

**Parish Update - St. George on Yonge – February 25 2022**  
**Celebrating 100 Years**  
**in our community**  
**1922-2022**



Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.  
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** do you call cheese that is not yours?
- 3) **When** is our Ash Wednesday service?
- 4) **Where** was Rosemary Brown elected?
- 5) **How** do pandas greet their friends?

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

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Please find included this week

- The bulletin for Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> service
- Letter from the Bishop
- Tending the Soul: Hopeful conversations about ministry in pandemic
- The Social Justice & Advocacy Committee of the Diocese of Toronto draft letter

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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: Last Sunday after Epiphany.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>2022</b>			
Feb 27	Last Sunday after the Epiphany	Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
<b>March 2</b>	<b>Evening Prayer/Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>By Zoom</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
March 6	First Sunday in Lent	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
March 10	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
March 13	Second Sunday in Lent	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.

**Please note special change of Evening Prayer from March 3rd to March 2 to include Ash Wednesday observance. Packages of ashes can be picked up at the church on Mar 1st, between the hours of 10 am. and 1 pm. if you are planning on attending.**

### **VIRTUAL SERVICE**

The virtual service for February 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM BISHOP KEVIN**

Good morning,

As always, thank you for sharing the links and announcements for your service at St. George on Yonge yesterday. I appreciated seeing the ways in which the parish is celebrating Black History Month, and also highlighting the upcoming "Tending the Soul" series offered by the Diocese. I hope you're enjoying Family Day. Have a great week!

Blessings,

+Kevin

## MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM A READER

I don't live in Toronto anymore since 2013, but I remember my time at this church. I liked the scriptural readings on forgiveness. It's important to forgive those who wronged us, and also apologize to those we have done wrong to. It's been a humbling year of me doing that. I mean, if we can't forgive others, how can God forgive us when it comes to our time when we pass from this earth and onto judgement?

Thank you I like the scriptural teachings attached to this email. I live in Ottawa now, I have been reading my Bible, I try to read it weekly and study it.

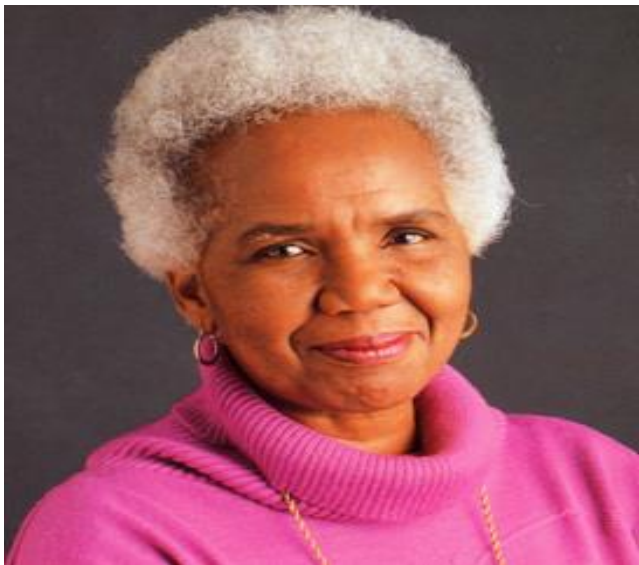
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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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 Clavel Lyttle.

### Rosemary Brown (1930–2003)

First Black Woman Elected to a Canadian Legislature



Feminist, activist, and politician Rosemary Brown was elected to British Columbia's legislature in 1972, becoming the first Black woman elected to a Canadian legislature. Early in her political career, Brown became the first woman to run for leadership of a federal party when she ran for leadership of the federal New Democratic Party. Although her bid to lead the NDP was not successful, Brown's political career was marked by advocacy for Canadian minorities and a focus on promoting equality.

## VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR- Save the date – Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.



Coffee is optional

Come and join us for our virtual Coffee hour on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

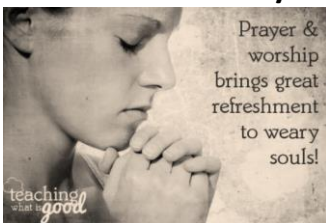


## CELEBRATION OF THE BLACK HERITAGE OF OUR CHURCH

Black Anglicans of Canada invites Canadian Anglicans to the 27th annual Celebration of the Black Heritage of Our Church on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. [on YouTube](#).

This year we will be hosting a Black History Service to celebrate Black presence in Anglican churches across Canada. This will be the first time Black Anglicans will be gathering virtually from across Canada for this service. The Annual Celebration of the Black Heritage of Our Church began in the Diocese of Toronto 26 years ago and was inspired by the late Dr. Romney Moseley, whose life and witness we will remember this year, the 30th anniversary of his death.

## EVENING PRAYER/ASH WEDNESDAY WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Normally Thursday evenings – next special service is on – **Wednesday March 2nd**

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.

## 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](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)).

## A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

**Archbishop Justin Welby**  
**Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 for the 6-11 and 1:00 for the 3-5 year olds.

You can reach me at: Kathy: [fambail@hotmail.com](mailto:fambail@hotmail.com)

## **IMPORTANT PARISH NEWS**

As Rev Leonard will be away on his winter break from March 1 to March 15, we welcome back the Rev. Carol Friesen, who will lead worship services in his absence, as well as look after any pastoral needs that members of the community may encounter. If you need to contact a priest for any reason, contact the office and Kathy will forward your information.

The leadership of St George on Yonge is pleased to announce that in person worship services will be held at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings, beginning with next **Sunday March 6th**. All COVID 19 safeguards will be in place, including social distancing and no physical interaction between parishioners permitted.

## **YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED**

As previously reported the province has halted the planned modular housing facility at Willowdale and Cummer, with the support systems included, assisting persons currently living on the streets in our area. The Social Justice & Advocacy Committee of the Diocese of Toronto has drafted a letter (see attachment on this week's email) expressing the concern and impacts of the actions taken. It is suggested that this template be used to craft your own personal letter to Premier Ford and others listed. If you choose to voice your opinion, please remind them that you are a Christian, an Anglican, and a member/friend of St George's, a parish in the middle of the Willowdale community with 100 years of service to the area and a long history of supporting the less fortunate of our community through the distribution of Gift cards, hosting a homeless shelter in the past, operating as a pick up location for Homeless Shelters, and as a home on our porch for a homeless man for many years.

### **Proverbs 31**

- 8        Speak out for those who cannot speak,  
              for the rights of all the destitute.
- 9        Speak out, judge righteously,  
              defend the rights of the poor and needy.



## PHOTO GALLERY



Submitted by Craig Robertson

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

Happy Birthday to Lea-Lyn  
Blessings on your special day

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!



**This was GO FUND ME  
when I was growing up.**

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

Christopher & Karen H & Tyra  
Douglas & Minka H  
Marcia H  
Pam H  
Shirley H



*"Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my  
Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'"*

Luke 9:35

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca)

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**ANSWER TO How** do pandas greet their friends? They give them bear hugs! LOL

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

What are the strongest days? Saturday and Sunday (the rest are weekdays!)

What do you call cheese that's not yours? Nacho cheese!

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