

St. George on Yonge – Thanksgiving Edition - October 9, 2020



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

The “I read it” quiz.

Congratulations to all of you who knew the answers but were too shy to want your name published. Who’s going to be first this week and not too shy to let us know? Submit your answers to office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca and if you’re first we will congratulate you in the next issue.

- 1) What is being sold to support the Don Valley Refugee Resettlers?
- 2) What should you do before throwing away a disposable mask?
- 3) When did Thanksgiving become a nationally recognized holiday in Canada?

Please find attached

- the letter from the Bishop
- the Thanksgiving Letter from Rev. Leonard
- the bulletin for Sunday’s service

***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.

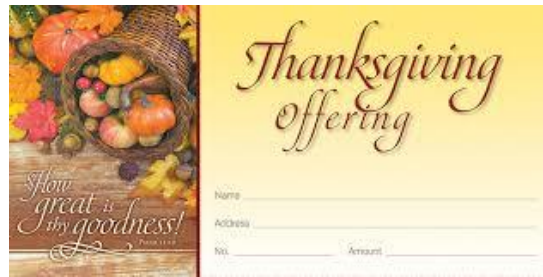
The prices remain the same as last year:

- 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.

Thanksgiving is this Sunday – October 11th

Thanksgiving offering envelopes are available at the service. Those not attending in-person worship are encouraged to mail in a special Thanksgiving donation to the Church office, or contact us for pick-up.



This year, instead of donating fresh produce to decorate the church, we suggest that you contribute to a local food bank. The church has been decorated with mostly non-food items.

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 11 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:

<i>Fever</i>	<i>Cough</i>	<i>Difficulty breathing</i>	<i>Sore throat, trouble swallowing</i>
<i>Runny nose</i>	<i>Loss of taste for smell</i>	<i>Not feeling well</i>	<i>Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea</i>

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

- 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.

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. Thank you on their behalf.



Virtual Coffee Hour

Will be taking place next Sunday (October 18th) at 1:00. Details will be in next week's update.

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/).



October 12 – Clavel
October 16 – Minka

And all those who indicated last Sunday that they were celebrating this month
Are there any more October birthdays? 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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM MATERIALS



Hey Parents and Kids,

At this time we are not permitted to offer an in-person children's program but there will be Children's Activity bulletins available at the screening table. If possible, please bring your own pencil and markers.

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

Kathy

Canadian Thanksgiving - Did you know?

On Thanksgiving, Canadians give thanks for a successful year and harvest.

The Thanksgiving holiday tradition in Canada dates back to when the English explorer, **Martin Frobisher**, came upon the land we now know as Canada while searching for a Northern passage to the Orient.

When Frobisher arrived in Canada on his third voyage in 1578, he held a formal ceremony where he gave thanks for surviving the long journey - one of his ships had been lost on the way. Frobisher celebrated with salt beef and peas. South of the border, it would be another 43 years before the Pilgrims sat down to celebrate their first Thanksgiving meal.

Apart from taking place years before its American counterpart, Canadian thanksgiving also takes place over a month earlier. One reason is that the harvest season starts earlier in the more northerly Canada than it does in the US.

Thanksgiving became a nationally recognized holiday in Canada in **1879**. The date of the holiday has moved around a few times since then, and settled on the current date in 1957.

Today, it is celebrated by gathering with loved ones and preparing the Thanksgiving Day meal, which usually includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and many other dishes. There are often regional variations on the meal. For instance, Newfoundlanders might hark back to Frobisher's original feast and serve Jiggs' dinner, a boiled meat dish often paired with a split-pea pudding. Instead of pumpkin pie, Ontarians often serve butter tarts, bite-sized pastry shells stuffed with a syrupy filling.

In the regions where Canadian Thanksgiving is celebrated, most government offices will be closed and so will many local amenities. Public transport is likely to run on a holiday or Sunday schedule. Banks will be closed along with the Toronto Stock Exchange. In New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, where the day isn't a holiday, employers aren't required to pay their employees for the day off so families often celebrate their thanksgiving on the Sunday before instead. **Now you know!**



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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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 Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?’

Luke 17:17



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