

St. George on Yonge – January 8, 2021



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

The “I read it” quiz.

Who is going to get their answers in this week? Submit them to office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca and we will congratulate you in the next issue.

- 1) When are Vestry Reports due?
- 2) How much did St. George raise for FaithWorks?
- 3) When is the World Day of Prayer festival on Zoom?

Please find attached

- Letter from the Bishop
- The bulletin for Sunday January 10th online services
- Kids Corner and Youth Zone page
- Visitation of the Magi – from FaithWorks

Order of the Diocese of Toronto

The service to honour the recipients took place virtually on January 1st. We congratulate Geraldine Sperling on receiving this well-deserved honour.

Geraldine was nominated by the parish for her selfless service to the parish, in leadership in worship and music, as well as for her tireless efforts in administrative roles over the past several decades. Her skills and knowledge, and the many hours she gave, were invaluable in our church redevelopment project. She was instrumental in getting the daycare set up and has continued to be on the board of YCCCI since its inception. Geraldine also volunteered on the Diocesan level in a variety of roles. She is a very worthy recipient and her ongoing involvement and leadership is greatly appreciated.

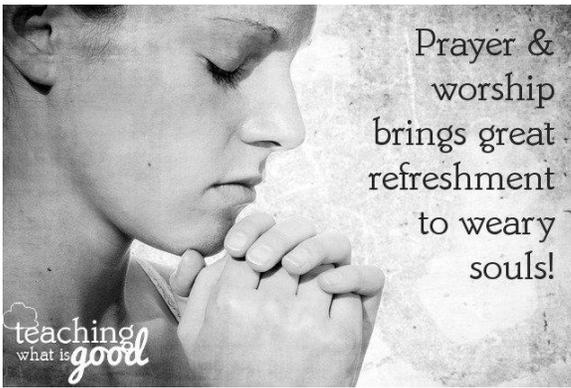
A recording of the service is available at

<https://www.facebook.com/torontoanglican/videos/1886051778199850/>

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 – THIS SUNDAY**. Please send to the office as soon as they are ready (office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca).



Evening Prayer with the Parish Family

Join us for evening prayer by zoom

Thursday evenings starting **January 21, 2021.**

Time 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

An opportunity to invite family and friends interested in evening worship.

Interested in being a reader? Please respond to this weekly update or call Rev. Leonard at 416 225-1922 x515.

Zoom details will be included in the update next Friday.

Christmas Greetings we received



*Dear friends at St. George on Yonge,
Thank you again for your weekly
correspondence. I have so appreciated
receiving the announcements, letters and
links from you over the course of this
year.*

*Blessings as you prepare to celebrate the
Incarnation next week. Be assured of my
prayers for all of you. Please stay safe
and well.*

*Advent blessings,
+Kevin Robertson
Area Bishop*

*Please accept this donation in the spirit
of the holidays and put it to good use as
you see fit. May 2021 bring us all some
well deserved peace.*

AlAnon Group

*Merry Christmas St. George's
In these difficult days I am
grateful for your ministry.
May the hope, love and peace
of the Christ Child bless you.
Wishing you and yours a Merry
Christmas and a bright New Year.*

*+Andrew Asbil
Bishop of Toronto,
Anglican Diocese of Toronto*

*Thank you for continuing to
support our Group. All the best
for 2021 and may it be much less
stressful.*

AA group

*My sister Geraldine told me
about your Christmas Eve
service this evening. It was
beautiful, very nourishing. I
especially liked the message
that "Jesus came to earth to
draw us closer to him." Thank
you for your presence online
at this time.*

Sincerely, Jennifer

*Many thanks for all the work
toward worship for everyone
"on live" each week. This is a
blessing to so many! Janet*

May the miracle of that holy night fill your homes with joy all year... and the peace of the Christ child fill your hearts.

Pauline

Diocesan volunteer, York Scarborough

PWRDF

I miss all my friends at St. Georges Church. I will be glad when we can get back to normal.

Judy & family.



Thank you for all the cards and messages!



WORLD DAY of PRAYER FESTIVAL "DAY"!!!!

A SPECIAL two-hour event featuring women from across Canada.

A time of preparation for World Day of Prayer 2021

Please register for this ZOOM Festival Event on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 1 pm EST as we are lead through scripture, Bible study, Vanuatu background, familiar and new music, recipes, breakout rooms and much more! Go to <<http://wicc.org/?fbclid=IwAR3Yh-3QkRT6HqFjnJHstnTjX1jDO2aBmOlG54jjEf4krOCQup2KwKJKbcY>> and click on JOIN ONLINE EVENTS to register or use this link: <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>

FaithWorks

We are happy to report that St. George on Yonge raised a total of \$3,420.00 for FaithWorks in 2020. \$513 of this amount is for our parish to use towards outreach activities.

*Please join in 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. Unfortunately our virtual service for this week is not able to happen. However we will be streaming the Sermon by Sr. Connie 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 watching.**

There will be the service livestreamed from the Cathedral at 11:00 on Sunday January 10th. To join in on that service you can watch on the [diocesan Facebook page](#). (You don't need an account to see the videos, but Facebook may prompt you to log in or create an account. Click the "[Not Now](#)" option.)

* You can continue to access our services 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.

From the envelope secretary

The 2021 offertory envelopes are now ready to be picked-up. Please make arrangements with the Church office (office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca or 416 225-1922).

Anne Baillie

416-225-2570 family.baillie@sympatico.ca

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.



Church Calendars

There are still some 2021 Church calendars 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 Zoom program this **Sunday**, January 10th at 11:30 a.m. (this will be done every week in January). 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 older than 11 and they would like to join in – you are most welcome!).

Calling all **3-5 year olds**. We are having our Zoom program this **SATURDAY**, January 9th (and January 30th) at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a short time of prayer, stories, and activities filled with faith and fun!

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

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Save the dates



(drinking actual coffee is optional)

Our virtual coffee hours will be taking place on January 17th and January 31st at 1:00. Those of you missing our usual social coffee hours in person, please consider joining us for about an hour on line to connect and see how everyone is doing. Being social while apart is important in these challenging times we are living through now. You don't have to have your camera on if you are still in your pyjamas or haven't had time to wash your hair but it is nice to see the smiling faces not covered with a mask! There is also the option to join by phone. All are welcome!

If anyone is interested in hosting these social hours, please let us know. The information on how to join in will be included in the parish update on January 15th.



Jackie – January 2nd



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

Office Hours

The Church Office is officially closed at this time because of COVID restrictions. We will be checking emails as well as phone messages so please don't hesitate to reach out when needed. Rev. Leonard is on call for emergencies.

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

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Michael Leach

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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

*And a voice came
from heaven,
“You are my Son,
the Beloved;
with you I am
well pleased.”*

Mark 1:11, NRSV



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