

Parish Update - St. George on Yonge – April 30, 2021



Amazing Tulips at the corner of Sheppard and Kenneth Avenues (photo credit: Kathy Baillie)

Because of Jesus' resurrection, we are called, demanded even, to be analyzers of human history, especially the history of suffering, pain, horror, death, war and violence, and to judge it and speak of it in light of Jesus' own death and resurrection. If we are followers of Jesus, then we must stand with God publicly in the world and take God's part, as Jesus did, by verbally and physically protesting with our very own lives against the violence and suffering that are accepted, tolerated and practised in the world as inevitable.

Megan McKenna: **And Morning Came, Scriptures of the Resurrection**

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** is reading the update all the way to the end?
- 2) **What** was the Church's original address?
- 3) **Where** can you get a good supply of dandelions?
- 4) **When** is the special vestry meeting?
- 5) **How** (I know this doesn't start with a w but at least it ends with one!) can you help Single Mothers celebrate Mother's Day?

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

Please find attached

- Letter from the Bishop
- The bulletin for Sunday May 2nd online service
- Kids Corner and Youth Zone page
- Special Vestry Motion
- Vestry List 2021
- Archival pages from 60th anniversary book

SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP

Next session is **May 5th** 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.

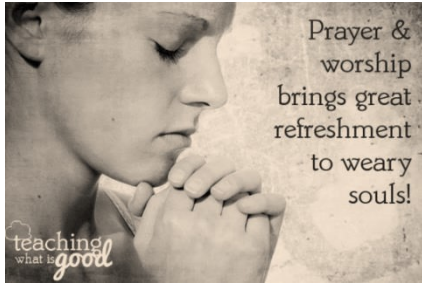
Please invite others who might be interested.

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EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Thursday evenings – next service is on – **May 6th, 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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SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING – MAY 9TH AT 11:15 a.m.

A Special Vestry Meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.** Eastern Time (US and Canada) for the purpose of approving the release to Churchill Three Develco Inc., of part of the driveway easement west of the planned paved driveway turning circle. Please review the motion and the full background information.

The meeting will be by phone and video Zoom. **Please sign in between 11:00 and 11:10** so that the meeting may start on time.

Church Members – please check the vestry list attached and read the declaration at the end. If there are any issues, please let the office know.

Join Zoom Meeting

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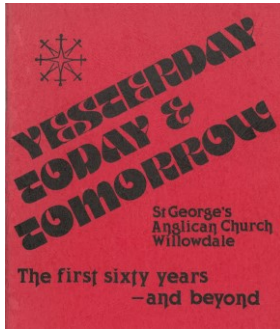
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PWRDF ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR PEOPLE DISPLACED BY ST. VINCENT VOLCANO ERUPTION

Relief efforts continue. 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.

YESTERDAY TODAY & TOMORROW



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays and anniversaries are important because they recognize thresholds in life for not only individuals but also communities. So now in 2021, St. George on Yonge stands at the threshold of 100 continuous years as an Anglican parish community. The future is as close as tomorrow, yet an anniversary finds its foundation in the past and the memories contained therein.

The hymn *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* contains in verse 5 the words “Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.” The phrase referring to years flying forgotten away may seem a bit harsh but I can relate to it somewhat since I am now in my early 70’s. So, I am grateful that in 1982 St. George’s produced a booklet titled *Yesterday Today & Tomorrow – the first 60 years and beyond*. Memories prior to the current parish generation were laid down in that booklet from which I have provided the section titled *St George’s -Yesterday*. (See attached documents) For historical clarification reference is made in that section to Duplex Road. Duplex Road was renamed Canterbury Place and until the 1990’s the address of the church was 77 Canterbury Place.

From Ward Lindsey

WE LOVE WILLOWDALE AND NEIGHBOURLINK NORTH YORK

Celebrate Single Moms for Mother's Day

Give or receive a basket of encouragement.

Let's encourage these heroes!

SIGN UP BY APRIL 26:
WWW.NEIGHBOURLINK.ORG/SINGLEMOMS
MAY 8 DELIVERY.



INVITATION TO GIVE BACK: Would you like to make Mother's Day extra special for a single mom? The indefinite closure of in person schooling has made life incredibly hard for these unsung heroes. We currently have 62 single moms registered with only 24 sponsors signed up. Can you create a pampering gift basket or make a financial contribution towards one? Please sign up to make a basket here (for drop off on May 8):

<https://forms.gle/7jSSQTtuPm2Bu1v6> Or make a tax deductible donation here:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/60903>

PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Sunday service for May 2nd 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.



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

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. Please note that the eligibility is frequently changing so check the website for more current information.

Individuals ages 18 to 49 in hot spot communities are eligible for vaccination, starting in Peel and Toronto. Upcoming mobile and pop-up clinics will be promoted locally by community partners and public health units. Do not book through the provincial booking system.

Now people **40 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, May 2nd** 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 **on Saturday, May 8th** at 11:00 a.m. (and save the date of May 22nd 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! May 16th 1:00 p.m.



Come and join us for special Coffee Hour on May 16th at 1:00 p.m. when we will be celebrating with Dorothy Ewer on her special day. If you don't know what's so special about May 16th join us at Coffee Hour to find out! More information to follow.

Coffee Hour is a great way to connect with others, so important in these challenging times. We hope more people will join in – everyone is welcome!

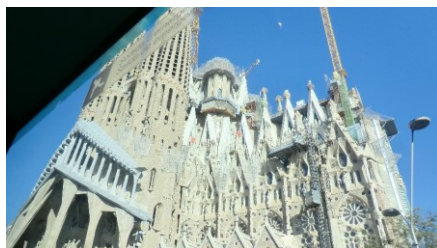


(Note: having an actual plant by your computer is optional)

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

Information on how to join in will be included in the weekly update May 14th.

PHOTO GALLERY

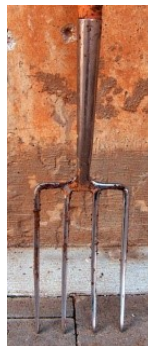


Beautiful Barcelona

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

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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). Weeding, adding soil/mulch, splitting some of the plants, and planting will be happening all through the spring, summer and fall... much work to be done. The weeds never take a vacation!

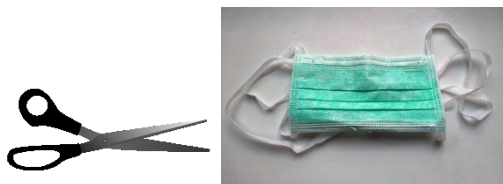


Anyone interested in Dandelion tea or salad? We have plenty of them for you. Sorry, the labour to remove them from the grass is not included.

We will be coordinating our volunteers to ensure that physical distancing and other COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

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

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SAVE GOD'S CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL



With the necessity of wearing masks, if you are using disposable ones, please cut the elastic/ribbons before disposing of them properly; some ribbons can simply be pulled free of the mask. 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.

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.

NEIGHBOURLINK NORTH YORK – job opportunities for young people (15 – 30 years old)

I am grateful to share NeighbourLink North York was approved for 6 hires from May-August and 6 additional hires from September - December. Our start date for the first term is May 10.

We would be so grateful if you would consider sharing these jobs to potential candidates in your churches who are between 15-30 and have a desire to serve the community.

We are hiring the following roles:

3 Community Workers - This role will help us with developing a food bank, caring for vulnerable residents and developing a volunteer network to serve those in need.

2 Event Coordinators - Help us create meaningful ways for neighbours to build connection.

1 Communications Coordinator - Creative communication to inspire greater participation in caring for neighbours.

Job descriptions and information on how to apply can be found here: <https://www.neighbourlink.org/job-openings>

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

David Gu & Irene Sun

Walter Gunraj & Debbie and Suzie

Collene Happi & J-C and Tattianna

Chris & Karen Hayward & Tyra

Doug & Minka Heyes



*“I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.
Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.”*

John 15:5



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