your calendar.

## Children's Ministry



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

takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. There is one class for all children 3-11 years old. There may be some Sundays when a teacher is not able to attend so activity sheets will be available for the children to do during the service.

We would like to grow our Children's Ministry and we can't do that without more volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming part of our Children's Ministry please speak to Kathy Baillie or Leonard Leader.

## We are St. George

From Rev. Morning Wang

During the past half a year, the Mandarin Ministry has been growing steadily. A lot of Gospel sharing work has been provided, especially in the mission field. We have brought our good faith to many, and have invited them to the Church, particularly into our St. George big family. The signs of the Church are the proclamation of the Word and celebration of the Eucharist. We encourage brothers and sisters to come to the Worship services, and to read the bible, and study the bible, so that their life can be established on the Word of the Lord. While understand more of the bible, it is easier for us to understand God's plan to each individual. We have insisted the Sunday Eucharist worship service. Ever since my priesthood ordination, it has become more important to us. By doing so, we are able to hold the proclamation of the Word and celebration of the Eucharist at the same time.

While the Mandarin ministry actively shares the Gospel to the people, we also hope that they can join the Church through the holy baptism. After my priest ordination, we had our first baptism on August 18<sup>th</sup>. A couple received the baptism. So far, they had made the 11<sup>th</sup> baptized persons of our St. George Mandarin Ministry. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month, that is the St. Michael and All Angels Sunday, there will be another sister who is going to receive the baptism.

Therefore, we have witnessed that God has continuously blessed this ministry and has blessed more through this ministry. We believe it is the blessing to our whole St. George parish. When we are willing to bless others, God will grant us the blessing first. This is the blessing of our whole St. George, relevant to all of us. In fact, when we see the services of the English brothers and sisters, they have become excellent examples for us. There is one brother, for past decades, getting to the church so early on Sundays, opening the door and setting up; there are other sisters, along with this brother, setting up eucharist for the services etc. We have seen these good actions and learned from them in our spiritual life. So, it is obvious that both the English congregation and the Mandarin congregation are part of the one St. George body. We are a big family, which is not formed by blood, but by our faith. We are St. George, whether English congregation or Mandarin congregation, we walk together. We are all God's children.

**Shout Out to...**

Our Advisory Board members who faithfully come out to meetings each month, report on committee activity, provide advice to the leadership.



**Shout Out to...**

The parishioners who have volunteered to work on our important Mission Action Planning with Janet Marshall, the Diocesan Director of Congregational Development. We will be hearing more about this soon.



**Shout Out to...**

Aili and Max, who continue to represent us with the Don Valley Refugee Resettlers program and work very hard when a new family is arriving.

**Shout Out to...**

Our steering committee for Children and Youth Ministry - Kathy, Nigel and Clavel, along with Leonard and Lorraine.



**Shout Out to**

Doug Heyes, who faithfully opens the church up every Sunday, makes sure everything is in its correct place, and assists so much in many areas of worship.



**THANK YOU!** (Other teams will be featured in future newsletters)

**Staff**

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Morning Wang
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodians	Philip Ikhuoria / Ramey (Faisal Ramme)

## Services

Sunday      8:00 a.m.      Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)  
                  9:00 a.m.      Mandarin Fellowship  
                  10:30 a.m.      Sung Eucharist (BAS)

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

## Community Notices

Yonge Churchill Child Care Centre is looking for two full time staff to work at our Centre. If interested please send your resume to [yongechurchill@edukids.ca](mailto:yongechurchill@edukids.ca)

Thank you!  
 Jessica Burchat RECE  
 Director  
 Yonge Churchill C.C.C. 5350 Yonge St. North York, ON

The next edition of the newsletter will be coming out sometime before Christmas.

**Deadline** will be announced closer to the date.

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



**REMEMBER,  
 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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