

## Parish Update - St. George on Yonge – May 21, 2021



crab apple trees blooming on the south side of the Church (photo credit: Kathy Baillie)

*“We are all called to be dedicated to life, and especially to the lives of the poor, the widowed, and those left outside the gates of our cities to fend for themselves. The church in baptism is a community born of those outside the gates, at the borders and margins. The Word commends us to live for others in their need. This is our daily baptismal resurrection life. How are we living it today?”*

**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 helping out with the gardens?
- 2) **What** was found in the window well garden?
- 3) **Where** are the blooming crab apple trees?
- 4) **When** is the next seniors’ fellowship?

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

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### **PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** The Sunday service for May 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY**

- May 23 Pentecost
- May 30 Refugee Sunday

## OUR VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR celebrated Dorothy Ewer's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Dorothy would like to thank everyone who took part in her birthday celebrations last Sunday. She had a wonderful day, just a little overwhelming. These were her words at the party, quoting her favourite psalm. Psalm 103: v1, 2 "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:" Thanks to all those who are benefits for Dorothy.



## The Bible Helps... in times of difficulty

If you are depressed, read the 27<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

If you are losing confidence, read the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of First Corinthians.

If people seem unkind, read the Gospel of St. John chapter 15

If you are discouraged about your work, read Psalm 126

If you find the world growing small and yourself great read 19<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

If you cannot have your own way in everything, keep silent and read the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of St. James.

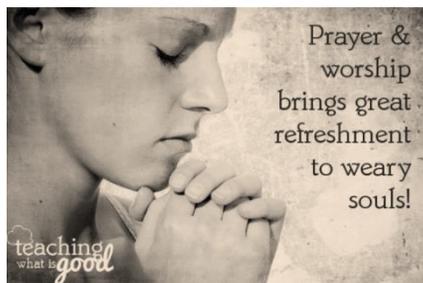
If you are feeling at all out of sorts, read the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Also read the story of Elisha at Dothan in the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of II Kings. And Isaiah 41:1; *'Keep silence before me, O Islands: let them come near; then let them speak; let us come near together to judgement.'*

Submitted by Dorothy Ewer

Author unknown.

## EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Thursday evenings – next service is on – **May 27<sup>th</sup>, 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. **Passcode 1922**

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**

## VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Save the date - May 30<sup>th</sup>



Come and join us for Coffee Hour on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

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!

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 connect will be included in the weekly update on May 28<sup>th</sup>



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

## SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP

***Not to be missed!*** Tanzania travelogue by Felicity and Leonard Leader | **Wednesday, June 2, 2021**, at 11:00 a.m.

Please join us online or on the phone. For optimal experience, join by computer, tablet or smart phone so that you can enjoy the view – Go to the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4136849381> You may have to download Zoom. **Passcode 1922**

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## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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**. **Save the date!** We are having our Zoom program **this Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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@stgeorgetoronto.ca](mailto:sarah.layman@stgeorgetoronto.ca)

Kathy: [fambail@hotmail.com](mailto:fambail@hotmail.com)

## GARDENING UPDATE

Thanks to Craig and Olga for joining the gardening team with Kathy, Nigel and Lorraine. Work has begun and a lot of weeds have already disappeared. Additional volunteers are always welcome.



Our volunteers have been busy again. Most of the weeds are gone (for now!), the soil has been turned, stumps taken out of the ground and new plants are going in. Now the spot for the tulip cross to be replanted for next year is ready!



Here are the results of Husky getting to work in the north garden and east window well. Some of the Hostas were split from the north garden and transplanted into the window well after a major clean up. And with the clean up a lovely bleeding heart was found blooming in the garden.

## AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION AND APPRECIATION



Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom

*Please register to join:* (To register, place the cursor (arrow) on the below link and left click. If this does not work, right click and then choose 'open hyperlink'.)

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8htcFAkGSJWajj2Y1jORqg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8htcFAkGSJWajj2Y1jORqg)

### Programme

Choral Evensong from All Saints' Church - Community Centre, Toronto

Premiere showing of the FaithWorks 25th Anniversary video

A Message from the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto

Life on the Frontline - a visit with some Ministry Partners -

Appreciation and Recognition

## STEWARDSHIP REMINDERS TO PARISHIONERS:

- If you are not already on PAR please seriously consider switching to PAR, to assist the church during the pandemic
- This is a time when people are not attending in-person worship services, but the need for clergy and pastoral support continues in difficult times and is even greater
- Presenting virtual church services is complex, with greater time commitments, technology costs, and soloist fees
- The Office Administrator's role is as busy as ever during the pandemic
- The church still has utilities and maintenance expenses so the daycare can continue to operate, and in turn make contributions to the church

## THE GREAT CANADIAN GIVING CHALLENGE



### What is the Great Canadian Giving Challenge?

The Great Canadian Giving Challenge is a month-long initiative to encourage people to donate during a slow time of the year for fundraising. Historically, this has been the month of June. CanadaHelps wanted to change that so in 2015, they launched the first Great Canadian Giving Challenge to help charities engage their supporters and raise more money.

### Here's how it works:

Every dollar donated to St. George on Yonge in June through CanadaHelps is an entry for a chance for St. George on Yonge to win \$20,000. Donations must be made via [canadahelps.org](https://www.canadahelps.org).

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/49496> (Minimum \$3 donation required). Contest runs from June 1, 2021 at midnight (NDT) to June 30, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m. (PDT). See full rules at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/givingchallenge-rules>.

Please note we are not asking you to switch over to giving through CanadaHelps. Continue to give through envelopes or PAR to save the Church the credit card processing fees (3.75%) CanadaHelps charges. While we know these are hard times for many, we are asking if it's possible for you to give a little extra during the month of June to give St. George on Yonge a chance to win the \$20,000 prize. Thank you!

## PHOTO GALLERY



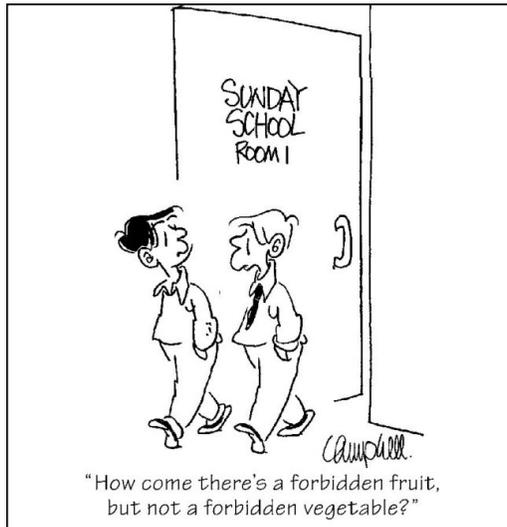


From the Church School (south) garden a bit of God's beauty to brighten your day

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

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**NEW SECTION: SMILE OF THE WEEK!** 😊



In these times, anything that makes us smile is very important. Do you have something that could make someone else smile? Please submit anything you have to the office for consideration.

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



Very sad to see a mask stuck in one of our crab apple trees. PLEASE dispose of them properly!  
 We know we tell you every week but sometimes we just need a little reminder. 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.

## 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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Rev. Leonard Leader	Ext. 515	<a href="mailto:leonard.leader@stgeorgeonyonge.ca">leonard.leader@stgeorgeonyonge.ca</a>
Michael Leach	Ext. 504	

Prayer Requests – Margie Lyttle 416-512-6265 [mmlyttle@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca)

### We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

#### Congregation Cycle

Napada Kongdasubtavee  
Rev. Leonard & Felicity Leader  
Sarah, Peter & Agnes Layman  
Gerry Leewing & Carolyn PoonWoo  
Carrie Li



*“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.”*

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