

St. George on Yonge - October 16, 2020



To our St. George on Yonge Parish Family and Friends,

The “I read it” quiz.

Congratulations to Chris B. who got the correct answers in first. Who’s going to be first this week? Submit your answers to office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca and if you’re first we will congratulate you in the next issue.

- 1) When is the registration deadline for the virtual annual Outreach conference?
- 2) What time is our virtual coffee hour this Sunday (October 18th)?
- 3) What is the name of the new page for kids and youth?

We received a special Thanksgiving message from Bishop Kevin after he received our weekly Parish Update last Friday:

Dear friends at St. George on Yonge,

Thank you once again for sharing your Sunday bulletin and announcement sheet, as well as the Thanksgiving letters from Fr. Leonard and Bp. Andrew. Even in the midst of this pandemic, with all its hardship, let us take time to remember God's amazing blessings and to give grateful thanks.

Blessings as you gather for worship tomorrow morning. To God be the glory.

Happy Thanksgiving!

+Kevin

***Please join us ...**

In-Person Worship

We are happy to welcome people back to in-person services. Please see further below for information on service procedures.



Amaryllis Kits and Honey

Amaryllis kits and Honey are being sold again this year with all proceeds supporting the Don Valley Refugee Resettlers. Orders need to be in by end of day Sunday October 25th, for delivery at the end of November. Aili can bring orders to church for socially-distanced pick-up, and may be able to arrange for delivery to residences in the Willowdale and Weston areas.

The prices remain the same as last year:

- Amaryllis kits are \$15 each and the available colours are red, pink, white and pink/white.
- Honey is \$10 for a small jar (375 ml) and \$20 for a large jar (750 ml).

Aili is accepting orders over email (ailli@makifamily.ca) and can accept payment by e-transfer or cheque via mail or Sunday mornings.

Good to Know

Our new way of in-person worship may feel strange at first. We encourage you to give yourself a chance to get used to it. However, please remember it is your choice to worship whichever way you feel most comfortable. We want you to feel supported and hope you will contact us if there is any other way we can help in these times.

Virtual Service

The in-person service for October 18 is being streamed live on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page **at 10 a.m.**

ET: <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/live> OR <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge>.

The entire video will also be available on the page immediately after.

If you are not planning on attending in person, please invite your friends and family to watch, pray, sing and react together while apart!

*The bulletin is attached.

* You can continue to access the service at <https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/sermons>. Services for previous Sundays can be accessed from the website by clicking on *Sermon Archive*.

* You can hear the sermon by calling the church phone number and choosing option 8.

IN-PERSON SERVICES

If you are coming to an in-person service, please do this COVID-19 assessment (from Toronto Public Health) before leaving home.

Do you have any of the following:

Fever

Cough

Difficulty breathing

*Sore throat, trouble
swallowing*

Runny nose

Loss of taste for smell

Not feeling well

*Nausea, vomiting,
diarrhea*

Have you been in close contact with someone who is sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, stay home & self-isolate right away. Call Telehealth or your health care provider, to find out if you need a test.

For more information go to www.Toronto.ca/covid19

Procedures to Follow During Communion

STOP..... WAIT.... AND STEP

- It is your choice whether or not to receive communion.
- Please follow the usher's guidance as to when to go up for communion. We will start with the people closest to the middle aisle.
- Use hand sanitizer provided.
- **Stop at first floor marker (X)** in front of priest (mask on). **Wait until the priest has finished speaking.**
- **Then step forward to the second floor marker (X)** to receive bread (mask on).
- Follow arrows to next floor marker (mask on) with bread in hand. (go to the side of the Church where you are sitting).
- Face away from the congregation, remove mask, consume bread, replace mask.
- Use hand sanitizer provided.
- Return to your seat via your aisle.

Please remember

Stay at your seat throughout the service, except when going up for communion. At the time of passing the peace, look around and acknowledge others, but **please do not** move around the room.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Sunday, October 18th at 1 p.m.



(no actual coffee required to join)

Join us for a virtual social time this Sunday. If you have a reading, song or something else to share, that would be terrific. To join by phone – Call **647-374-4685** When prompted to enter the Meeting ID number, enter **4136849381** Then press #. If prompted to enter a participation ID, just press # and stay on the line. **NEW - You must use a passcode 1922** To join by computer, tablet or smart phone – Go to the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4136849381> You may have to download Zoom. **NEW - You must use a passcode 1922** If you would like to practise signing on, or need any further information, please contact Lorraine at 905-881-1465 or lbaille@rogers.com. On Sunday if you have any trouble getting on, please call Lorraine.

Bring your beverage and treats to the chat!

Annual Outreach Conference goes virtual

On Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., join clergy and lay leaders from across the Diocese for the Annual Outreach Conference, with a keynote address from Bishop Peter Fenty. Workshop topics include justice for migrant workers, dismantling racism, restorative justice, housing initiatives, basic income, Indigenous perspectives on the role of seniors in a community and more. The conference is free of charge and will take place over Zoom. Participants will receive the Zoom link upon registration. Registration is open through the Diocese's website (www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/social-justice-and-advocacy/outreach-conference/). **This is the final week to register (deadline October 23rd).**



October 16 – Minka

Are there any more October birthdays or special celebrations? or coming up in November?
Please let us know.

Helping Hands Needed

Ushers are needed to supplement our teams. Please speak to Lorraine or email Ann-Marie if you can help.

Please help save God's creatures great and small



With the necessity of wearing masks, if you are wearing disposable ones, please cut the ribbons before throwing them away. Animals, birds, fish, etc. can get caught up in the elastic. And don't forget to cut the plastic rings of can holders. Thank you on their behalf.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM MATERIALS



Hey Parents and Kids,

Check out the **NEW Kids Corner and Youth Zone** information attached from Sarah. If you have any questions for Sarah she's only an email away: sarah.layman@stgeorgetoronto.ca

We are currently not permitted to offer an in-person children's program but there will be Children's Activity bulletins available at the screening table as well as copies of Sarah's Kids Corner and Youth Zone.

If you are not able to attend in person, please let me know if you would like to receive the weekly story and activity bulletins by email. fambail@hotmail.com

Kathy

Stewardship

*We understand that the pandemic has caused financial hardship to many, and the church is no exception. With the reduced income from rental groups and the daycare, and some extra costs for building maintenance, the parish finds itself dealing with a significant deficit, and the end is not in sight. We want to assure you that we have been applying for government assistance with the wage and rental subsidies, however these are limited forms of assistance.

*Please remember that stewardship is a Christian discipline, and contribute what you are able, in addition to maintaining your regular offering. Please consider using PAR if you have not already signed up; the Envelope Secretary can help with this (Anne Baillie at family.baillie@sympatico.ca). We can also pick up your donation and save you a stamp. Leave a message on the church voice mail.

Church Contact Information

* In these COVID-19 times, anyone visiting the church, for any reason besides in-person worship, must sign in a log book as required by public health directives for contact tracing. Visitors should call the church before coming, and inform Rev. Leonard or the Office Administrator or a Churchwarden that they need to visit St. George. For in-person worship, a checklist will be completed at the screening table.

The church phone number is **(416) 225-1922**.

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Michael Leach Ext. 504

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Important Links

*For regular updates on COVID-19 from Toronto Public Health, or for updates on the impact of COVID-19 on City services, please visit www.toronto.ca/covid19. This link will also connect you to Provincial and Federal information.

*For information and updates from the Diocese, please visit www.toronto.anglican.ca

“Then he said to them, “Give... to God the things that are God's.”

Matthew 22:21

