

## St. George on Yonge – February 26, 2021



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

### THE 'I READ IT' QUIZ – now being called DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) Who is featured in our Black History Month section?
- 2) Who will be virtually visiting the Parish for the service this Sunday?
- 3) How many ways are recommended to reduce food waste?

Did you find all the answers? Congratulations! Now you know!

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### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEVIN

Good morning, friends at St. George on Yonge,

My goodness there is always so much going on in the life of your community. It's wonderful to see! I am particularly pleased to see that some of you are participating in the Fast for the Earth this Lent.

Blessings as we begin the season of Lent this week. Enjoy your visit with Bishop Andrew next Sunday morning.

Bishop Kevin

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### A FAST FOR THE EARTH: LENT 2021



The Bishop's Committee on Creation Care, Diocese of Toronto, created the resource "A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021". For our Lenten journey, we are invited to follow the fasts for each week, outlined in the resource package attached to the weekly update.

As part of our Thursday evening prayer (see below for information on how to participate), we plan to discuss how we are practicing the fast; and share ideas and encouragement. We will also discuss what was hard, what was rewarding, and how this fast has impacted our commitment to living faithfully as servants of creation.

If you are able, please join us on Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021

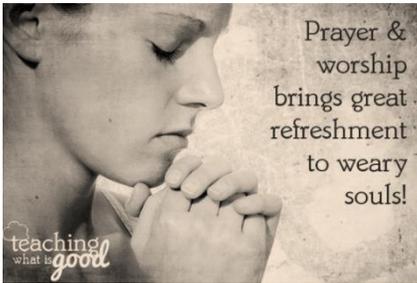
Week 3: Food Waste Fast (February 28 – March 6)

*This is what the Lord commanded, "Gather as much manna as each of you needs." . . . When they measured it, those who had gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. Exodus 16.16-18*

Perhaps the most important commandment for caring for creation is this: take only what you need. Food waste demonstrates our inability to do this. Squandering food not only contributes to greenhouse gas emissions (as it rots), but also wastes the water used to produce such food. More fundamentally, however, food waste means we have taken more than we need. This week, try to avoid all food waste.

**Instead** plan your meals for the coming week and purchase only the food that you need for those meals. Use a shopping list so that you don't buy food you already have. Store food properly. Use wilted vegetables and fruit for soups or smoothies, or freeze them before they go bad. Use leftover bread for breadcrumbs. Check out [20 Ways to Reduce Food Waste](#) for more ideas.

## EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom  
Thursday evenings – next service is on **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** The Sunday service for February 28<sup>th</sup> is being streamed live on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page at **10 a.m. ET:** <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/>

Our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev Andrew Asbil will be making a virtual Episcopal visit and will be the preacher.

**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 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.

## VOLUNTEER PALM CROSS MAKERS NEEDED



We are looking for volunteers to make our palm crosses for Palm Sunday. We will be receiving the Palm fronds quite soon and will need them done in order to be mailed out to the congregation with the Easter letter in time for Palm Sunday. They will be at the church for pick-up or arrangements can be made to have them delivered to you. Please let the church office know if you are able to help out with this.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

One of our food voucher recipients is in need of a women's winter coat (L or XL) and winter boots – size 10/10 ½. Please let the office know if you are able to help out with this.

### **COMPLINE DURING LENT**

The Cathedral will be offering a brief, live-streamed Service of Compline on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. during Lent, beginning February 24. You can access the service on the [Cathedral's Facebook page](#).

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



### **Black Heritage Service will be online**

The Diocese's annual Black Heritage Service will be held on Zoom on Feb. 28 at 4:00 p.m. The service, which is in its 26th year, is usually held at St. Paul, Bloor Street but will be held online this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The theme, "God's People: Grounded in Faith, Filled with Hope, Called to Action," reflects the context of the Anglican Church's response to the issue of anti-Black racism and bias. A new feature of the celebration will be a moderated dialogue between Bishop Andrew Asbil and two young members of Black Anglicans of Canada, Aleshia Johnson and Brittany Hudson. The service, sponsored by Black Anglicans of Canada, will be available on [Zoom](#) and streamed live on [YouTube](#).

As it is Black History Month, it is time to learn about some of the black people who have been a part of building our country.

### **Kathleen "Kay" Livingstone:**



Kathleen "Kay" Livingstone (1918-1975) was born in London, Ontario, in 1918. Her parents, James and Christina Jenkins founded the Dawn of Tomorrow, a pioneering publication for Canada's Black community in 1921. From a young age, she was interested in the performing arts, studying music in Toronto and Ottawa.

During the Second World War, Kay Livingstone worked at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in Ottawa. It was in Ottawa that she began a career as a radio host with "The Kathleen Livingstone Show." In 1942, she married George Livingstone, and they moved to Toronto where they raised their children. Livingstone maintained her acting career, hosted radio programs on several stations, including the CBC and was called "one of Canada's leading Black actresses" during this time.

Livingstone worked to break down prejudice and promote equality of individuals of all origins and contributed to the development of a more tolerant society. She was deeply involved in expanding a collective awareness and pride in the Toronto Black community in the post-Second World War period. As well, she worked with the United Nations Association – Toronto Branch Women’s Auxiliary, the local YWCA Foreign Affairs Committee, the National Black Coalition of Canada, the Canadian Council of Churches, the Legal Aid Society, and Heritage Ontario.

Livingstone was a founder of the Canadian Negro Women’s Association (1951). An early Canadian Negro Women's Association (CANEWA) undertaking, and one which would continue throughout the group's existence, was the provision of scholarships to deserving Black students. Later activities included the organization of the Calypso Carnival (forerunner of the Caribana Festival) as a fundraiser for other service projects.

Kay Livingstone actively engaged in creating a Canada-wide network of African-Canadian women. She was the driving force behind the first National Black Women’s Congress (1973), providing a national forum to address the concerns of Black women and advance their causes. Perhaps most importantly, the Congress inspired the delegates to maintain close ties with each other, leading to further conventions at Montreal in 1974, Halifax in 1976, Windsor in 1978, and Winnipeg in 1980. It was at the Winnipeg meeting that the Congress of Black Women was formed, an organization which today has over 600 members and is one of Kay Livingstone's legacies.

In the last years of her life, Kay worked as a consultant to the Privy Council of Canada, travelling the country in preparation for a conference on visible minorities in Canada (a term with which she is credited with coining). One of the people she met on these travels was Carrie Best; it is a credit to Kay Livingstone's influence that after Kay’s death in 1975, Ms. Best formed the Kay Livingstone Visible Minority Women's Society in her honour, an organization which to this day provides educational funding for deserving young women.

## Oscar Peterson

Check out the new Heritage Minute on Oscar Peterson – [This Heritage Minute follows Canada’s most honoured jazz musician from his humble beginnings in the Black neighbourhood of Little Burgundy in Montreal to his rise to fame.](#)

This concludes our series of Bios about people of African heritage who have made a difference in society during their lives. We hope these small snapshots of Canadians are only the beginning of your exploration. The goal of February standing for us as Black History Month is not just to celebrate but also to learn. Please continue to read, discover, and understand the proud history that our black brothers and sisters have been, and continue to be, a part of. Stories highlighted have come from "<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/black-canadians.html>", so please take a look to see and learn about others that are listed there also.



February 28<sup>th</sup> – Lea-Lyn



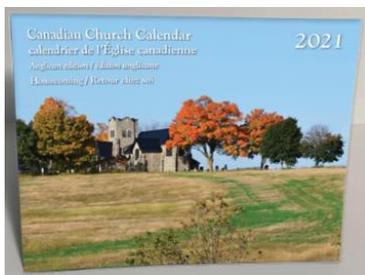
Are there any special celebrations or other birthdays coming up to be recognized?  
Please let us know.

## HOME-BAKED SOURDOUGH BREAD /FOCACCIA FOR SALE DURING LENT



Home-baked sourdough bread and/or focaccia are for sale during Lent. On a weekly basis there will be up to 8 loaves sourdough (approximately 600 g), and 8 focaccia ((9"x8-1/2") available. Each loaf is \$5 each. All proceeds to St. George's outreach fund (for gift cards). You can pick-up at St. George every second Saturday at 11:30-12:00 (the days when weekly services are being recorded). Other delivery or pickup times and/or arrangements may be possible. Purchase for yourself, or for someone you know who is shut-in or is otherwise in need of help during COVID. For more details, call or email Craig Robertson - (647) 532-9044 or [mcrobertson3@gmail.com](mailto:mcrobertson3@gmail.com)

## CHURCH CALENDARS



There are still some 2021 Church calendars available for **only \$6 each**. **But wait!** Since 1/6 of the year has passed, you can now get your very own calendar for just a **one-time payment of \$5.00**. 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)

## 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**, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. (this will continue weekly in March). We will hear a story, we may attempt to sing a song or two, and do 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**, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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You can reach us at:

Sarah: [sarah.layman@stgeorgestoronto.ca](mailto:sarah.layman@stgeorgestoronto.ca)

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

### YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Starting Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for three weeks in a row there will be a youth Bible Study offered for youth aged 12+. We will join together in a brief time of worship, read God's word, and join together in fellowship. No previous Bible Study experience needed--All are welcomed! Information on how to join in on Zoom will be included in next week's update.

### VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – This Sunday - February 28th



(drinking actual coffee is optional)

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. It's a lovely way to connect with others which is so important in these challenging times. We hope to see some new people. Who's going to join us for the first time? We have an available rectangle for you!



(Note: having an actual plant by your computer is optional)

We are looking for people to be hosts. This simply involves welcoming those who take part, and making sure everyone has a chance to speak and to interact with other participants. It's a pleasant and rewarding time for everyone, including the host. Please let the office know if you can help out.

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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 [lbaillie@rogers.com](mailto:lbaillie@rogers.com). On Sunday if you have any trouble getting on, please call Lorraine.

**Bring your optional hot beverage to the chat!**

## NEW SECTION! PHOTO GALLERY



When Geraldine and Alan Sperling visited the Holy Land in 2017, they visited the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. Here are three views of the interior of this magnificent church: a wooden wall sculpture of Mary created by Canadians C. Lafleur & M. Denis; an altar to mark the location of the Annunciation to Mary; the high altar, with its magnificent reredos, during a service.

Do you have any pictures of interest that we could share? Please submit them to the office for consideration.

## PLEASE HELP SAVE GOD'S CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

With the necessity of wearing masks, if you are wearing disposable ones, please cut the elastic/ribbons before properly throwing them away. 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.



All of God's underwater creatures thank you! (Photo credit: Kathy Baillie)

FYI – the dolphin shown is named Jojo and he has been a resident in the waters of Turks and Caicos for over 30 years.

If you have the opportunity to share this message, please do so. One parishioner shared this with her Condo and they put it in their newsletters. The more people we make aware of this, the better off God's creatures may be. Thank you.

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

In these COVID-19 times, anyone needing to be at the church, for any reason, must sign in a log book as required by public health directives for contact tracing. People must inform Rev. Leonard or the Office Administrator or a Churchwarden why 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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Prayer Requests – Margie Lyttle 416-512-6265 [mmlyttle@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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)



*“This is my Son, the Beloved; Listen to him!”*

Mark 9:7

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