

St. George on Yonge – January 29, 2021



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

THE 'I READ IT' QUIZ

Congratulations to Zoi, DeeDee and Aili! They all knew that if you donate through CanadaHelps that the tax receipts come directly from CanadaHelps.

Who is going to get their correct answers in this week? Don't be shy! Submit them to office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca and we will congratulate you in the next issue.

- 1) What kind of walkathon is Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold holding in February?
 - 2) What is the picture of at the end of the email?
 - 3) How many events included in this update are being done on Zoom?
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ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

February 7, 2021 by Zoom. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Vestry Reports have been electronically sent to all members of the parish (Bishop Asbil's letter and the audited statement will be available next week), with printed copies delivered to those on the vestry list without email. Please read the reports thoroughly before the meeting so that we can proceed efficiently through the agenda. This is especially important as the meeting is being held via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions.

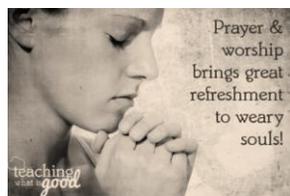
As always, only the members listed on the vestry list for the parish are eligible to vote on motions presented at the Vestry meeting.

The information on how to join the meeting was included in the email with the Vestry Report.

FLOURISHING CONGREGATIONS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Please see attached a poster about a webinar recommended by Janet Marshall. This interactive webinar [Flourishing Congregations for Today and Tomorrow](#) is being led by Dr. Joel Thessien, a Professor of sociology and Director of the Flourishing Congregations Institute at Ambrose University in Calgary. It is taking place on Thursday, February 11th from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Information on how to register is on the poster.

EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom

Thursday evenings – next service is on **February 4th, 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.

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**

NEW: Please note that you will be put into a virtual waiting room when you first go to the link.

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**

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR VIRTUAL WALKATHON



Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold (www.miotc.ca) reached out about their Coldest Night of the Year Virtual walkathon being held on February 20th 2021. Some of the sites have set up teams and are raising funds, so they reached out to see if our site can do the same; either by being a participant or sponsoring others among the congregation.

This year it is a **virtual walkathon** which means you register and raise funds online, and then walk anytime in February, anywhere you want. You might want to think of setting a specific goal, such as to walk 5 or 10 kilometers since this is not a specific planned 'walk'. The amounts can be accumulated over time (i.e. 1 - 2 kilometers each time) so long as they are tracked and logged. Then on February 20th, they are having an online celebration!

For more information and to donate or set up a team go to www.cnoy.org/location/richmondhill

PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Sunday service for January 31st 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 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 WARDENS

Thanks to all who contributed Christmas and year-end donations. They were much appreciated. Please remember to continue to send in your donations throughout the year, if you are not on PAR. Arrangements for pick up can be made.

FROM THE ENVELOPE SECRETARY

The income tax receipts for 2020 were mailed out. Please review it carefully as soon as you receive it and let me know asap if there are any discrepancies.

Anyone who donated through CanadaHelps, your tax receipt is **directly from CanadaHelps, not the Church**. If you have any issues with these, please contact the Office Administrator (office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca) not the Envelope Secretary.

Anne Baillie, Envelope Secretary, 416-225-2570 family.baillie@sympatico.ca

CANADAHELPS

While we very much appreciate donations made through Canada Helps, there is a processing fee to the church of 3.75%. For example, when someone donates \$100, the church receives \$96.25; if someone donates \$100 each month, in a year that comes to \$1,200 with a net to the church of \$1,155. Nevertheless, we are very thankful for all donations, including those made through Canada Helps, so please keep your gifts coming. At the same time, please consider whether it's just as convenient for you to donate by cheque, or using PAR (automatic withdrawal, like paying property taxes or newspaper subscriptions), which is really convenient for donors and the church. And PAR is very flexible – donors can increase, reduce or even withdraw their donation commitment just by notifying the Envelope Secretary, and the change will be made within a month. Especially during the pandemic, PAR is a super convenient way of supporting church ministries.

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 31st at 11:30 a.m. (this will continue weekly in February). 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**. Stay tuned for the date of the next Zoom program.

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.

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You can reach us at:

Sarah: sarah.layman@stgeorgetoronto.ca

Kathy: fambail@hotmail.com



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

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Sunday, January 31st 1:00 p.m.

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. 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. We hope to see some new faces joining us this week. Who's going to join us for the first time?

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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. On Sunday if you have any trouble getting on, please call Lorraine.

Bring your beverage and treats to the chat!

Host this week: Laura Pummell. 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.

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 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

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

*“Jesus went about Galilee, teaching, preaching,
and healing every disease.”*

Matthew 4:23



The Sea of Galilee