

Parish Update - St. George on Yonge – January 21 2022



“You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step...”

Martin Luther King



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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** took the pictures of the snow after the storm?
- 2) **What** is happening on January 25th?
- 3) **When** is the Willowdale Winterfest?
- 4) **Why** should you go on Zoom at 7:00 on February 11th?
- 5) **How** do scientists freshen their breath?

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

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

***Please join us for Worship...Virtually**

With the current number of cases, the College of Bishops has made the decision to suspend in-person services. Our services will continue to be live streamed on Facebook at 10:00 each Sunday as well as being available afterwards to watch at any time. Only worship team members who have specific roles during services will be permitted to attend, and will follow all COVID-19 protocols.

This Sunday: Third Sunday after Epiphany.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022			
Jan 23	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
Jan 25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service	Facebook / limited in person spaces	7:00 p.m.
Jan 27	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Jan 30	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
Jan 30	Coffee Hour	By Zoom	1:00 p.m.
Feb 3	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Feb 6	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
Feb 6	Annual Vestry Meeting	By Zoom	TBD
Feb 10	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	First 100 th anniversary event – Who walked in Willowdale?	By Zoom	7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL SERVICE

The virtual service for January 23rd is being streamed 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. Please invite your friends and family to 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.

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Willowdale Area Ecumenical prayer service, involving many of the Christian Churches in Willowdale, including St. George on Yonge – St. Edward the Confessor Church

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-edward-the-confessor-christian-unity-service-tickets-251679719817>

To join the service live on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/t93f2tCDG1s>

The Rev Dr. Rima Nasrallah of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) offered this reflection for the week of prayer for Christian Unity. The MECC prepared the materials for this year's Week.

<https://www.councilofchurches.ca/news/new-video-available-we-saw-the-star-in-the-east-by-the-rev-dr-rima-nasrallah/>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

The Toronto-wide service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Jan. 23 at 4 p.m., involving leaders from many of the Christian Churches in the city including Bishop Andrew Asbil and Cardinal Thomas Collins. The service will be live streamed on the [Toronto Armenian Apostolic Church's Facebook page](#).

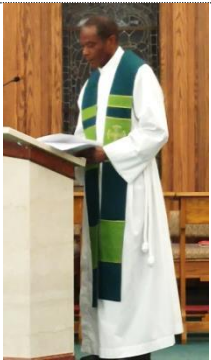


Top Row (L-R)

Sean Huh - Faith Church
 Karen Shea - Cummer Ave. United
 John Meiboom - Willowdale Reform
 Blake Davidson - Willowdale Pentecostal
 Joanna James - House Church
 Msgr Pat O'Dea - St. Edward the Confessor
 Al Evanoff - Willowdale (musician)
 D. Warren - St. Edward the Confessor

Front Row (L-R)

Sandra Ryan - Peoples Church
 Bruce Jones - Willowdale Baptist
 Matthew Sams - Willowdale Presbyterian
 Leonard Leader - St. George on Yonge
 David Quail - Deacon, St. Edward the Confessor
 Clea Soares - Cantor, St. Edward the Confessor
 Angie Song - Vaughan Community, Presbyterian
 Andrea Budgey - St. Theodore of Canterbury, Anglican



Pictures from previous Week of Prayer for Christian Unity services (pre-COVID)

WILLOWDALE WINTERFEST!

local talent • live music • live art • poetry • magic • storytelling and more!

Willowdale RSVP FOR FREE!
 Virtual **WINTERFEST!**

Matt Gerber
Singer/Songwriter

Fariba Arkan
Storyteller

Lily Cheng
Singer/Songwriter

Shane Kim
TSO Violinist

Marcus Shwan
Sponsored by
Canterbury Place

Surabhi Veitch
Physiotherapist
Mid Show Stretch

Sawyer Bullock
Magician

David Chen
Watercolour Artist

Connect with Neighbours & Beat the Winter Blues!

NeighbourLink NORTH YORK WE LOVE WILLOWDALE

Creating light in the dark winter months

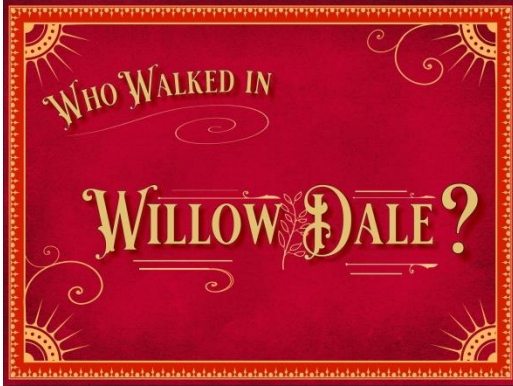
We cordially invite you to [Willowdale Winterfest](#), an evening of connecting with neighbours and live entertainment from the comfort of your own home! We've assembled a line-up of talented musicians, artists, storytellers and even a magician who all happen to be neighbours! There will be door prizes from local businesses as well!

For many of us, January has been a difficult month. In addition to the regular challenges of cold temperatures paired with reduced sun exposure we also had to return to lockdown, at home learning along with a surprise blizzard. For those who are struggling, you are not alone!

To counteract the gloom and isolation, we are hosting [Willowdale Winterfest!](#) - born out of our desire to bring some warmth and connectivity to our community. We hope you'll join us! Together, we can create some light during this dark winter month.

Lily Cheng, Executive Director
NeighbourLink North York

OUR FIRST 100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT - "WHO WALKED IN WILLOWDALE?"



This presentation by local Toronto historian Richard Fiennes-Clinton will cover the history of the Willowdale neighbourhood. We'll meet some of the early inhabitants of the area, but also draw on stories and illustrations that show how much Willowdale has changed. Photographs from just before St. George on Yonge was established show us how the area was still farmland. Subsequent years brought residential development, and eventually turned Willowdale into the busy hub that it is today.

We will revisit some landmarks that long-time residents of Willowdale will remember, but will also be of interest to more recent newcomers, as it puts forward the sense of community that Willowdale is so well-known for.

Richard Fiennes-Clinton is a local historian who has operated his own tours and talks for several years, as well as working with some of the city's museums.

Note change in date:

Please join us on Zoom on **Friday, February 11th – 7:00 p.m.**

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

WEEKEND FOOD DRIVE



We are doing food distribution at the **415 Food Hub** next Friday and we need some help replenishing our shelves. Please consider buying some extra groceries this weekend and dropping them off on the porch of Reach North York church (236 Finch Ave E). We are so grateful to [Reach North York](#) for helping us receive this food!

Help us help our neighbours! If you can't buy groceries, a financial donation towards food would also be very helpful. To do so [Click Here](#) Just a note for those who are wondering - the finances we raised at the end of last year are budgeted towards the purchase of fresh food (veggies, fruits, protein, etc.). We are counting on the generosity of our neighbours to continue helping us with non-perishables such as those listed.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Sunday, January 30th at 1:00 p.m.



Coffee is optional

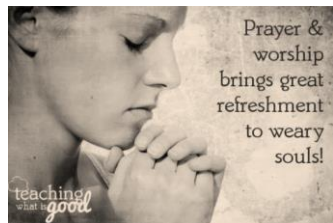
Come and join us for our virtual Coffee hour on Sunday, January 30th at 1:00 p.m. Even though we have our services in person now, social events won't be allowed for quite some time and we need to avoid congregating in the narthex after the service. In order to connect and share stories, tales of what 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.

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

Save the Date – February 13th at 1:00 p.m. Special Coffee Hour

Members of the Parish's anti-bias/anti-racism/inclusivity mission launch group will host the February 13th coffee hour, lead a conversation about the mission, and ask for people's responses and ideas where the parish should go from here with the mission statement.

EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Thursday evenings – next service is on – **January 27th**

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 Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Calling all **children**. Our next lesson for the 6-11+ year olds it will be at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 23rd for our 30 minute Zoom session. Followed by the session for the 3-5 year olds starting at 1:00 for about 15 minutes.

At this time I will continue to do the Zoom sessions. A second adult is required to join in each session.

Anyone interested in doing this occasionally, please let me know. You do need to have your police record

check done and participated in a sexual misconduct training session sometime in the past 3 years.

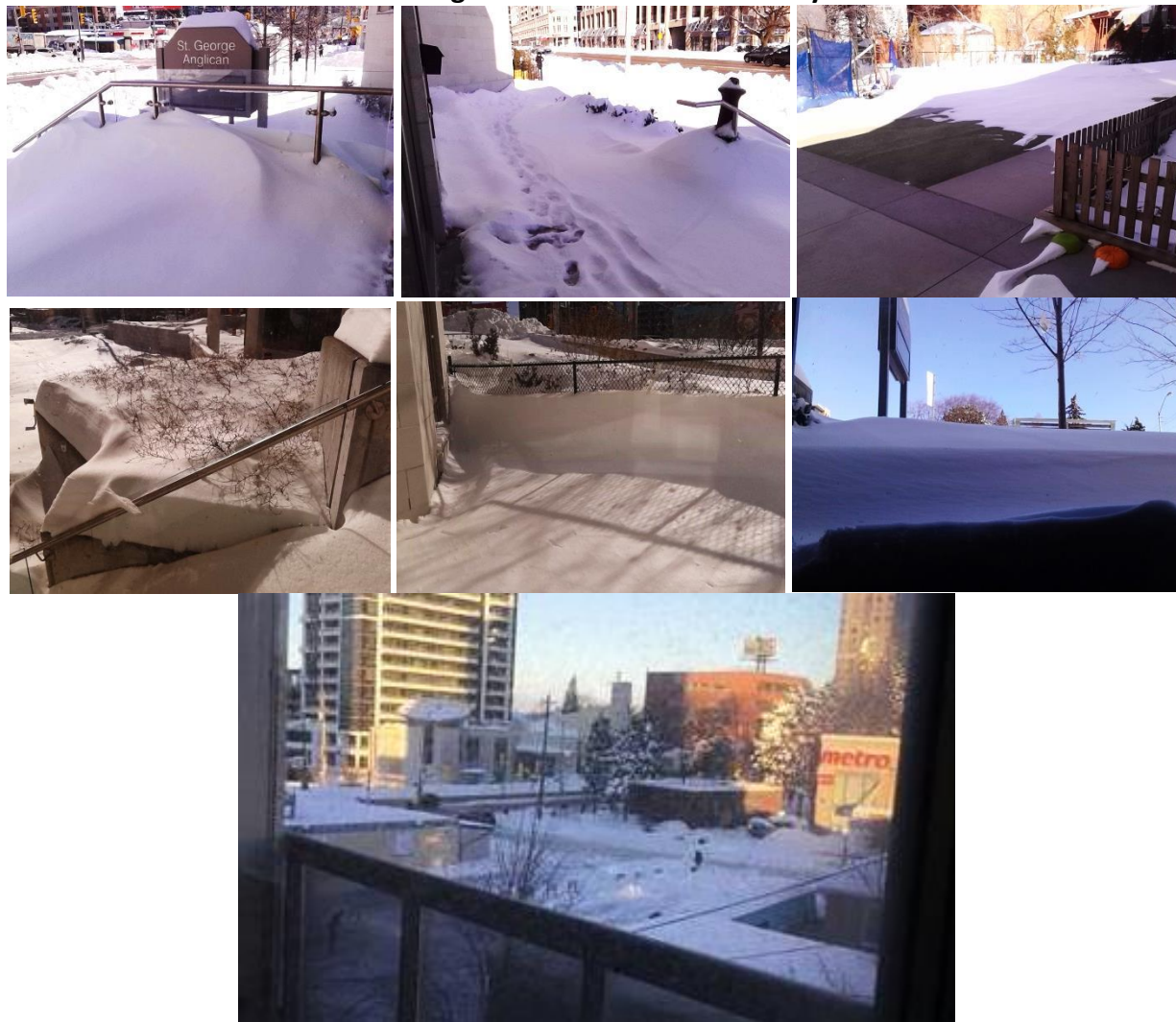
Due to the amount of time that it takes to prepare these sessions, I am asking that parents let me know when their children will be participating. Please email me (fambail@hotmail.com) by the Friday evening before the session. If I don't hear from any parents by then, the session will not take place.

Please note that there will not be any children's programs in February.

You can reach me at: Kathy: fambail@hotmail.com

PHOTO GALLERY

THE morning AFTER the storm of January 2022



Pictures by Kathy and Roshni

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

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CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday to former parishioner Ruth R
Blessings on your special day!

Any other birthdays coming up in January? February? 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!



Oh no, did it really happen?

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 . . .	
Congregation Cycle	
Ronald Chriss B	
James B	
Sofia C	
Mary Elizabeth & Robyn C	
Margaret C	



“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”

Eph. 4:4–6

ONGOING REMINDERS

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.

\$TEWARD\$HIP

The ‘official’ season for giving is now over, and family, friends, and charitable organizations are rejoicing in the gifts they received. And we rejoice in the greatest gift of all, the baby born on Christmas Day more than 2,000 years ago. Jesus’ impact on the world, and the Christian church that grew to proclaim the Gospel, have been a major force for good throughout the world.

Close to home, St. George on Yonge is also a force for good, and throughout the pandemic has maintained worship services (sometimes virtual, sometimes in-person, sometimes both at the same time, and virtual only as of this week), and provided pastoral support and programs that people rely on. This has continued in spite of a sharp drop in income, and a growing gap between income and outgo. Essential repairs can’t be done because of the lack of funds. Our Priest, Administrator, Music Director and custodian continue to deliver 120% in spite of this, but to describe the situation as stretched is an understatement.

Please think about your gift to St. George in an intentional and prayerful way. The note below on ‘Donation Options’ has some very useful information to help you with your decision.

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).



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



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 **many pairs of eyeglasses already donated**. If the desire to support those in developing countries continues, more deliveries will be made, so **keep them coming**. **63** pairs to date have been donated!

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 or a booster for those eligible. 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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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 How do scientists freshen their breath? With experi-mints! LOL

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