

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



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“No one has to lose for all of us to win” – Usain Bolt

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** is turning 6 this week?
- 2) **What** is the new Zoom Meeting room called?
- 3) **Where** can you get some free kale?
- 4) **When** is Lemonade on the Lawn and who is going to join in?
- 5) **Why** is kale good for you?

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

MESSAGE FROM LEONARD

Good morning colleagues:

I hope that you and your loved ones are all well.

My mother, Julia Leader, passed away peacefully at the age of 92.

With the COVID context, and the fact that my parents have 8 surviving children living in different countries, funeral arrangements will be complex.

Thanks to everyone for doing the extras so that I could be here to help with my mother's care, and, to pray with her, especially during her final hours.

God's blessings,

Leonard +

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

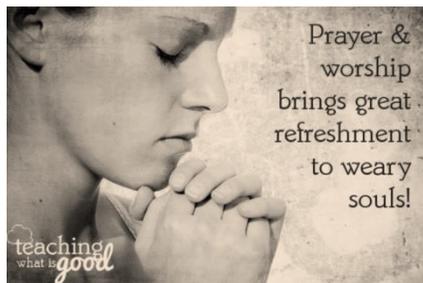
CALL TO WORSHIP: The Sunday service for August 8th is being streamed on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page at 10 a.m. ET: <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/>.

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



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Thursday evenings – next service is on – **August 12th**

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 at the beginning of this update to join in.

GARDENING UPDATE



Kale growing in the southeast garden

Garden Benefits

Our Gift Program took place this past Tuesday. Those who came to pick up their cards received a couple of treats. They had watermelon and cookies, and more than half of them took advantage of our crop of kale plants in our new southeast garden. They shared how they used the kale in various cooking methods and were pleased to receive it. The crop continues to grow and if you're in the area, you are welcome to take a few stalks for your own dining pleasure. Here's some more information about this super food from the Mayo Clinic:

Kale is not a new vegetable, but you may have just started hearing more about it. It's popular in northern Europe and now throughout the U.S. and Canada. During the

Middle Ages, kale was planted and used to feed humans and livestock. History books state that Thomas Jefferson experimented with several varieties of kale at his Monticello estate in the early 1800s.

For more benefits, nutrition information and uses for kale please see attachment.

VIRTUAL LEMONADE ON THE LAWN –This Sunday August 8th 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 at the beginning of this update to join in.

YOUTH MINISTRY AREA COORDINATOR FOR YORK SCARBOROUGH

Are you passionate about youth getting to know God?

Do you have demonstrated leadership, organizational and creative thinking skills?

Are you feeling called to share your gifts and talents to support youth ministry in the Anglican church?

Job Posting: Youth Ministry Area Coordinator for York Scarborough

York-Scarborough Episcopal Area covers the central and eastern parts of the city of Toronto within the Diocese of Toronto and comprises over 50 different churches and ministries. The Area represents a diverse range of theological and cultural traditions in urban and suburban parishes.

We are looking for a vibrant Christian adult who is committed to nurturing and expanding youth ministry in our Area, helping to foster the growth of young people as disciples of Jesus. Working with York-Scarborough Area Council, and with the Area's other Youth Ministry Coordinator, the Coordinator will engage and equip youth ministry leaders to continue to cultivate youth faith formation in their parishes and communities, paying particular attention to the new challenges emerging as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information please see attachments.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Calling all **6-11+ year olds**. See you **Sunday, August 8th** at 11:30 a.m. for our next Zoom session.

The summer dates of our program are:

August 8, and 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**. See you **Saturday, August 7th** at 11:00 a.m. for our next Zoom session.

The summer dates of our program are:

August 7, and 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.

Use the new Zoom link at the beginning of this update to join in.

You can reach us at:

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

SUMMER PLANS

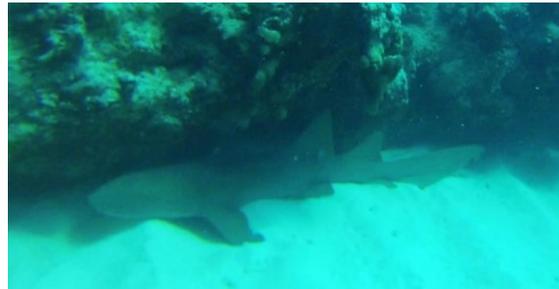
Rev. Leonard will be on leave from the parish for the months of July and August.

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



The amazing underwater world of Turks and Caicos. Photos: 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



August 12 - Happy 6th birthday to Agnes

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

SMILE OF THE WEEK!



From *Thy Kingdom Come* – August 2021. Submitted by Dorothy Ewer

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.

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

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Juliet Adib
Stephanie Aguiar
Dr. William Amanyire
Ravi Andrews
Etoann Arsbo



"I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever."

John 6:51

REGULAR REMINDERS

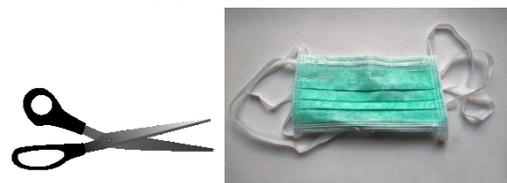
HOW TO BOOK A COVID-19 VACCINE



<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**.

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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