

St. George on Yonge – November 13, 2020



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

The “I read it” quiz.

Once again, well done DeeDee! 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) How much are the 2021 Church calendars?
- 2) What church is having their first virtual Christmas Market and Bazaar?
- 3) Who presented the wreath at the Remembrance Sunday service?

Message from Bishop Kevin

Dear friends at St. George on Yonge,

Thank you for continuing to share with me the notices and links for your Sunday worship and community life. I so appreciate reading about the many good things happening in your parish, even as this pandemic stretches into Month #9. Thank you also for your courage and faithfulness in ministry. Be assured of my prayers for all of you in these difficult days.

May you be blessed with God's strength and peace,
+Kevin

Please find attached

- the letter from the Bishop
- the bulletin for Sunday’s online service
- Kids Corner and Youth Zone page
- Information re silent auction

In-Person Worship suspended this Sunday

With the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases and advice from the City and the Diocese, the leadership team of St. George on Yonge has decided to suspend in-person worship for this Sunday, November 15. The service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. and only those people involved on the worship team will be in attendance. Please read the letter from the Bishop for further information. We will be monitoring the situation and keeping you informed. Please join us on Facebook, and comment so we know you are with us!

Stay well,

Rev. Leonard Leader and the Wardens



FaithWorks

FaithWorks is the annual appeal of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto building communities of compassion and hope. FaithWorks Sunday is on November 22nd. The service will include a video sermon from Peter Misiaszek, the Director of Stewardship, promoting FaithWorks. Check out their website for more information - faithworks.ca. If you wish to pay by credit card, please use the Donate bar on our parish website and specify that your donation is for FaithWorks.



Church Calendars

2021 Church calendars are now available for \$6 each. Please let the office know if you are interested in purchasing a calendar and we will make arrangements for you to pick them up from the Church. There is also a possibility of having them delivered depending on where you are located. Email the office at office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca

Farewell Gifts

With COVID-19, we were not able to have our regular St. George "send-off" for two staff members who left us in the spring. We would like to thank Craig and Morning for their service to the parish. If you would like to contribute to gifts for either of them please drop-off or mail your contribution to the church office, being sure to indicate what it is for. Deadline: November 22nd.

Christmas Newsletter

We are looking for articles to include in our Christmas Newsletter. Do you have a story from times long ago? A special Christmas memory? How about a favourite recipe? Please send all articles to the editor – Kathy Baillie fambail@hotmail.com by November 22nd.

You're invited to St. Mary's Anglican Richmond Hill first-ever virtual Christmas Market and Bazaar!



The Anglican Church Women (ACW) at St. Mary's have been hard at work to make our annual Christmas Bazaar a success. While Covid-19 has been a challenge for so many, we have found a way to safely mobilize and offer a new virtual Christmas Market & Bazaar experience!

Take a look around and see how you can take part - by doing some Christmas shopping, sharing the site with your friends, participating as a vendor or supporting our work through sponsorship! We look forward to seeing you on November 28th and/or December 5th during our curbside pick-up dates!

Shop Online at: <https://st-marys-anglican-church-christmas-market.myshopify.com>

Sponsorship Proposal: bit.ly/Sponsorship-OR-1101



Treasured Heirloom Collection Silent Auction

Contest open from Nov 1 to Nov 22, 2020

Doug is looking to find a new home for Mom's little girl (Kaitlyn and her Teddy: The gift of a lifetime of love) and raise some money for the Church. This is not a doll to be played with, and is not suitable for children under 8 years of age. It's about 14" tall.

Simply send an email to DougMheyes@gmail.com to enter the silent auction stating your name, contact information and the amount of your bid. The current top bid amount, no name, will be provided in each week's update (current top bid in regards to the treasured doll collection "Kaitlyn and her Bear" is presently \$ 20.00) up until the 12:00 p.m. closing on the 22nd to allow you to submit a new bid if you choose. If, at the closing, there is more than one person with the same maximum bid submitted, then Rev. Leonard will draw the winning name from a pool of each matching top bid on Nov 29. All proceeds are to be payable to St George on Yonge. Please remember to submit your bid to Doug before **the deadline NEXT WEEKEND**. Bid early and bid often. Good Luck!

Pictures from our Remembrance Service on Sunday November 8th



Rev. Leonard Leader



Presentation of the wreath



Roses in memory of Nigel Baillie from Anne Baillie and family



Soloist



Captain Russell McAllister & Veteran Betty Clennett

Children and Youth Ministry

New opportunities for the children to connect with us and each other while staying safely apart!

Calling all **3-5 year olds** (and their parents). We are having a zoom program on Saturday **November 21st** at 11:00 a.m. We will be having a short, age-appropriate session.

Calling all **6-11+ year olds**. We are having a zoom program on Saturday **November 28th** at 11:00 a.m. We will be reading a story and doing some activities related to the story.

Stay tuned for the 12+ age group. Information coming soon!

Information on how to join in will be included in next week's update. Please email Sarah or Kathy to let them know that you are interested in joining in.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM MATERIALS



Hey Parents and Kids,

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

There are weekly Children's story and activity bulletins available. Please let us know if you would like to receive the weekly story and activity bulletin by email. fambail@hotmail.com

Kathy



Nov 19 - Roshni Sircar

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

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 properly. Animals, birds, fish, etc. can get caught up in the elastic. Don't forget to **cut the plastic** rings of can holders too. Please say **no to plastic straws**... there are many alternatives out there now. And please use **reusable bags** when possible. Thank you on behalf of God's creatures.



ALBRECHT DURER: HANDS AT PRAYER

Many years ago a friend of mine was planning to leave the country for a long period of time. She asked me to look after some furniture and an eighteenth century grandmother clock which was her pride and joy. Amongst the items was a small wood carving of Albrecht Durer's Praying Hands. Seeing how much I loved it, my friend gave it to me. It was a gift I treasure, and it hung on my wall for years. Later, for some reason, I decided to take it into school, and I put it on the wall of the office, just outside my door. I had a strange feeling that one day it might be helpful. It was there for about a year.

One day I looked at the wall and the carving had gone. I knew which student had taken it. About a week later it was returned. I wrote a little note and slipped it under the edge of the carving, but the girl didn't take it. The note read, "All you needed to do was ask". The next time I saw her she told me that her grandmother loved The Praying Hands, and the girl herself had tried everywhere she could think of to buy one for her grandmother who was dying. When the girl couldn't find one, she "borrowed" mine. Her grandmother died with it in her hands. About five years later my friend came back from her studies and travels. I returned the carving to her. One look at her face showed me the joy I had given her.

That happened more than 40 years ago. Yesterday I was reading a posting on Facebook, and one of the other people writing a comment was my former student.

Anonymous

Virtual Service

The online service for November 15th 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.

Please invite your friends and family to watch, pray, sing and react together while apart! Since you'll be in your own homes, you can belt out the hymns if you like!

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.

Comment on Facebook!

It is great to know who is taking part in our virtual services. When you make a comment, we know who is watching. Hello to Carrie, Kay, Izu, Collene, Ferdinand, Clavel, Ruby, Kathy L., and Pat L. who have commented in past weeks.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Sunday, November 22nd at 1 p.m.



(no actual coffee required to join)

Save the date now so you can join us then. Information for joining will be in the November 20th Parish update. Don't be afraid of joining in... speaking during the call is also optional. It's just a great way to connect with others. Information on how to join in will be included in next week's update.

Donations of Warm Clothes needed



As the colder weather is now upon us, the Willowdale Welcome Centre is seeking donations of men's clothing and warm winter clothing items (hats, scarves, gloves, coats, boots, etc.) Women's clothing will also always be accepted but is currently not as high of a priority. Donations can be brought to the Church.

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

Prayer Requests – Margie Lyttle 416-512-6265 mmlyttle@hotmail.com

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

*“I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.
Those who abide in me, and I in them,
bear much fruit.”*

John 15:5