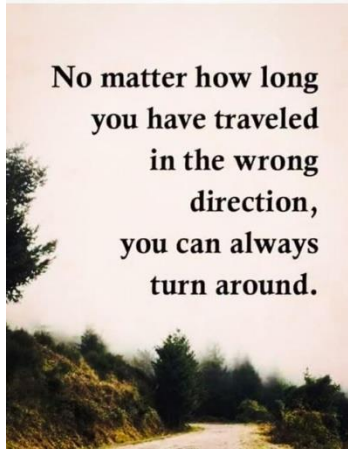


Celebrating 100 Years
in our community
1922-2022

Parish Update– March 18, 2022



“The time is always right to do what is right”
Martin Luther King

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** were reunited?
- 2) **What** kind of spells do leprechauns use?
- 3) **When** is the Wycliffe College’s virtual Women’s Breakfast?
- 4) **Where** do you find our weekly service being livestreamed?
- 5) **Why** is April 23, 2022 an important date?

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 in-person Worship**

Our services are back to being in-person as well as continuing to be live streamed on Facebook at 10:00 each Sunday and available afterwards to watch at any time. If you are coming in person, please do a self-screening before entering the building and come to the welcome table to sign in and pick up a bulletin.

This Sunday: Third Sunday in Lent.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship			
March 20	Third Sunday in Lent	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
March 23	Bible Study	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
March 24	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
March 27	Fourth Sunday in Lent	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
March 30	Bible Study	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
March 31	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
April 3	Fifth Sunday in Lent	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
April 6	Bible Study	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
April 7	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.

Other Events/meetings			
March 20	Children's Programs (6-11 year olds) (3-5 year olds)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
March 22	100 th Anniversary committee meeting	By Zoom	7:00 p.m.
March 27	Children's Program (6-11 year olds)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m.
March 27	Virtual coffee hour	By Zoom	1:00 p.m.

ON-LINE SERVICE

The service for March 20th is also being live-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.

*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.

DVRR UPDATE – MOTHER & SON UNITED AFTER 14 YEARS

On March 3, DVRR's most recent sponsored Syrian refugee landed in Toronto. Marwan (age 21) was re-united with his mother after 14 years of separation and met his younger siblings (3 sisters and a brother) for the first time! So far, the settlement is going well. Thanks for your continued support of DVRR!

REQUEST FROM PARISHIONER FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A parishioner has made an urgent request for financial assistance - although not a large amount, it is important for that person. Please contact the office or Craig Robertson (microbertson3@gmail.com or 647 531-9044) for more information and/or if you are able to help. Thank you to the parishioners who have already come forward - your contributions have made a difference!

UKRAINIAN RELIEF WORK

There are many ways to support Ukraine and Ukrainians suffering from an unjust war in their homeland.

One avenue of support through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), an arm of the national Anglican church, which is supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes due to the Russian invasion. PWRDF has granted \$50,000 to fund the work of Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA).

As the war began on February 24, tens of thousands of Ukrainians fled for safety elsewhere in Ukraine or to neighbouring countries. HIA has been working in Ukraine for more than 25 years in humanitarian and

development projects. It had already shipped 28 tons of food to support those fleeing to Hungary, and their staff have been working with refugees at the Ukraine/Hungary border.

On February 27, HIA set up a 24-hour refugee support point on the Hungarian side of the border at Beregsurány, where the line of refugees trying to cross into Hungary is kilometres long, says an ACT communiqué.

Another support point was set up in a heated pavilion 4 km away in Asztély, Ukraine, near the border crossing. More tents and mobile toilets will be added in the coming days. HIA provides hot tea, sandwiches, refreshments, blankets and basic hygiene items for Ukrainians, including many elderly and children waiting long hours to cross the border into Hungary.

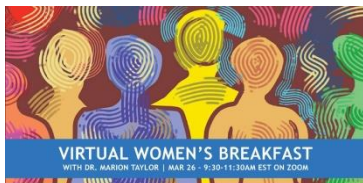
In addition to the tangible help at the support point, HIA also helps those arriving with information in Hungarian and Ukrainian, including how those in need can get temporary accommodation in Hungary. There is also support from local volunteers, such as a nearby Serbian bakery which is providing fresh bread, made with flour donated from Hungary.

How you can help

To make a donation to this response, [click here](#), or go to pwrdf.org/give-today and click on Response in Ukraine. You may also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call, or mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. Please mark **Ukraine** in the memo field.



VIRTUAL WOMEN'S BREAKFAST—MARCH 26 – 9:30 a.m.



You are invited to the 2022 Virtual Women's Breakfast put on by Wycliffe College. The breakfast is featuring Dr. Marion Taylor and her special guest and co-author, Dr. Joy Schroeder. Please see flyer attached for more information.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR- Save the date! - Sunday, March 27th at 1:00 p.m.



Coffee is optional

Come and join us for our virtual Coffee hour on Sunday March 27th at 1:00 p.m.

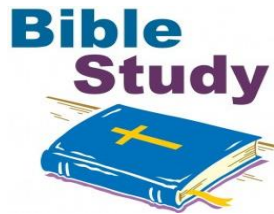
At this time we don't know when social events will be allowed so are continuing our Virtual Coffee hours in order to connect and share stories, tales of what we are up to, etc. All are welcome.

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

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, at 3:00 p.m. 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).

BIBLE STUDY

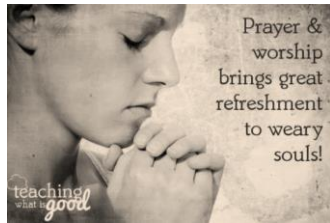


Wednesday Evening Bible Study by Zoom – March 23rd

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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-43

EVENING PRAYER



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Thursday, March 24th

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.

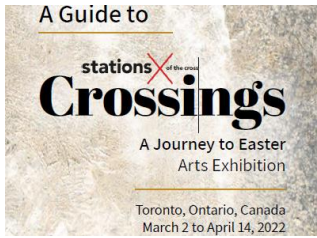
WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN MORNING PRAYER OVER ZOOM?

A suggestion has been made about holding a service of Morning Prayer, based on the daily office of the Mission of St Clare (as used at Evening Prayer on Thursdays) here at St George on Yonge. We are asking for people, who might be interested in participating, to send their answer to 2 questions below to Doug Heyes (doughey@gmail.com) in the coming week.

- 1) Would you prefer Monday/Wednesday/Friday services, one of the three days only, or daily?
- 2) Would you prefer 8 am, 9 am, or 10 am?

We would hope that some of the people joining the service over Zoom would agree to assist with some of the readings, as done with the Evening Prayer services.

CROSSINGS – A JOURNEY TO EASTER ARTS EXHIBITION



Crossings is an outdoor arts exhibition available free for the public to visit. The different locations allow one to make a “pilgrimage” to the various stations. The artworks are created by 16 Canadian artists in response to the *Scriptural Stations of the Cross* and are uniquely relevant expressions capturing both the Passion narrative and its implications for our world. Please see the attached brochure for more information.

Please contact the office if you are interested in traveling to some of these as a group.

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, March 20th for our 30 minute Zoom session.

The next session for our 3-5 year olds is this **Sunday, March 20th** 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.

You can reach me at:

Kathy: fambail@hotmail.com

MEMORIES OF ST. GEORGE'S WILLOWDALE (ON YONGE)

On behalf of my mother Peggy Husband; I am submitting this letter of which she has typed a message to St George on Yonge as you celebrate your 100th anniversary. My Mom wishes to share her wonderful memories with you of her Sunday School days from the 1930's and photographs of her wedding April 24 1954. We look forward to celebrating your 100th Anniversary with you on April 23rd.

Best Regards

Donna Coulson on behalf of Peggy Husband

I have been a “cradle Anglican” since 1930. I recall attending church with my Mother in the portable church at the back of the property. Rev. Claud Secrett was the rector and I remember a very special Sunday School service directed by him. The building of the new church began in the 1930s.

The basement was completed when the war broke out and all construction was halted so a ceiling was put in the basement so we could hold services there. It was a large space where so many activities took place e.g.: brownies, guides, scouts, AYPAs, bazaars, concerts etc.

The picture in this week's bulletin reminded me of the sanctuary where I sat in the junior choir. Many children attended Sunday School at 3 pm. every week. Molly Secrett was one of my teachers. She was very lovely. She

had a brother—Victor. Rev. Secrett joined the army during the war so we had a replacement—Canon MacTeer. He taught us confirmation classes. His classes were very long—as I recall.

We had good times in the basement church. Our Sunday School picnics were always held at Centre Island. Some of us had to go by trolley and streetcar. We had games, swam in cold Lake Ontario and had lots to eat. I can't remember how the food got there.

I met my best friend, Pat Aspery, at Sunday School. Pat married a local boy, Charles (Bud) Ellis on Dec. 1st, 1950. Their wedding was the last one in the basement church. Pat and I are both widows now living in Sr. Residences. Pat is in Barrie and I am in Gravenhurst. I entered nursing school so was away for a while but my family was still in Willowdale on Ellerslie Ave. I met my future husband, Ted, around this time and together we attended St. Paul's Church Toronto on Sunday evenings.

We ended up back at St. George's when Canon John Thompson was the rector. He baptized and confirmed Ted the year before he married us in the new church on April 24th, 1954. Peter Bradshaw was the organist. We bought a house in Agincourt but stayed with St. George's Church for a few more years. Our first two children were baptized there by Canon Thompson. He was an amazing man. I feel so honoured to be around for St. George's 100th anniversary. Our retirement years were spent at our cottage in Bala where Ted was a Diocesan Lay Reader. Our church Trinity All Saints is also celebrating its' 100th this year----quite an historic year for me. I am looking forward to meeting you on April 23rd---the day before my 68th anniversary of my wedding day at St. George's Willowdale.

Best Wishes and Blessings to all at St. George's

Peggy Husband (nee Farlie)

PHOTO GALLERY



Pictures of Ted and Peggy Husband's wedding at St. George's Willowdale. April 24, 1954

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 Shirley H
Many blessings on your special day!

Any more birthdays coming up in March? April? Any other special celebrations coming up?
Just let the office know so we can wish you blessings on your special days.

Any special events that you would like to have fresh flowers at the service to help celebrate? We have fresh flowers at services when we get a donation for them. We put a notice in our service bulletin that the flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of, in honour of *name(s)* celebrating a special event, *name(s)* celebrating a special anniversary... etc. from their family.



SMILE OF THE WEEK!



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8)

05-19-2005

**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**

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

Gerry L & Carolyn P
Carrie L
Hope L
Margie & Clavel L & Carter
Colette L



"I will make with you an everlasting covenant."

Isaiah 55:3

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

As we move into the season of Spring, with its promise of re-growth and new life, let us remember that the church is opening up again after a long 'winter' of pandemic and shutdown. Both the earth and the church need our stewardship at this fragile time.

Throughout the pandemic, St. George on Yonge maintained two weekly worship services, in person and/or virtual, continued to provide pastoral support that people relied on, and programs and services virtually, including adult religious education, church school and ESL sessions. This continued in spite of a sharp drop in income, both parishioner donations and income from building users, as ordained and lay staff and a small group of volunteers continued to deliver above and beyond the call of duty. The income shortfall is a major concern; needed maintenance and repairs can't be done because of a shortage of income, and some programs and services needed for the parish to grow cannot be funded.

St. George, like every congregation, counts on members to be generous with gifts of time, talent and treasure, so the parish and its work can flourish in this 'spring time', this time of re-birth after the pandemic, and especially as this is the parish's 100th anniversary year.

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

DONATION OPTIONS

- PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance) is the ideal way to support the parish financially. If you are not already 'on PAR', please seriously consider this method of intentional giving, using safe, secure and automatic debit; it's very flexible and you can change or withdraw your commitment at any time. Commit to a manageable

amount, and if you can offer more, place additional donations on the offertory plate on Sunday mornings. Regarding PAR or any form of donation, Envelope Secretary Anne Baillie will be happy to give you more information and assist you. She can be reached at family.baillie@sympatico.ca or 416-225-2570.

- Cheques can be mailed or dropped off at the Church in person. The Office Administrator is at the church on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during office hours to accept your cheques or even good old-fashioned cash! Please phone or email to set up a time to drop of your donation.
- At Sunday services, the offering plate remains on a table at the Sanctuary entrance rather than being passed around, due to COVID protocols. Please place your donation as you enter for worship.
- Donations can also be made online with a credit card through CanadaHelps (there is a service charge to the parish, but 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 **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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Michael Leach Ext. 504

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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 kind of spells do leprechauns use? Lucky Charms

EXTRA JOKE OF THE WEEK... for those of you who read to the end!

Why do leprechauns love to garden? They have green thumbs



Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover? You might press your luck!



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