

St. George on Yonge – March 26, 2021



Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break.
And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention.

So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.
The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you. L. R. Knost

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** is meeting on April 5th?
- 2) **What** is the fast for week 7?
- 3) **Where** are the photo gallery pictures from?
- 4) **When** is Mary's Stations of the Cross?
- 5) **Why** do we shut the lights off for an hour on March 27th?

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

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 25th at 7:30 p.m.

A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021

Week 7: Ignorance Fast (March 28 - April 3)

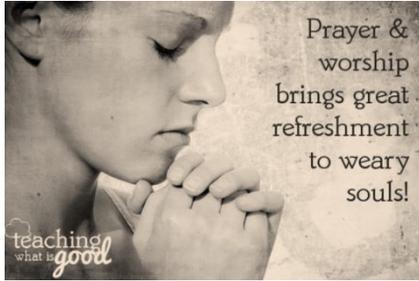
But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Job 12.7-8

God repeatedly calls us to learn from creation: to learn who we are, learn who God is, learn what the kingdom looks like, and learn how to repent of our unfaithful ways. Only creation can teach us how to live in the face of

creational lament and decline. This week we are fasting from ignorance: ignorance about the injustice that our lives are built on, and ignorance about the creation that surrounds us. Lack of knowledge about our watershed and the climate crisis is one of the primary barriers preventing us from knowing how to respond to the crisis we are in. Learning to observe creation will help us to serve creation and our neighbour better.

Instead make this week a special focus on learning more about the world around you. Find out what watershed you live in. Go for a walk and see how many different birds and trees you can identify. Watch an environmental documentary, read a book about creation care, or find an Earth Day (April 22) celebration happening near you and make plans to attend. Visit the Climate Caretakers **Resources** page for some book and movie recommendations. **Easter:**

EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom

Thursday evenings – next service is on **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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EARTH HOUR – MARCH 27TH



Earth Hour is taking place tomorrow, March 27th. Every year, at 8:30 p.m. on the last Saturday of March, millions of people across the world join in raising awareness of the issues facing our planet by switching off their lights for an hour to show support for our planet. For more information please check out their website: <https://www.earthhour.org/>

SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP

Save the date! Next session will be a special Easter gathering on **April 7th.**

Please join us for a time to keep in touch with old friends and meet new people.

Please invite others who might be interested.

Information on how to join in will be included in next week's update.

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 dougmheyes@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.

PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Palm Sunday service for March 28th 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2021

March 28	Palm Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
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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

Details are in the weekly parish update.

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](#).



96 years young



March 22 – a belated happy 96th birthday to Shirley.
She was able to have an outdoor, physically distanced family celebration.



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

ST. GEORGE ON YONGE SEEKS OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

St. George on Yonge is seeking an Office Administrator, currently working a total of 21 hours per week in the church office due to Covid19. The successful applicant should be an engaging and creative individual who is able to successfully manage a variety of activities, including but not limited to, producing all weekly service leaflets as well as all special service leaflets for funerals, and weddings, as needed. They should be open to helping visitors and members with their concerns and inquiries, while offering friendly confidential service, while directing them to the needed resource and assisting with their inquiry. They should be very familiar with computer systems in use at the church such as QuickBooks, Excel, Zoom, and Word currently needed to produce leaflets, newsletters, weekly email notifications, online services and meetings, newsletters, Vestry reports, financial reporting record keeping, payroll services, payment of invoices, Tax form production and CRA reporting. The successful applicant will be required to complete a criminal record check prior to beginning the position. Applications should include an outline of previous work experience, as well as references, and will be accepted until the end of day March 31, 2021 to cw-stgeorgeonyonge@toronto.anglican.ca.

HOME-BAKED SOURDOUGH BREAD /FOCACCIA



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).

LAST CALL FOR BREAD – THIS SATURDAY (March 27th) AND NEXT WEDNESDAY (March 31st)

- AVAILABLE - 1. Saturday March 27 - ready late morning- please order by Friday noon
2. Wednesday March 31 - ready late morning - please order by Tuesday noon

- Pick-up at St. George Saturday March 27 at 11:30-12:00 (when the services are being recorded).
- Wednesday and other delivery or pickup times by arrangement.

Purchase for yourself, or for someone you know who is shut-in or is otherwise in need of help during COVID. For more details or to arrange pickup, call or email Craig Robertson - (647) 532-9044 or mcrobertson3@gmail.com

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 75 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.

CHURCH CALENDARS



There are still some 2021 Church calendars available for **only \$6 each**. **But wait!** Since almost 3/12 of the year has passed, you can now get your very own calendar for just a **one-time payment of \$4.50**. 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**, March 28th at 11:30 a.m. (this continues 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 **NEXT 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

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY – LAST NIGHT TONIGHT



Friday nights - March 26th at 7 p.m. 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! Please use the zoom information above.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR –Sunday March 28th 1:00 p.m.

For a special

Family Palm Sunday coffee hour



Come and Join Us for a Special Family Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday, March 28th at 1:00pm. The children and youth will be showing off their "Hosanna" banner and presenting an Easter Pageant that will require some audience participation. So get ready to have some fun and enjoy a time of fellowship with your parish family as we enter into Holy Week.

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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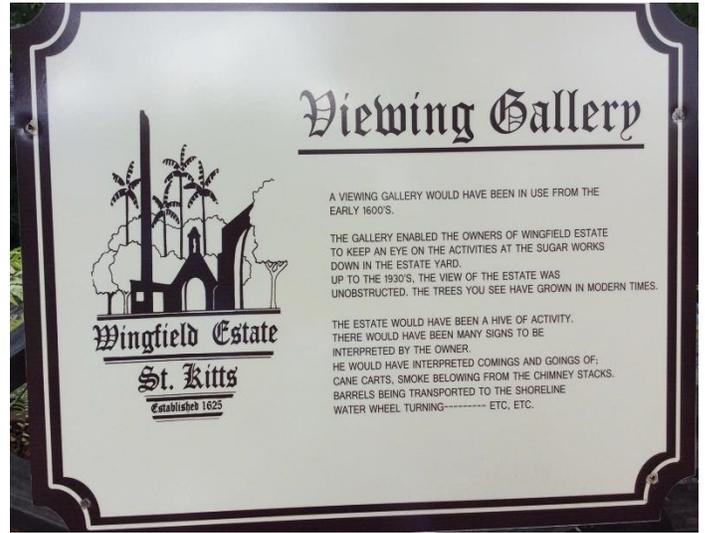
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If you would like to practise signing on, or need any further information, please contact Lorraine at 905-881-1465 or lbaillie@rogers.com. On Sunday if you have any trouble getting on, please call Lorraine.

Bring your optional hot beverage to the chat!

PHOTO GALLERY





Our continued look at St. Kitt's Wingfield Estate, previously a sugar plantation, now a wonderful place to learn about Batik and some of the history of the island. Note the bench, made with a wagon wheel.

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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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

Judith and David Bradshaw

Pamela Brand

Maxine, Nigel, Liam and Mikaela Britto

Marcia Browne

Hilmi and Karima Buyuk



*“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!”*

Matthew 21:9

