

St. George on Yonge – April 1, 2021



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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** sent a joint Easter message?
- 2) **What** is happening on April 7th?
- 3) **Where** will you be able to watch the Easter Service?
- 4) **When** is the virtual poetry café?
- 5) **Why** are you receiving this on a Thursday? (It's not an April fool's joke – it's just that it's Good Friday tomorrow so the office is closed)

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ANDREW ASBIL

Bishop Andrew Asbil delivers an Easter message to the Diocese of Toronto: "On Sunday in the garden, our story begins again. On Sunday – we know not how – Jesus is raised from the dead. On Sunday, the disciples come out of lockdown. Peace is restored, forgiveness is offered, love wins. On Sunday, the grief of Friday is wiped away with a word... ALLELUIA! The Lord is risen indeed!"

Watch the video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAvG7u5p-Kc>

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 April 1st at 7:30 p.m.

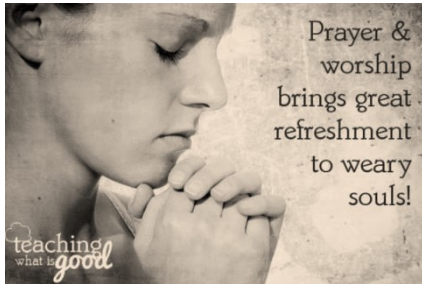
Easter: Resurrection Feast April 4

If anyone is in Christ, behold: new creation! 2 Corinthians 5.17

At the end of our fast, we feast as we celebrate the renewal of creation that Jesus inaugurated in his resurrection. As you rejoice in new life for all of creation, look back on your weeks of fasting. What was hard about these fasts? What was unexpectedly wonderful? Is there anything that you would like to continue doing?

To celebrate the end of your fast, cook a meal with all local ingredients, or volunteer for an Easter meal outreach with your church or a local outreach organization.

EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY - TONIGHT



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom tonight'

Thursday evenings – next service is on tonight - **April 1st, 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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SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP

Next session will be a special Easter gathering on **April 7th.**

Join us for a time to be in touch with old friends and meet new people.

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JOINT EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMATE AND NATIONAL BISHOP



In this message for our second Easter of the pandemic, National Bishop Susan Johnson (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada) and Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls (Anglican Church of Canada) speak to our collective experience of isolation and remind us of the continued signs of hope and resurrection around us.

<https://anglicanlutheran.ca/2021-joint-easter-message/>

POETRY CAFÉ via ZOOM ON APRIL 5TH AT 7:00 P.M.



Community Connection presents an Easter themed Poetry Cafe to be held at 7:00 pm on Monday April 5th. It offers all those attending the opportunity to listen to, or to share, poetry and short stories celebrating Joy, Love and Easter Resurrection among the community. As always everyone is welcome to sign in, but to assist with scheduling please email Doug Heyes at doughey@gmail.com prior to the event to indicate your preference of reading or listening.

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YORK-SCARBOROUGH STUDENT BURSARIES

The York-Scarborough Area Council is offering bursaries to students going into their first year of post-secondary education. A copy of the Application is attached to the weekly update. The completed form must be completed and signed by the Priest-in-Charge, and then forwarded electronically by May 21, 2021 to: The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson Attn: swilloughby@toronto.anglican.ca Please note that any forms that come in after the deadline of May 21, 2021 will not be considered for a bursary so please make sure that you get them in on time. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

For further information, please contact Rev. Leonard at 416 225 1922 x 515 or leonard.leader@stgeorgetoronto.ca.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2021

April 1	Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship
April 2	Good Friday	11:00 a.m.	Mary's Stations of the Cross
April 4	Easter Day	10:00 a.m.	Worship
April 8	Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Come sing along with us: Favourite Easter Hymns

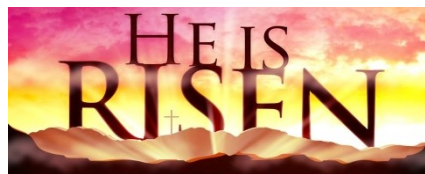


Mary's Stations of the Cross

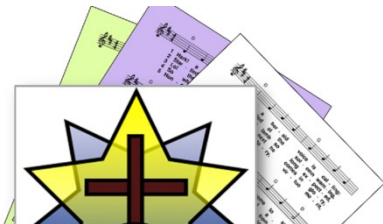
On Good Friday April 2 at 11:00 a.m. by Zoom is the *Mary's Stations of the Cross* led by some female members of the parish. Thanks to all who are participating. Please invite family and friends by sending the zoom details ... all are invited.

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Easter Morning worship on April 4th will be live streamed on Facebook. (See below for details).



Favourite Easter Hymns on Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. Come sing along with us. Please join us to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" via Zoom. You are invited to send your favourite Easter hymns, so that we could have a good final selection by responding to this email or to leonard.leader@stgeorgeonyonge.ca. So far, two requests have been received: *Up from the grave he arose* and *The Strife is O'er* so room for any suggestions you have.

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PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Easter Sunday service for April 4th 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.



60 years young



April 9th – a happy 60th birthday to Kathy.



Are there any special celebrations or other birthdays
(You don't have to say how old you are!) coming up in April to be recognized?
Please let us know.

HOME-BAKED SOURDOUGH BREAD /FOCACCIA



A big thank you to Craig for all the delicious baking he has done... that many of us have enjoyed.

PEOPLE IN TORONTO – COVID VACCINE

Individuals can now book a vaccine appointment online at the provincial website - <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/> . Currently this is for people 70 and older and a few other eligible groups. Check the website for more information, a list of the eligible groups and to make an appointment.

People 60 and older can make an appointment at a pharmacy. Go to <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations> and put in your postal code to find the pharmacies that have the vaccine available in your area.

Another person can do it on someone else's behalf if they have their full name, date of birth, and postal code.

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**, April 4th at 11:30 a.m. (this continues weekly in April). 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**, April 3rd at 11:00 a.m. (and save the date April 17th for the next session). Join us for a short time of prayer, stories, and activities filled with faith and fun!

You can just join in at the right time, no registration needed, but if possible, let Sarah (3-5 group) or Kathy (6-11 group) know that your child will be there.

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You can reach us at:

Sarah: sarah.layman@stgeorgestoronto.ca

Kathy: fambail@hotmail.com

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Save the date! Sunday April 11th 1:00 p.m.



Come and Join Us for Coffee Hour on April 11th at 1:00pm.

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.

Instructions on how to join in will be included in the April 9th update.

PHOTO GALLERY

Our continuing look at St. Kitts



The fort is called *Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park*, and it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was designed by British military engineers, and was built and maintained by enslaved Africans.



View of Nevis

Lorraine Baillie

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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 (especially the 4th one)! (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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Michael Leach Ext. 504

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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

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
Congregation Cycle Ronald Byamukama James Byenkwa Sofia Chen Betty and Robin Clennett Margaret Cole



“Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast”

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

He is not here;
he has RISEN!

Mark 16:6

