

Parish Update - St. George on Yonge – July 2, 2021



Nancy Island Historical Site - Wasaga Beach, photo by Doug Heyes

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."
William James

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** is going to be away from the church in July and August?
- 2) **What** video was shown over Zoom on June 29th?
- 3) **Where** did Geraldine take the pictures shown?
- 4) **When** is Lemonade on the lawn?
- 5) **Why** do we need to cut plastic rings and mask elastics?

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

Please find attached

- Letter from the Bishop
 - The bulletin for Sunday July 4th online service
 - Kids Corner and Youth Zone page
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PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP & celebrate Canada Day with your church family

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Sunday service for July 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.

SUMMER PLANS

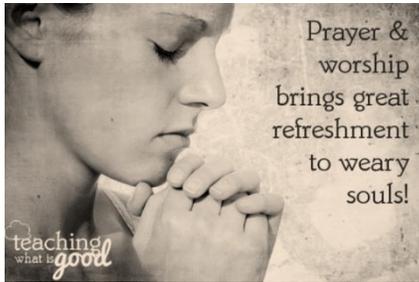
Rev. Leonard will be on leave from the parish for the months of July and August.

We welcome back Rev. Carol Friesen, who has previously served in the parish, as our summer clergy. For pastoral emergencies, please call the church 416 225 1922 ext 2, and you will receive a response as soon as possible.

At this time, we plan to continue videotaping our Weekly Sunday Services, with an expected reopening after Labour Day. However, we are monitoring the situation very closely, and will function within the Government, Health and Diocesan guidelines. Our weekly Thursday Evening Prayer will continue by zoom.

For other inquiries, please contact the church office at office@stgeorgestoronto.ca, or leave a message in the general mailbox at the church, and your inquiry will be redirected for a response.

EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Thursday evenings – next service is on – **July 8th**

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 LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – Save the date! July 11th at 1:00 p.m.



Come and join us for our virtual Lemonade on the Lawn on July 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Information on how to join in will be in the weekly update on July 9th.

Message from Community Connections

Thank you to all who joined us on Tuesday June 29th at 7p.m. over ZOOM to watch a viewing of the CBC Documentary "Colonization Road". It is a history that every Canadian should know, but is often overlooked and ignored in History classes in schools. For more information, in case you missed the presentation, please take a look at it by opening the link listed -

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u03qLJ50bf4>)

Parish Update

Prayers and best wishes to Dorothy, who is recovering from a fall. She is presently at North York General Hospital awaiting a bed at a reactivation or rehab centre.



July 1

Dilip

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

Panel Discussion on Anti-Racism at St Olave's

St. Olave's hosted a moderated discussion about anti-racism and allyship, particularly as they pertain to our call as Christians to bear witness to the Kingdom of God both within the Church and in our daily lives. You may view it at <https://youtu.be/SL6Q-zoreyg> on our YouTube channel.

The last few years have opened our eyes and ears to the burning injustice of racism in society. We believe that racism in all its forms is a sin against God and our neighbour and that, as Christians, we are called to proclaim the Kingdom of God by pursuing justice, breaking down barriers, and affirming the dignity of all people.

Our panelists are:

The Rt. Rev'd Chris Harper, Bishop of Saskatoon and former Indigenous Priest for the Diocese of Toronto
Royson James, columnist for the Toronto Star

Bhutila Karpoche, MPP Parkdale-High Park

Moderator: Brittany Hudson, former Child & Youth Minister for St. Olave's and member of Black Anglicans, Diocese of Toronto

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Calling all **6-11+ year olds**. We are taking a 2 week break. We will be back having our Zoom program on **Sunday, July 11th** at 11:30 a.m.

The summer dates of our program are:

July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22

We will start back up with weekly Zoom programs on September 12th unless we are able to have in-person classes by that time. We will update you on the status as information is known.

Calling all **3-5 year olds**. We are having our Zoom program **Saturday, July 10th** at 11:00 a.m.

The summer dates of our program are:

July 10, July 24, August 7, August 28

We will continue in September and will be posting the dates then unless we are able to have in-person classes by that time. We will update you on the status as information is known.

We would appreciate if parents would let us know which weeks their children will be participating.

You can reach us at:

Sarah: sarah.layman@stgeorgestoronto.ca

Kathy: fambail@hotmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REMINDERS TO PARISHIONERS:

- If you are not already donating using PAR, please seriously consider switching to this method of intentional giving, to assist during this time of exceptional need. Envelope Secretary Anne Baillie at family.baillie@sympatico.ca or 416-225-2570 will be happy to give you more information and help you with the application.
- 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

PHOTO GALLERY



Views of Australia:

Koala at ease in a tree

Wrought iron balconies in Melbourne (like New Orleans)

Submitted by Geraldine Sperling

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

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SMILE OF THE WEEK!



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

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



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.

If you have the opportunity to share this message, please do so. 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

John & Laura Pummell
Selvin Kumar
Rakesh & Sangeeta Randive & Family
Tahereh Rezaei
Craig Robertson & Berta Zaccardi



“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6: