

## St. George on Yonge – November 27, 2020



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

### The “I read it” quiz.

Congratulations go to Anne for getting the answers in first. Who’s going to be first this week? Submit your answers to [office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca) and if you’re first we will congratulate you in the next issue.

- 1) If you ordered Honey and/or Amaryllis from the DVRR fundraiser – when can you pick them up?
  - 2) Who is hosting the virtual Christmas carol singalong?
  - 3) What is happening at 11:00 Saturday morning?
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### \*Please join us for worship

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 **suspended in-person worship services**. Virtual services continue.

### Virtual Service

\***CALL TO WORSHIP:** The Sunday service for November 29 is being streamed live on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page at **10 a.m. ET:** <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/>

**Watch with your fellow parishioners! And please comment so we know who is joining in.**

The entire video will also be available on the page immediately after. Please invite your friends and family and let's watch, pray, sing and react together while being physically 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.



### FaithWorks

FaithWorks is the annual appeal of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto building communities of compassion and hope. FaithWorks Sunday was celebrated last Sunday. Peter Mentis’ sermon about FaithWorks was featured. If you weren’t able to hear the sermon on Sunday, you can access it on our website at <https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/sermons/20201122/> or call the Church and press 8. You can mail to or drop-off a cheque at the church. If you wish to donate by credit card, please use the Donate bar on our parish website and specify that your donation is for FaithWorks.

Check out their website for more information - [faithworks.ca](http://faithworks.ca).

## DVRR fundraiser Update

If you ordered Honey and/or Amaryllis from the DVRR fundraiser, your order will be available for pick-up from the Church Office Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) from 10-12 or 2-4. Please call or email the office before you come (416 225-1922 / [office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)). If it's not convenient for you to come to the office to pick up your order, please email [ailli@makifamily.ca](mailto:ailli@makifamily.ca) to arrange for delivery.

## DVRR Preparing to welcome a new family to Canada

The Don Valley Refugee Resettlers are busy preparing to welcome a family of 4 to Canada. The family, a mother and 3 boys ages 7, 9 and 12 are due to arrive on December 8. They are originally from Iraq, but fled to Turkey after the father of the family was murdered. The family will also be welcomed by the mother's Aunt, Uncle, Grandmother and Grandfather, who are already in Canada. DVRR originally agreed to sponsor this family in fall 2018. It's been a long two years, but suddenly it's time to find an apartment and collect furniture and appropriate winter clothing. Attached is a list of what we have and what is still needed (updated Nov 25). If you would like to know more about how you can help or if you have items you can contribute, please contact Aili Maki ([ailli@makifamily.ca](mailto:ailli@makifamily.ca)).

## Advent Reflections

The season of Advent inspires us to think about why we celebrate Christmas and for whom we are waiting. In preparation for Christmas, many Christians take the opportunity for additional prayers and devotions. Join us by zoom for Advent Reflections as follows:

Session I	Thursday Dec 3	7:30 -8:30 p.m.	Mark 1:1-8
Session II	Thursday Dec 10	7:30 -8:30 p.m.	John 1:6-8, 19-28

To join by computer, tablet or smart phone – Go to the following link:

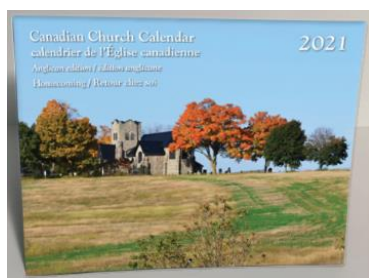
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4136849381> You may have to download Zoom. **You must use a passcode 1922**  
To join by phone – Call **647-374-4685** When prompted to enter the Meeting ID number, enter **4136849381** Then press #. If prompted to enter a participation ID, just press # and stay on the line. **You must use a passcode 1922**



## Virtual Christmas carol sing-a-long

All Saints is hosting a virtual Christmas carol sing-a-long On Dec. 13 at 4 p.m., All Saints Church-Community Centre is hosting Carols that Care, a virtual Christmas caroling sing-a-long. It will be a fun event with friends and family, while spreading some goodwill and Christmas cheer, while also providing support for All Saints' health and outreach programs that so many people experiencing homelessness in Toronto rely on. Registration is required.

[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/all-saints-church-community-centre/events/carols-that-care](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/all-saints-church-community-centre/events/carols-that-care)



## Church Calendars

2021 Church calendars are now available for only \$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](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)

## 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>



### Kaitlyn and her Bear Silent Auction

Contest is now closed. While we of course had hoped for a larger winning bid, a \$20.00 donation to the church in these COVID times is indeed welcome. Congratulations to the winner, who wanted to remain anonymous.

### Children and Youth Ministry

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

Calling all **6-11+ year olds**. We are having a zoom program this Saturday **November 28<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. We will be reading a story and doing some activities related to the story. (Please note that if there are any children a bit older than 11 and they would like to join in – please do so.) If possible, please have some playdough/clay available to use during the session.

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

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. **You must use a passcode 1922**

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. **You must use a passcode 1922**

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](mailto: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](mailto:fambail@hotmail.com)

Kathy

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2020



Nov 29	Advent 1 and Intergenerational Service	10:00 a.m.
Dec 3	Advent Reflection by ZOOM	7:30 p.m.
Dec 6	Advent 11	10:00 a.m.
Dec 10	Advent Reflection by ZOOM	7:30 p.m.
Dec 13	Advent 111	10:00 a.m.
Dec 17	Blue Christmas Service by ZOOM	7:00 p.m.
Dec 20	Advent 1V	10:00 a.m.
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	8:00 p.m.
Dec 25	Christmas Day (tentative, subject to safety guidelines)	10:00 a.m.
Dec 27	First Sunday after Christmas	10:00 a.m.

### VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR



(drinking actual coffee is optional)

**Save the date: Next Virtual Coffee hour will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

**If you would like to be a Host for these virtual coffee hours, please let us know.**



## Donations of Warm Clothes needed



As the colder weather is now upon us there is a need for donations of clothing and warm winter clothing items (hats, scarves, gloves, coats, boots, etc.). Donations can be brought to the Church.



Are there any birthdays or special celebrations coming up in December? 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.



## 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](http://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](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca)

*“Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.”*

Isaiah 64:8