

Parish Update - St. George on Yonge – August 6, 2021



Rainbow in Turks and Caicos

Photo credit: Kathy Baillie

"You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself."
Harvey S. Firestone

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** is celebrating a birthday this week?
- 2) **What** Zoom account should you be using now for all the Zoom activities?
- 3) **Where** are the sunset pictures from in the photo gallery?
- 4) **When** should you join us for the next Lemonade on the Lawn?
- 5) **Why** do we send out a weekly Parish Update?
- 6) **How** can you help keep the Church going?

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

MESSAGE FROM REV. LEONARD AND FELICITY

To our parish family:

Please accept our deep appreciation and gratitude, on behalf of the Leader family, for all your expressions of condolences and words of comfort on the passing of our Mother, Julia Leader.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Rev. Leonard and Felicity

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE WARDENS

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS - "We are running out of reserve funds and will soon be unable to pay our bills."

Please remember that your church still has financial obligations each month, despite the COVID 19 mandated shutdown of in person worship services. Lighting, heat and air conditioning are still required as YCCCI (the St. George created not-for-profit organization) still operates a much needed, although smaller, daycare every day. Church staff still need to be paid every month. Repairs and maintenance still need to be performed, and paid for, to allow the building to be usable when restrictions and public safety allow for us to meet together again. Since March 2020 the weekly offering, a source of income for the parish, has virtually stopped and normal outside licensee support has been virtually nil. Please consider, if able, resuming your regular financial contributions to your church again (or even better increasing it) so that we can continue our mission both today and tomorrow. For the people who have continued to give through PAR, CanadaHelps or sent in cheques, thank you; without that income we wouldn't have lasted this long. If you're able to increase your PAR donations please contact the envelope secretary.

Your warden's team, Aili, Doug and Ravi

DONATION OPTIONS:

- If you are not already donating using PAR, please seriously consider switching to this method of intentional giving, using safe, secure and automatic debit to assist during this time of exceptional need; or if you are already donating using PAR and are able to increase your monthly giving, contact our Envelope Secretary Anne Baillie at family.baillie@sympatico.ca or 416-225-2570 and she will be happy to give you more information and help you with the application or change.
- Cheques can also be mailed in or dropped off at the Church, in person, if you are in the area. The Office Administrator is here on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during the office hours. If you're able to drop off in person when she's there to accept it, we also will take good old fashioned cash. Just call or email first to set up a time for the drop off.
- Donations can be made online with a credit card through CanadaHelps. (Please note that there is a 3.75% processing charge donating this way but all donations are appreciated)



NEW ZOOM INFORMATION

The Church has a new Zoom account so the meeting ID has changed. For now, the link will take you to **St. George on Yonge's Personal Meeting Room**. The Password has stayed the same. We are including the information on how to join in a Zoom session here and have noted on the activities that use Zoom to use this link.

HOW TO JOIN IN ON ZOOM

To join by computer, tablet or smart phone – Go to the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/5482169827>

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 5482169827

Then press #. If prompted to enter a participation ID, just press # and stay on the line. Passcode: 1922

PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP

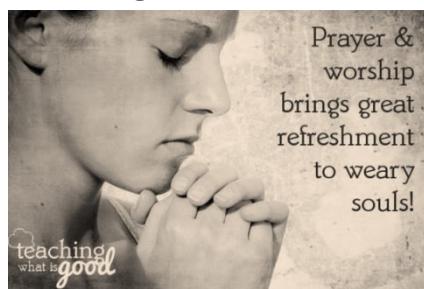
CALL TO WORSHIP: The Sunday service for August 15th is being streamed on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page at 10 a.m. ET: <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/>.

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.

EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Prayer &
worship
brings great
refreshment
to weary
souls!

Join us for evening prayer by Zoom. Thursday evenings – next service is on – **August 19th**

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.

Use the new Zoom link above to join in.

GARDENING UPDATE



Hostas are blooming...



& so are the two “weeds” we left in the garden to see what we would get!



The “snow” has arrived... luckily it is the *Snow on the Mountain* kind.



New addition to the southeast garden – pumpkin plants.



VIRTUAL LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – SAVE THE DATE – Sunday August 22nd at 1:00 p.m.



Come and join us for our virtual Lemonade on the Lawn on August 8th at 1:00 p.m. Lemonade and lawns are optional. It would be nice to see how everyone is doing this summer.
Use the new Zoom link above to join in.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Calling all **6-11+ year olds**. Save the date – next session **Sunday, August 22nd** at 11:30 a.m. for our next Zoom session. This will be our last summer session. 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**. Save the date – next session is **Saturday, August 28th** at 11:00 a.m. for our next Zoom session. This will be our last summer session. 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.

Use the new Zoom link above to join in.

You can reach us at:

Sarah: sarah.layman@stgeorgestoronto.ca or Kathy: fambail@hotmail.com

SUMMER PLANS

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

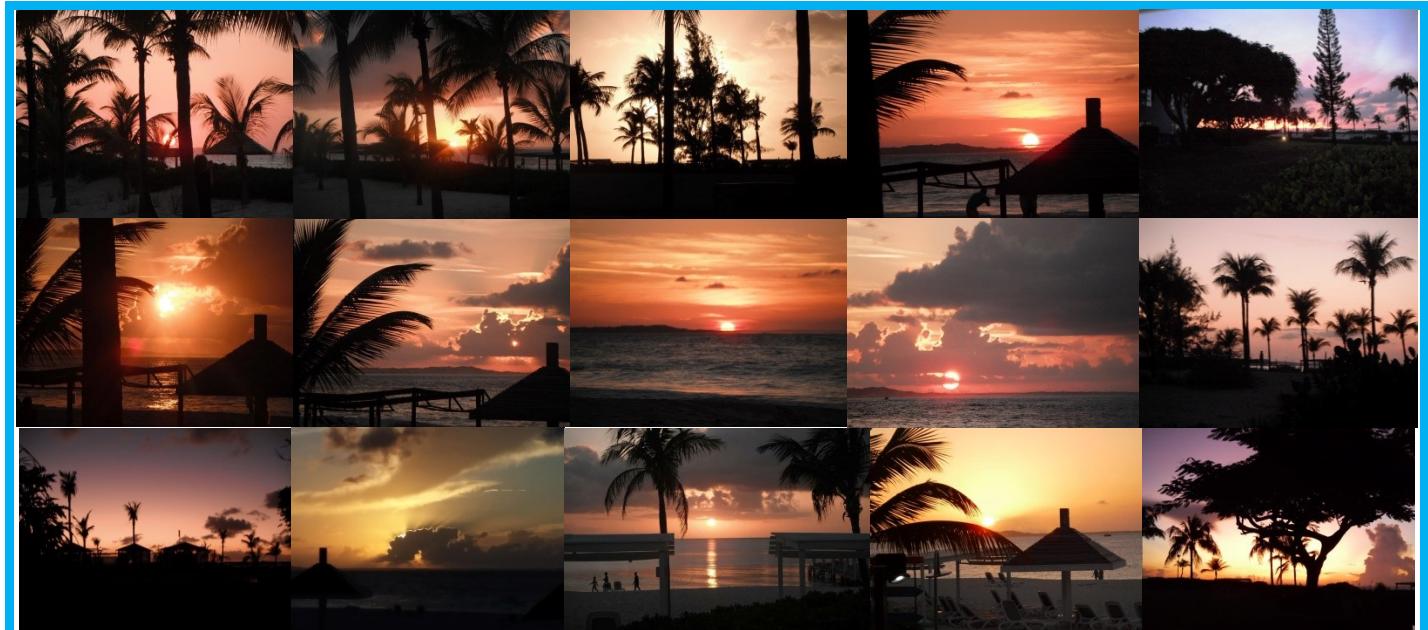
We welcome back Rev. Carol Friesen, who has previously served in the parish, as our summer clergy. For pastoral

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.

PHOTO GALLERY



Amazing sunsets of Turks and Caicos. Photos by Kathy Baillie

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

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CELEBRATIONS



Carter's Cone Flower in south garden

August 14 - Happy 4th Birthday to Carter



August 17th - Joyce Hodgson (Sarah's Grandmother)



August 18 - Felicity

Birthday Blessings to you all on your special days

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

SMILE OF THE WEEK!



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

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Jiranee Atchariyaphet
Anne, Lorraine & Kathy Baillie
Daniel Batushin
Ann & Elizabeth Beecham
Hennie Bose

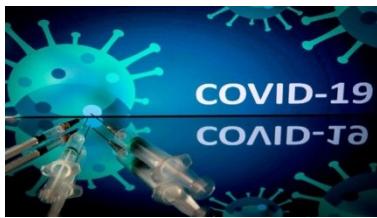


“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them, says the Lord.”

John 6:56

REGULAR REMINDERS

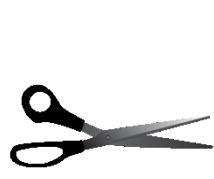
HOW TO BOOK A COVID-19 VACCINE



<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>

Vaccines save lives. Let's all do our part. This link is for anyone needing a first or second dose. Thank you.

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. Carol Friesen is on call for pastoral emergencies while Leonard is away.

The church phone number is **(416) 225-1922**.

Office	Ext. 501	office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca
Rev. Leonard Leader	Ext. 515	leonard.leader@stgeorgeonyonge.ca
Rev. Carol Friesen	Ext. 2	for pastoral issues/concerns
Michael Leach	Ext. 504	
Prayer Requests – Margie Lytle	416-512-6265	mmlytle@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. 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 send out a weekly Parish Update so that our church family and friends know what is happening while we aren't able to meet in person, have a laugh or two, share special celebrations from afar, and enjoy some lovely pictures.