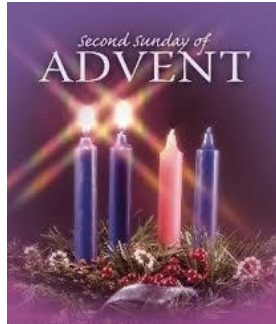


St. George on Yonge – December 4, 2020



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

The “I read it” quiz.

Congratulations go to DeeDee and Kay for getting their 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) Who celebrated the anniversary of his baptism this week?
 - 2) When do FaithWorks donations need to be received by?
 - 3) What would make a nice handmade Christmas gift?
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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
- Updated Vestry List

***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 6 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.

Vestry List

The Parochial Tribunal recently reviewed the names on the Vestry List for the upcoming meeting in February. Please look at the current list (attached). If you are not on the list and feel that you qualify, please contact the church office.

Please see the end of the list for a definition of who qualifies to be a member of Vestry.



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.

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 (aili@makifamily.ca).

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

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. Next zoom session for Advent Reflections is:

Session II Thursday Dec 10 7:30 -8:30 p.m. Luke 1:26-38

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



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 on **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!) Information on how to join in will be included in next Fridays update.

Stay tuned for more information on the 3-5 year old group and the 12+ age group. Information coming soon!

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 for Sundays when we are not doing a Zoom session. Please let us know if you would like to receive the weekly story and activity bulletin by email.

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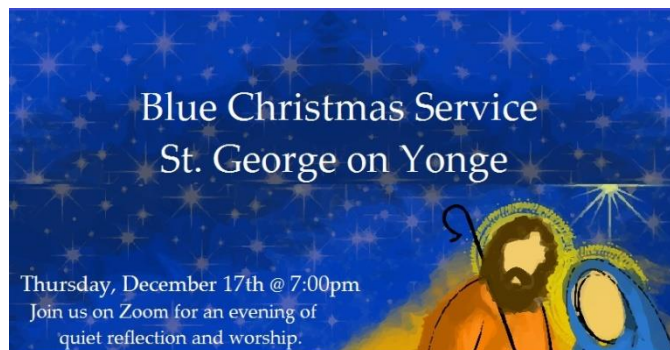
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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2020



Dec 6	Advent II	10:00 a.m.
Dec 10	Advent Reflection by ZOOM	7:30 p.m.
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.

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." Information for joining will be included in next week's update.

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 6, 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.

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

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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: Nancy and Michael Dodsworth

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

Celebration



December 3rd – Carter celebrated his Baptism anniversary!

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

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

Office Ext. 501 office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca

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

Rev. Leonard Leader Ext. 515 leonard.leader@stgeorgeonyonge.ca

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 have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1:8

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