

Parish Update - St. George on Yonge – April 16, 2021



La Farge, John (artist), "The Resurrection, Colonel Henry Coffin Nevins Memorial Window," *John La Farge Stained Glass*, <http://library.bc.edu/lafargeglass/items/show/126>.

We live resurrection life now, as a way, as a practice that continually covers us, transforms and transfigures us into the Body of Christ risen among us, in community, in the church, and in the Kingdom of God.

Megan McKenna: 'And Morning Came – Scriptures of the Resurrection'

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** met Prince Phillip in 1979?
- 2) **What** is happening on April 21st at 11:00 a.m.?
- 3) **Where** were the flower pictures taken?
- 4) **When** is the next Virtual Coffee Hour?

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

SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP

Next session will be **April 21st** at 11:00 a.m. You can join online or on the phone.

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

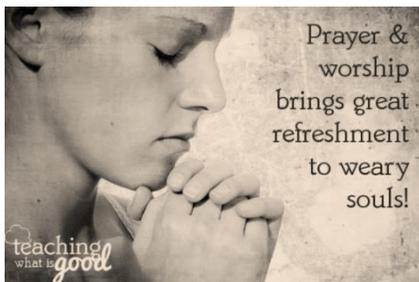
Please invite others who might be interested.

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EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Thursday evenings – next service is on - **April 22nd, 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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MEMORY OF HRH PRINCE PHILIP, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH



In 1979 I had the honour of meeting Prince Philip when I was being presented with my gold standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's award. The person behind me was also a member of St. George's at the time.

Kathy Baillie

NEWS IN THE COMMUNITY (FROM THE CITY OF TORONTO WEBSITE)

Modular Housing Proposal for 175 Cummer Avenue

The City of Toronto is moving forward on its plan to increase the supply of affordable housing across the city. As part of the [HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan](#), the City committed to create 1,000 new modular homes in Toronto. The Modular Housing Initiative is an innovative and cost-effective way to build small-scale infill housing while providing a rapid, dignified response to connect people experiencing homelessness with homes and appropriate supports to help them achieve housing stability.

[Modular housing](#), which is essentially prefabricated housing, is built off-site in a factory and transported to the site for assembly. City Council has approved the first two phases of the project that will create 100 modular homes on City-owned sites in 2020 and an additional 150 in 2021.

A three-storey modular housing building is planned for 175 Cummer Avenue to be located next to Willowdale Manor. Each of the approximately 60 studio apartments would be self-contained with a twin bed, a private eat-in kitchen and bathroom. The building would also include a laundry facility, a kitchen and dining room, program space and administrative offices. The building is designed to support individuals who are exiting homelessness. A local non-profit housing provider will manage the building and provide support services to the tenants under an agreement with the City.

Two town hall meetings have been held for community input. If you have questions and feedback you can contact the Community Liaison Office or the Councillor's Office using the contact information provided below:

Community Liaison Office
Leah Snowden, LURA Consulting
communityliaison@lura.ca
647-578-8580

Councillor John Filion
Ward 18, Willowdale
councillor_filion@toronto.ca
416-392-0210

For further information you can also use this link to the city's website:

<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/community-partners/affordable-housing-partners/modular-housing-initiative>

PWRDF ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY ST. VINCENT VOLCANO ERUPTION

Volcanic activity that began April 2 at La Soufriere volcano in St. Vincent and the Grenadines continues.

According to the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), an estimated 20,000 people are displaced, including many women and children. The National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) is now active, operating 85 shelters and housing 3,586 people. Many evacuees are sheltering with friends and relatives. The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) has identified urgent need for water, buckets, folding cots, toiletries, blankets, field tents, kitchen utensils and sleeping mats.

Naba Gurung, PWRDF's Humanitarian Response Coordinator, has been in regular contact with the Anglican Alliance facilitator and Anglican church representatives in the region. Parishes in the neighbouring islands of Grenada and St. Lucia, as well as the seven other dioceses in the Church in the Province of the West Indies, are actively collecting donations and coordinating with their government disaster response mechanisms. PWRDF will issue a \$5,000 solidarity grant to support these Anglican initiatives on the ground.

"This is surely a trying time for us all in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, because at the same time we continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the realities related to both, along with all the other challenges of our lives," write the Rt. Rev'd C. Leopold Friday, Bishop of the Windward Islands, in a pastoral letter.

"The present experience may cause us to wrestle with our faith, but it does not define who we are, our moments of wrestling must be seen as stepping stones to deeper faith, growth and maturity. They enable us to be more aware and sensitive to that which brings us all to life; that which is essential to our human existence. They provide opportunities for us to turn away from that which deadens our hearts and minds, so that we may be messengers of hope."

How can you help?

If you are able to support the needs of the people coping with displacement due to the volcanic eruption, please go to pwrdf.org/give-today and click on Emergency Response, or [click here](#), then add "Volcano relief in St. Vincent" to the notes section. You may also call Donor Relations Officer Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, leave a voicemail toll free at 1-866-308-7973 or send a cheque with a memo "Volcano relief in St. Vincent" to 80 Hayden St. Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2.

PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Sunday service for April 18th 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!

Mark the date: We will be celebrating St. George's Day on Sunday, April 25 when Bishop Kevin Robertson will be the celebrant and preacher. It's the beginning of the lead-up year towards celebrating our Centenary!

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.



April 12th – a belated happy birthday to Hazel
April 20th - A happy 8th birthday to Peter



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

WE LOVE WILLOWDALE COMMEMORATIVE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

April 23 is approaching, and many of us still carry scars from the Yonge Street Tragedy. Yet, we know that something beautiful happened in how our community responded to the tragedy. We came out stronger and more unified.

We hope you will join us for the **We Love Willowdale Commemorative Community Dinner** - a time of connecting and remembering with live music, poetry and a time to light candles together. We are also happy to announce, Markus Shwan who capped off our Virtual Holiday Dinner, will also be bringing joy to our spirits to cap off the evening. Many thanks to Canterbury Place for sponsoring his performance.

During a time of lockdown and isolation, we all need some more connection and hope.

The dinner will be virtual, but the connections with neighbours will be real.

Date: Friday, April 23, 6:30-8:30pm.

Please click here to register: <https://lovewillowdale.eventbrite.ca/>

Please also let me know if you have a story or poem to share.

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 55 and older and some other eligible groups. Check the website for more information, a list of the eligible groups and to make an appointment.

People 55 and older can also 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 18th at 11:30 a.m. (this continues weekly). 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 17th at 11:00 a.m. 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 25th 1:00 p.m. Come celebrate St. George's Day! Wear red and white!



Come and join us for a special St. George's Day Coffee Hour on April 25th at 1:00pm.
It's a lovely way to connect with others which is so important in these challenging times.

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.

Thank you to Geraldine Sperling for volunteering to be the host on the 25th.

Information on how to join in will be included in the update on April 23rd.

PHOTO GALLERY



Plants starting to grow in the south garden at St. George on Yonge

GARDENING HELP NEEDED!

No experience needed. Some energy and stamina required. (Knowing the difference between a plant and a weed or willingness to learn is an asset). For the next couple of weeks we will be weeding, adding soil/mulch and splitting some of the plants that have grown very large. And all through the spring, summer and fall... much work to be done too. The weeds never take a vacation!

Please reply to this email or contact the Office Administrator if you are able to help.

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

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO 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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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

Michael & Nancy Dodsworth
Egan Done & Karen Nolan, Liam & Michael
Elizabeth Escoffery
Dorothy Ewer
Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert



“Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.

Luke 24:32