

Parish Update - St. George on Yonge – October 22, 2021



The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway.
quote from [Henry Boyle](#)

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** must be masked at church?
- 2) **What** is the new ZOOM link to join in at church activities?
- 3) **When** do you have to have your honey order in?
- 4) **Where** can you get information about setting up PAR contributions?
- 5) **Why** did the dog cross the road? (see the answer somewhere in this update)

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

Please find included this week

- The bulletin for Sunday October 24th service
 - Letter from the Bishop
 - What to expect (for in-person services)
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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEVIN ROBERTSON

Thank you, friends. Blessings on your Sunday!

+Kevin

***Please join us ...**

In-Person Worship

We are happy to welcome people back to our in-person services. Please see below for information on the re-opening procedures as well as the attachment, "What to expect".

Good to Know

Our new way of in-person worship may feel strange at first. We encourage you to give yourself a chance to get used to it. However, please remember it is your choice to worship whichever way you feel most comfortable. We want you to feel supported and hope you will contact us if there is any other way we can help in these times.

With the taping of the service, which will be livestreamed this Sunday, we want everyone to be able to focus on the service. If you wish to be seated away from the area being taped, let an usher know. If you do not want to be included on the video, please mention this at the screening table. If you go up for communion you will be on the video.

When you arrive at the Church, look at the screening questions posted on the doors. If you answer no to all questions, please enter the building and go directly to the welcome table to give contact tracing information and to pick up a bulletin.

COVID instructions from the Diocese to keep you safe

IN CHURCH EVERYONE MUST:

1. **Be MASKED** all the time unless reading, leading the Prayers of the People, or Preaching
2. **MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING** (2 Metres)
3. Have **NO CONVERSATIONS or SOCIAL GATHERINGS**
4. **FOLLOW THE ARROWS ON THE FLOOR**
5. **FOLLOW THE PRIEST'S INSTRUCTIONS** for the Service
6. **NO SINGING**, except for a soloist

When the ORGANIST has finished the POSTLUDE, and the CAMERA is turned off, **please leave the church.**

Thank you for joining us. Stay Safe.

Virtual Service

The in-person service for October 24th is also being streamed live on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page at **10 a.m. ET:** <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/>

The entire video will also be available on the page immediately after. If you are not planning on attending in person, please invite your friends and family and let's watch, pray, sing and react together while apart!

*The bulletin is attached.

* You can continue to access the service 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.

VACCINE POLICY FROM THE DIOCESE

On September 17, 2021 the Diocese issued a new policy, for the protection of all individuals who enter the church buildings, including any church property outside as well, or, who come in contact with church staff carrying out activities on behalf of or representing the Anglican Church in the Diocese at this time.

This policy applies to every bishop, priest, deacon, and lay person under the jurisdiction of the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto engaged as an office holder, Employee, service provider, or Volunteer. For further clarification, it applies to those appointed or hired to work in the Church, and Volunteers at all levels of the Diocese before they can be allowed to start their activity or duty.

Proof of vaccination can either be shown to a warden in person at the church, or over Zoom. Please do not email us your vaccination certificate as proof, as it is not a secure form of communication.

Thank you in advance for doing your part to keep everyone safe by complying with the diocesan policy.

Aili Maki and Doug Heyes

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – This Sunday – October 24th at 1:00 p.m.



Coffee is optional

Come and join us for our virtual Coffee hour on Sunday, October 24th at 1:00 p.m. Even though we have our services in person now, social events won't be allowed for quite some time and we need to avoid congregating in the narthex after the service. In order to connect and share stories, tales of what we are up to, etc. we would like to continue our virtual social events and hope to have more people join us. Join us for the hour; join us for a few minutes. All are welcome.

For 10 or 15 minutes of our time together today people will be asked to share their comments, views and responses to the Territorial Acknowledgment statement that has been made at St. George's Sunday services since September 26, and that is printed in the Sunday Service Bulletin.

For further background, please see the Weekly Update of September 24.

Use the Zoom link in the ongoing reminders below.

Are you interested in joining a reading group on Indigenous reconciliation? or anti-racism? If so, contact Craig Robertson - mcrobertson3@gmail.com

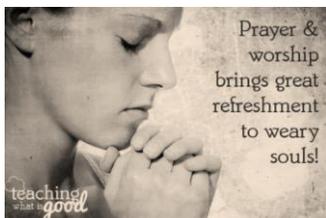
TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This is the Land Acknowledgement that has been adopted by St. George on Yonge:

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Thursday evenings – next service is on – **October 28th**

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 in the ongoing reminders below.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Bible Study



Wednesday Evening Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews by Zoom.

October 27th - Hebrews 9

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bring along your favourite version of the Bible, and invite some friends.

Use the Zoom link in the ongoing reminders below.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Calling all **6-11+ year olds**. Save the date - **Sunday, October 31st at 12:30 p.m.**

Because of the in-person services, we will now be **starting at 12:30 p.m.** for a 30 minute Zoom session.

Calling all **3-5 year olds**. Save the date - **Sunday, October 31st at 1:00 p.m.** for about a 15 minute Zoom session.

If you come on a little early, no problem, you'll just see part of the older children's session.

While the Diocese is allowing in-person children's programs, we at St. George on Yonge are taking a more cautious approach. We will be continuing our Zoom children's sessions until the end of October so we hope that more of the kids will be able to join us on line. At that time we will re-evaluate the situation and let you know what decisions have been made. Any children attending the in-person services must remain with their family. Activity bulletins will be available but we ask you bring your own pencils/markers with you due to COVID protocols we are not allowed to share these items at this time.

Use the Zoom link in the ongoing reminders below.

You can reach us at:

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

Calling for help with the fall gardening

There is much to do in the garden - transplanting, planting wild flowers for the birds and butterflies... Do you have a few hours to get involved? No prior experience necessary, and safe COVID protocols will be followed. Besides we will be outside in the fresh air! And it is a chance to catch up with some of your co-parishioners. Contact Craig Robertson - mcrobertson3@gmail.com

DVRR FALL FUNDRAISER - FINAL SUNDAY TO PUT IN YOUR ORDER



Don Valley Refugee Resettlers is selling Amaryllis kits and Wildflower Honey to raise funds for refugee resettlement.

Honey: \$10 small jar (375 mL), \$20 large jar (750 mL)

Amaryllis kits: \$15 – colours red, pink, red/white, pink/white, white. Due to supply chain issues, your choice of colour is not guaranteed, but we'll do our best.

Contact Aili Maki to place your order: aili@makifamily.ca 647-379-5713. Orders are due on Oct 28 at the latest, and will arrive in time for Christmas.

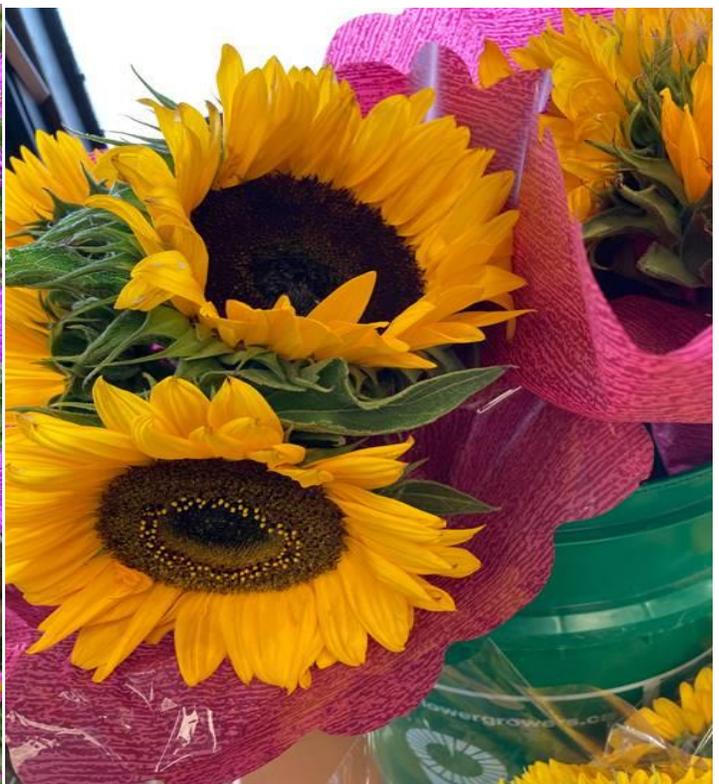
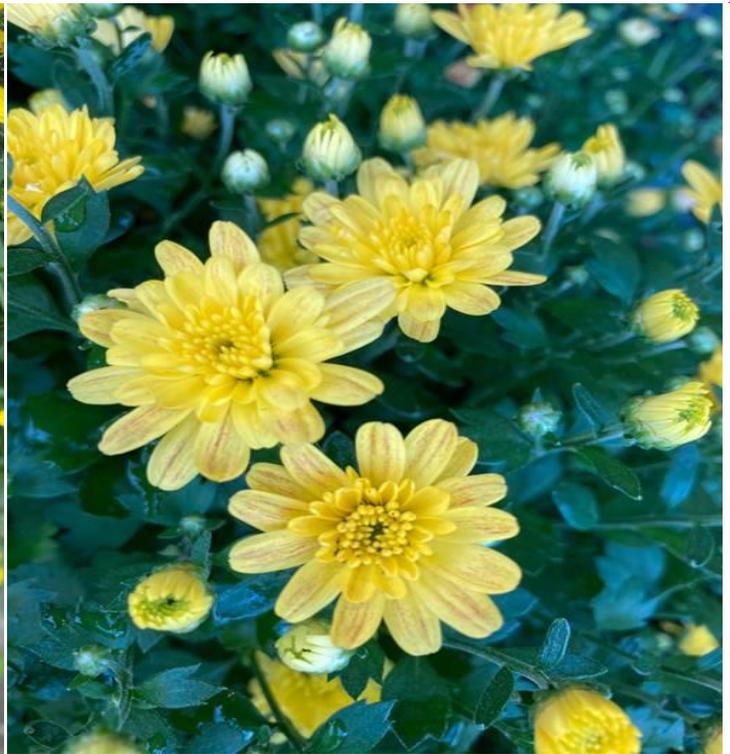
SSJD HOSTS ONLINE RETREATS

On November 5-7, the Rev Frances Drolet-Smith, vocations coordinator for the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, leads "Entertaining Angels Unawares". The cost is \$110.00. Learn more and register by November 2nd on [SSJD website](#).

On November 26-28, the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine is holding a silent virtually directed in-home retreat, and intentional date to be together with God in seclusion and silence. The cost is \$110.00. Learn more and register by November 19th on the [SSJD website](#).

On December 4, Bishop Peter Fenty will lead "Gifts that are Life-Giving", an online Advent quiet day. Take time to reflect on gifts from God that are freely and graciously offered to us. The cost is \$30.00. Learn more and register by Dec 2nd on the [SSJD website](#).

PHOTO GALLERY



Photos by Geraldine's sister Jennifer from last week in Richmond Hill

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

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CELEBRATIONS

Birthday -Rudy P.

Any more Birthdays being celebrated in October? November? Any other special celebrations coming up?
Just let the office know so we can wish you blessings on your special days.

SMILE OF THE WEEK!



Do you ever wonder why:

- we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage
- we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight
- we never see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'
- 'abbreviated' is such a long word
- bottled lemon juice is made with artificial flavor, and dish washing liquid with real lemons
- sheep don't shrink when it rains

- they are called apartments when they are all stuck together
- when flying is supposed to be so safe, the airport is called the terminal

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.

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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
<p>Congregation Cycle Carrie L. Hope L. Kwan L. Margie & Clavel L. & Carter Colette L.</p>



Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.”

Mark 10:52a

ONGOING REMINDERS

HOW TO JOIN ST. GEORGE EVENTS 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 for the Meeting ID number, enter 5482169827 then press #. If prompted to enter a participation ID, press # again and stay on the line. Passcode: 1922

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

Generosity is part of our discipleship. Christians worship a God whose gifts to us are new every day. We should give in grateful response to God’s gifts of life, creation, salvation, time, talent, energy and money.

What do we know about the current state of stewardship at St. George on Yonge?

- Parishioner offerings are down 45% from the same period before the pandemic
- Licensees and their financial support have been absent throughout the pandemic
- The daycare, which provides significant financial support, is operating at about 35% of capacity

- St. George staff members continued to provide worship services and pastoral support to parishioners, including funerals and baptisms
- Now that limited in-person worship has resumed, regular cleaning, maintenance and repairs are needed
- We need to continue to pay down a mortgage balance of \$1.23 million
- Our treasurer reports that income has fallen short of essential expenses by \$5,000-\$6,000 per month this year

Let's make sure we have a thriving parish by our 100th anniversary on April 23, 2022. What can I do as a St. George member to help the parish survive?

- The best way to support my church financially is to donate regularly, and the easiest way is to switch my donations to PAR (pre-authorized remittance), so my contribution is made regularly, even though I may not be able to attend worship in person.
- I need to remember that the church's costs increase every year, like everything else, and regularly consider a cost of living increase each year to meet the needs.

Geraldine Sperling
Stewardship Committee

DONATION OPTIONS

- If you are not already donating using PAR, please seriously consider using this method of intentional giving, using safe, secure and automatic debit; it's very flexible, you can change or withdraw your commitment at any time. Commit to a manageable amount, and top it up with an additional offering if you experience a windfall. Regarding PAR or any other form of donation, please contact Envelope Secretary Anne Baillie at family.baillie@sympatico.ca or 416-225-2570 and she will be happy to give you more information and assist you.
- Cheques can be mailed or dropped off at the Church in person. The Office Administrator is here on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during office hours; just phone or email first to set up a time for the drop off. If you're able to drop off in person, we also accept good old-fashioned cash – even coins (but please no pennies).
- At the Sunday services the collection plate will be at the back of the church. Due to COVID protocols it won't be passed around. Please deposit your donation as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Donations can also be made online with a credit card through CanadaHelps (even though there is a 3.75% charge to the parish, all donations are gratefully received).



OLD EYE GLASSES TO DONATE?

Do you have old eye glasses lying around that no one is using and don't know what to do with them? We have your solution. If you drop them off at the church Doug Heyes has a location that takes donated glasses. After they sanitize the glasses they are donated to developing countries. You can bring them to church once we resume in-person services, or drop them off in the mail box by the Yonge street entrance. Please put a note with them that they are being donated. Thank you for the **26 pairs of eyeglasses already donated**. If the desire to support those in developing countries continues, more deliveries will be made, so **keep them coming**.

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.

HOW TO DOWNLOAD ONTARIO'S NEW COVID-19 VACCINE PASSPORT OR QR CODE

To access the QR code, go to Ontario's COVID-19 vaccination record site, enter your health card information, date of birth and postal code. When you get to the next page, select 'proof of vaccination'. Then, select 'Download your enhanced vaccine certificate'. This should be followed by another screen pop-up that will display the QR code. The code will be labelled with your full name, date of birth and the dates of your vaccinations as well as the types of vaccines you received.

You can print out the QR code document if you prefer carrying it physically, but make sure not to fold or crease the QR code portion as it may become difficult to read. You can also store the code in your smartphone as a PDF by emailing it to yourself.

If you're an iPhone user, you can save it to your Apple Health app by opening your camera and hovering over the QR code. When your phone scans the code, it'll open up the document that you can save on your app.

If you received one or more of your doses of the COVID-19 vaccine outside of Ontario, the government says you must contact your local public health unit for proper documentation. The province says that "proof of vaccination may also include a vaccination receipt from another jurisdiction that shows the holder is fully vaccinated against COVID-19."

If you aren't vaccinated or are only partially vaccinated, Ontario says you won't be able to enter businesses and organizations where proof of vaccination is required. This includes indoor dining at restaurants, gyms, theatres, sports and entertainment venues and other non-essential businesses. The same site for downloading your enhanced vaccine certificate can also be used to book your vaccine appointment.

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



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 and out of a log book as required by public health directives for contact tracing. People must inform Rev. Leonard, the Office Administrator or a Churchwarden, before visiting St. George.

OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is officially closed to the public 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.

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

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Rev. Leonard Leader	Ext. 515	leonard.leader@stgeorgeonyonge.ca
Michael Leach	Ext. 504	

Prayer Requests – Margie Lyttle 416-512-6265 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. This link will also connect you to Provincial and Federal information.

For information and updates from the Diocese, please visit www.toronto.anglican.ca

ANSWER TO Why did the dog cross the road? - He was chasing a chicken!

If you no longer wish to receive our email updates, please email office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca with "remove" as your subject. Please feel free to share with friends. If you have received a forwarded copy and would like to receive the emails directly, please email office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca