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Parish Update - St. George on Yonge – February 11 2022



I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** is featured in our Black History Month article?
- 2) **What** did the drum say to his Valentine?
- 3) **When** is our special Anniversary worship service?
- 4) **Where** will the Primate be on Saturday, April 23rd?
- 5) **Why** should you consider increasing your monthly givings?

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 find included this week

- The bulletin for Sunday February 13th service
 - Letter from the Bishop
 - World Day of Prayer 2022 information
 - 24,000 Acts of Kindness information
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***Please join us for Worship...Virtually**

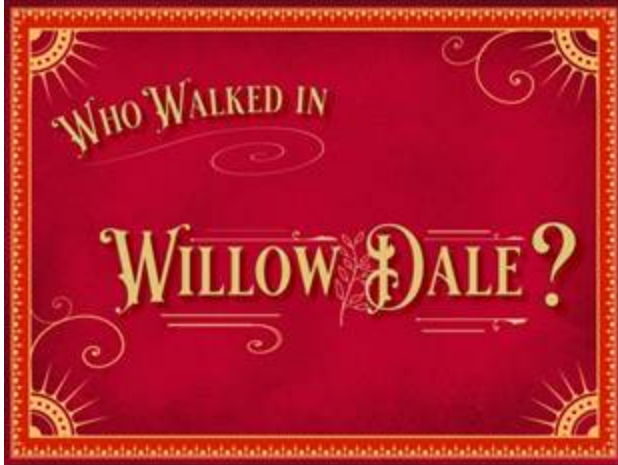
Our services will continue to be live streamed on Facebook at 10:00 each Sunday as well as being available afterwards to watch at any time. Only worship team members who have specific roles during services will be attend, and will follow all COVID-19 protocols.

This Sunday: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022			
Feb 11 TONIGHT	First 100 th anniversary event – Who walked in Willowdale?	By Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Feb 13	Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
Feb 13	Special Coffee Hour	By Zoom	1:00 p.m.
Feb 17	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Feb 20	Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Black History Month Service	Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
Feb 24	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Feb 27	Last Sunday after the Epiphany	Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
March 3	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
March 6	First Sunday in Lent	Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.

**OUR FIRST 100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT - "WHO WALKED IN WILLOWDALE?"
TONIGHT - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AT 7:00 P.M.**



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.

We have advertised this event in a few places including some Facebook pages for Willowdale and have interest from former parishioners who will be joining us. It is taking place on Zoom **TONIGHT - Friday, February 11th – 7:00 p.m.**

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

Some comments from people planning on attending tonight. If you want to find out who they are, just join in.

- I attended cubs, scouts and rovers at 1st Willowdale and was married in the church by Canon Thompson.
- My parents moved to Churchill Avenue in 1951 and lived there until their passing in 2004/2011. I was born in 1956 and attended Sunday school and was active in the church until I married and moved away in the 80's. Canon John R. Thompson always said he "knew me before I was born" and Reverend Jack Adam married me and was a big inspiration in my life. My dad was a Sidesman for years; my mom played piano for the Sunday schools and was a Brownie leader for longer than she cared to remember! St. George's was an integral part of my growing up and many close friendships were forged there and continue to this day. My parents watched its formative, mid-century, years

and I watched as that church was torn down, something I still find heart-wrenching. Other than school, St. George's was our youth and a big part of our identity.

- Hi, I ended up in Willowdale in 1952 when I was 2 and left in 1974.
- Good Morning, I grew up on Ellerslie Avenue and attended St Georges for I think the first 12 years of my life. My Mom and Dad met in scouts there.
- I grew up in the area and remember going to St George's in my earliest years for Sunday school in the basement while the service was on upstairs.
- I was baptized in the basement of St. George's 75 years ago.

VIRTUAL SERVICE

The virtual service for February 13th 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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As it is Black History Month, it is time to learn about some of the Black people who have been a part of building our country. Here is an article submitted by Doug Heyes.



Clotilda (Douglas) Yakimchuk

Clotilda Yakimchuk was born and raised in Whitney Pier, Nova Scotia. In 1954, she became the first Black graduate of the Nova Scotia Hospital School of Nursing in Dartmouth N.S.. She also received a post graduate midwifery diploma from Colony Hospital, Grenada, West Indies, a post graduate psychiatric nursing certificate from the Nova Scotia Hospital and a diploma in adult education from Saint Francis Xavier University.

Ms. Yakimchuk spent 50 years in the nursing profession. She began her career as Head Nurse of the Admission/Discharge Unit of the Nova Scotia Hospital. From there she moved to Grenada, West Indies, where she was the Director of Nursing at the Psychiatric Hospital. Ms. Yakimchuk

moved back to Canada in 1967, where she took a position as Staff Nurse at the Sydney City Hospital. She later became Nursing Supervisor and later Director of Staff Development at the Cape Breton Hospital. She then served as Director of Education Services at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital until her retirement from nursing in 1994.

She served as President of the Registered Nurses' Association of Nova Scotia (now known as The College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia). Notably, she is this organization's only elected Black president in 100 years of the organization history to date. She is a proponent of education and lifelong learning and was an exceptional role model to the many nurses who followed in her path. In addition to her work as President, she served on numerous national, provincial and local committees and working groups.

As founding president of the Black Community Development Organization in Nova Scotia, Clotilda Yakimchuk led the movement to provide affordable housing in low-income communities and improved living facilities for seniors.

WILLOWDALE KINDNESS MOVEMENT



February 17th is International Random Acts of Kindness Day. The newly launched Kindness Portal: www.WeLoveWillowdale.ca will have a roll out plan in the coming days. They will be drafting an email invitation with graphics that they hope we will share with our respective communities as an invitation to join this movement. The goal is to reach 24,000 Acts of Kindness. Please see information attached.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP)

Message from Ann Dilby, Area Convenor, World Day of Prayer

For many years your congregation has been part of World Day of Prayer. We invite you to join in Prayer with our friends around the world from Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Blessings.

Given that many churches and communities will be unable to gather in person for World Day of Prayer 2022, the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) has produced a free one-hour recording, which may be accessed at <http://www.wicc.org> The service was written by the WDP committee of England, Wales and Northern Ireland on the theme: *I Know the Plans I Have for You* (Jeremiah 29:1-14). People are encouraged to donate to WDP through the WICC website (<http://wicc.org/donations/>). Online donors get an immediate tax receipt emailed to them for any amount. This method also reduced operational costs for WICC. People can mail a

cheque directly to the WICC office – include your mailing address if it's not on the cheque so they can send a tax receipt. The address is 47 Queens Park Cr. East, Toronto, ON M5S 2C3. To donate by text, use 647.953.557 on your smart phone.

EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Thursday evenings – next service is on – **February 17th**

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.

WILLOWDALE MPP HALTS CITY AT-RISK HOUSING



The city of Toronto has built several modular, small apartment complexes around the city on vacant land to house, and offer support as needed, for individuals who have no place to live other than the streets and parks etc. of our neighborhoods. One such complex was planned to be built and opened in December 2021 in the Willowdale and Cummer area. The modular units have been built and delivered to the city but Willowdale MPP Stan Cho has taken it upon himself, at the urging of a small group of vocal and loud NIMBY complainers, to stop the development from occurring. It is his wish that the homeless and at-risk individuals that this project was designed to help remain attempting to survive in the cold and snow that we have

all seen since December. He has heard how a few people feel about this issue, but if you want to let him know how others feel, he can be reached through (416)733-7878 or at <https://www.stanchompp.ca/>. You can also reach his political leader, Doug Ford, at (416)745-2859 or at <https://www.fordmpp.ca/>. Remember that all of us together are Stan's 'boss'. He has pledged to serve all the residents of Willowdale whether they have a physical address or not. He might need to be reminded of that before he comes to your door this spring asking you to give him a job again.
Doug Heyes

SAVE THE DATE

St. George on Yonge will celebrate our 100th Anniversary with a special worship service to be held on Saturday, April 23rd, St. George's Day. Our Primate, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls will be the celebrant and preacher. Please reserve the date, watch for details and invite former parishioners, family members and neighbours to join us. Anyone who would like to be added to our Friends contact list should communicate with the office (office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca).

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Sunday, February 13th at 1:00 p.m.



Coffee is optional

Come and join us for our virtual Coffee hour on Sunday, February 13th at 1:00 p.m.

With the state of the pandemic, at this time, social events probably won't be allowed for quite some time. 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. All are welcome.

Members of the Parish's anti-bias/anti-racism/inclusivity mission launch group will be hosting; leading a conversation about the mission, and asking for people's responses and ideas where the parish should go from here with the mission statement. Join us for the hour; join us for a few minutes.

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Please note that there will not be any children's programs in February. Program sessions for both groups will resume on March 6th – 12:30 for the 6-11 and 1:00 for the 3-5 year olds.

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

PHOTO GALLERY



Wisteria on a house in London, England
Photographer Jessica Studd



Cherry blossoms in Meguro river, Tokyo, Japan
Photographer Tadahisa Hagiwara



Beautiful street in Lesbos, Greece
Photographer Costas Stematellis

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

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CELEBRATIONS

Any birthdays coming up in February? March? 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!



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

Robin & The Rev. Carol F
Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna G
Dilip G
Eleanor G
Ferdinand G



*"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord."*

Jeremiah 17:7

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.

STEWARDSHIP

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 at this time), 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



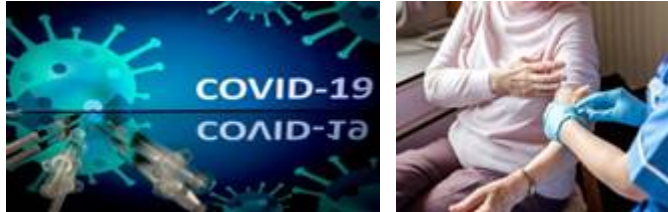
OLD EYE GLASSES TO DONATE?

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**. **64** 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.

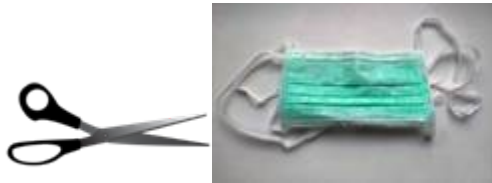
If you're an iPhone user, you can save it to your Apple Health app by opening your camera and hovering over the QR code. When your phone scans the code, it'll open up the document that you can save on your app.

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 What did the drum say to his Valentine? My heart beats for you. LOL



EXTRA JOKES OF THE DAY... for those of you who read to the end!

What did the painter say to his valentine? I love you with all my art!



What did the chef give his wife on Valentine's Day? Hugs and quiches!



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