

St. George on Yonge – Third Sunday in Advent - December 11, 2020



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

The “I read it” quiz.

Congratulations go to DeeDee for getting her answers in. Who’s going to be featured this week? Submit your answers to office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca and we will congratulate you in the next issue.

- 1) What is the cost of the attractive church calendars with a beautiful photograph featured each month?
- 2) What is a very convenient and easy way to support your church?
- 3) Who has expressed their thanks to the parish?

Please find attached

- Letter from the Bishop
- The bulletin for Sunday’s online service
- Kids Corner and Youth Zone page
- Information on Centennial Library Knifty Knitters group



Order of the Diocese of Toronto



Congratulations to Geraldine Sperling who has been named to the [Order of the Diocese of Toronto](#), created to honour members of the laity who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry. They will be honoured on Jan. 1 at 2:00 p.m., during the livestream on New Year’s Day.

All are invited to watch on the [Diocese of Toronto’s Facebook page](#).

Are there any other special celebrations or birthdays in December to be recognized? Please let us know.

Special Greetings to all at St. George on Yonge

“This Christmas, may God open our hearts to His love... our minds to His wonders... our ears to His voice... our lives to His presence. Have a Blessed Christmas.”

Many thanks for all the work toward worship for everyone “on line” each week. This is a blessing to so many!

Janet Kirk

*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 December 13 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.

The Diocese would like our donations to be sent to them early this year, with the matching program. If you are planning to make a donation, please have it to the office by **December 15**. Thanks to all who have already donated.

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.

From the envelope secretary

The 2021 offertory envelopes are now being prepared for pick-up. If you are currently using these envelopes, would you consider switching over to PAR? It is much easier and a convenient way to support our church. No more looking for your envelope and cash or cheque. I will send an application form to anyone requesting one. Please let me know as soon as possible. January is a good time to make the change.

For those who prefer the envelopes they are available. Arrangements will have to be made for getting these to you because of COVID restrictions.

Remember, PAR is a very convenient and easy way to support your church.

Anne Baillie

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Gift Card Program

Several recipients have asked us to express their thanks to the parish for the gift card program. It is especially appreciated in COVID days when other programs have had to close down. They wish everyone a blessed Christmas.

Thank you to the Toronto Korean Church and the Living Water Ministry for their prayers for the parish. We look forward to the time when all of us are worshipping in the building again.

Need a Christmas Gift? How about a unique hand-made triangle, or infinity, scarf?



The Knifty Knitters have you “covered”!

The Centennial Library Knifty Knitters are a group of knitters and crocheters who make hats and scarves, and baby blanket sets, to give to those in need. This year we have supplied almost 300 warm winter items to “Streets to Homes”, “Engage and Change”, The DVRR, and the “Homes First Welcome Centre” on Yonge St. Forty-Five baby blanket sets were given to The Pregnancy Care Centre. We usually sell some of our items at markets to raise money to buy more yarn. This year we have had to find a different route. St. George’s has kindly let us advertise in this week’s email update. Part of the profit from any item sold through the weekly update will go back to the church. If anyone is interested in purchasing a scarf from the following photos (**see attachment**), you can contact me for more photos, dimensions and prices (\$15-\$40). I can deliver to your front porch. You can see it up close before deciding! We can only accept cash at this time. karen.nolan@sympatico.ca

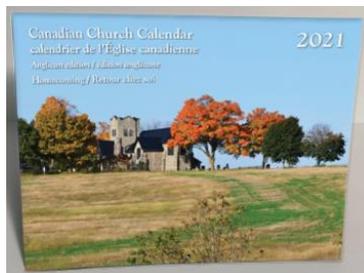
Thank-you, Karen Nolan - Centennial Library Knifty Knitters



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



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

Children and Youth Ministry



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

Calling all **3-5 year olds**. We are having our next Zoom program this **SATURDAY**, December 12th at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a short time of prayer, stories, and activities filled with faith and fun!

Calling all **6-11+ year olds**. We are having our next Zoom program this **Sunday**, December 13th at 11:30 a.m. We will be reading a story, attempting to sing a song or two, 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 – you are most welcome!) .

Stay tuned for more information on the 12+ age group.

Also please watch out for information for a special Christmas family Zoom session. Coming soon!

Please email Sarah (3-5 group) or Kathy (6-11 group) to let them know that you are interested in joining in.

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**

You can reach us at:

Sarah: sarah.layman@stgeorgestoronto.ca

Kathy: fambail@hotmail.com

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2020



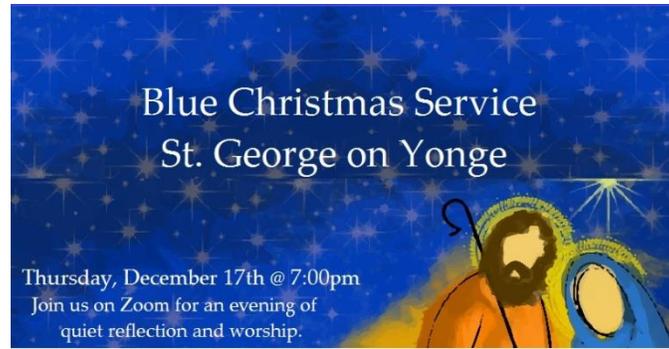
Dec 13	Advent III	10:00 a.m.
Dec 17	Blue Christmas Service by ZOOM	7:00 p.m.
Dec 20	Advent IV	10:00 a.m.
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service – Livestreamed on Facebook	8:00 p.m.
Dec 27	First Sunday after Christmas	10:00 a.m.



Photo Credit: Doug Heyes

The animals are ready and waiting for something special

December 17th – Blue Christmas Service



A quieter Christmas Service for those who are struggling with loss, grief, and the expectations to be happy during this time of the year. Sometimes Christmas is hard. All are warmly welcomed to join us for this Zoom service."

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December 25th – Christmas Day

A Christmas Day service will be livestreamed at 11:00 a.m. from St. James Cathedral. You can access it on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/torontoanglican/live>

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – December 20, 2020



(drinking actual coffee is optional)

Please save the date for our next Virtual Coffee Hour. Don't be afraid of joining in... speaking during the call is also optional. It's just a great way to connect with others which is so important in these challenging times. It would be great to see some new faces joining in. Information on how to join will be included in next weeks update.

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.

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.

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

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Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30 – 3:30

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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

*"the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy
to untie the thong of his sandal."*

John 1:27

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