

St. George on Yonge – Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 18, 2020



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

The “I read it” quiz.

Congratulations once again to DeeDee for submitting her answers. She’s challenging others to do so too! Who’s going to be featured this week? Who’s going to get their answers in before DeeDee? Submit your answers to office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca and we will congratulate you in the next issue.

- 1) When is the next weekly update?
 - 2) What is happening December 18th (TONIGHT) at 8:00 p.m.?
 - 3) When is the Zoom Family Messy Christmas event?
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Weekly updates

Our next weekly update will go out on Friday, January 8th.

The staff and leadership team wish all Parishioners a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year, with renewed hope for the time we will be able to be together again.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

February 7, 2021 by Zoom. The time of the meeting will be announced closer to the date.

VESTRY REPORTS are due in the office **by January 10th**. Please start working on them now and send to the office as soon as they are ready.

*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 services for December 20th, 27th and January 3rd are 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 Christmas Eve Service is being streamed live at 8:00 p.m. ET

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.

Canada Helps

Please remember that we have credit card charges when donations are made through Canada Helps. We value all donations, however made, but encourage parishioners to donate by cheque, or with PAR, whenever possible.

TONIGHT



Anglican Church of Canada to host virtual Lessons and Carols service

The service of Lessons and Carols is one of the most widely anticipated and well-known events during Advent. And yet, many may not experience this event locally, due to a number of physical worship spaces being temporarily closed due to public health protocols related to the pandemic. Anticipating this potential reality, General Synod has worked with Anglican cathedrals across Canada to offer a special, national service of Lessons and Carols this Advent season, and to help us all prepare for the coming of the Kingdom of God. **A broadcast of the national Lessons & Carols service will take place on Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. (ET).**

The service will be approximately an hour in length and will be available for viewing on [this page](#), as well as [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#), on or after the broadcast time.



**THE SISTERHOOD OF
ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

Advent Festival of Lessons and Music!

<https://ssid.ca/2020/12/16/advent-festival-of-lessons-and-music/>

Peel off your gloves, shake the cold from your feet and gather with the Sisters for an online evening of lessons, advent hymns and prayers. You are warmly invited to join the Sisters on **Sunday December 20th at 4:30 EST** for a scriptural and musical celebration of the fourth week of Advent.

The Advent Festival will be live-streamed if you would like to join in real time. To join, simply click the link below at 4:30 EST to access the video: <https://youtu.be/nbrRCMa477o>

For those unable to attend the live-streamed event, the Festival will be posted to the Sisters Website.

We hope you can join us!



Christmas Cakes

Many thanks to Craig for all his work producing wonderful cakes for this holiday season. All the time and effort with preparation, stirring, baking and coordinating delivery is much appreciated. All proceeds have gone to the church and we are grateful for this fundraising initiative, as are the happy cake recipients!



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 **6-11+ year olds**. We are having our next Zoom program this **Sunday**, December 20th at 11:30 a.m. (as well as on December 27th and January 3rd). 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!).

December 23rd – 4:00: Zoom Family Messy Christmas Event: For ages 3-11. We'll share a story, a video clip, some crafts, and we'll attempt to sing a song or two. Please make sure you have picked up your Messy Christmas bag from the church office with your supplies. If you weren't contacted to pick up a bag but would like to participate, please contact sarah.layman@stgeorgestoronto.ca for more information.

Please email Sarah (3-5 group) or Kathy (6-11 group) to let them know that you are interested in joining in. Stay tuned for more information on the 12+ age group.

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 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.

All streamed live on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/>



Photo Credit: Doug Heyes

The animals are ready and waiting for something special

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)

This Sunday at 1:00... Please join us for our 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. We hope to see some new faces joining us this week.

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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!

Host this week: Geraldine Sperling

Many thanks to all the people who have been hosts. If you would like to be a Host for these virtual coffee hours, please let us know.



Are there any special celebrations or birthdays coming up in January to be recognized? 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.

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.

Office Hours

The Church Office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Holiday hours are as follows:

Dec. 24th: 9:30 - 12 noon

Dec. 25th: Closed for Christmas Day

Dec. 30th: 9:30 - 12 noon (last day to drop off donations for 2020)

Dec. 31st: 9:30 - 3:30

January 1st: Closed for New Year's Day

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

Office Ext. 501

Rev. Leonard Leader Ext. 515

Michael Leach Ext. 504

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

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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 Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Luke 1:38a

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