

Parish Update-March 25, 2022

1922-2022



"Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to see further."

Thomas Carlyle

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

## DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) Who submitted memories in this edition of the weekly update?
- 2) What is happening on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.?
- 3) When does the Good Friday service with Stations of the Cross start?
- 4) Where do you find our weekly services being livestreamed?
- 5) Why are doctors always calm?

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: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/5482169827">https://zoom.us/j/5482169827</a> 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 in-person as well as 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. Please note that at this time masks are still required for our services.

This Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Lent.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Worship					
March 27	Fourth Sunday in Lent	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.		
March 30	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 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	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.		
April 6	Bible Study	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.		
April 7	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.		

HOLY WEEK					
April 10	Palm Sunday - Eucharist	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.		
April 13	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.		
April 13	Wednesday Bible Study	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.		
April 14	Maundy Thursday Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.		
April 15	Good Friday Service including Stations of the Cross	In person	10:00 a.m.		
April 16	Easter Vigil, Eucharist and Baptism	In person	7:00 p.m.		
April 17	Easter Sunday - Eucharist	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.		

Other Events/meetings					
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.		
April 3	Children's Program (6-11 year olds) (3-5 year olds)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.		
April 5	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting	By Zoom	7:00 p.m.		
April 10	Children's Program (6-11 year olds)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m.		
April 10	Virtual coffee hour	By Zoom	1:00 p.m.		

# **ON-LINE SERVICE**

The service for March 27<sup>th</sup> is also being live-streamed on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page at **10 a.m.** 

ET: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/">https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/</a>

The entire video will also be available on the page immediately after.

<sup>\*</sup>The bulletin is attached.

<sup>\*</sup> You can continue to access the service at <a href="https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/sermons">https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/sermons</a>. Services for previous Sundays can be accessed from the website by clicking on Sermon Archive.

<sup>\*</sup> You can hear the sermon by calling the church phone number and choosing option 8.

## **UKRAINIAN RELIEF WORK**

There are many ways to support Ukraine and Ukrainians suffering from an unjust war in their homeland. As we've written in the past, one way is through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund of the Anglican Church of Canada, at <a href="mailto:pwrdf.org/give-today">pwrdf.org/give-today</a>

Another avenue is the United Nations Refugee Agency at <a href="https://give.unhcr.ca/">https://give.unhcr.ca/</a>

Many Canadians are donating through the Red Cross at https://donate.redcross.ca/page/100227/donate/1?locale=en-CA

Please consider helping as you are able.

# VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR- Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.



Coffee is optional

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

At this time we are continuing our Virtual Coffee hours in order to connect and share stories, tales of what we are up to, etc. All are welcome. We look forward to the time when we will be having Coffee Hour in person after the service. Please stay tuned for more information.

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



Celebrating 100 years in the community!

1922 - 2022

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 feel free to invite former parishioners, family members and neighbours to join us. Due to the limited seating we need people to go and register for the service on Eventbrite -

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/100th-anniversary-service-registration-300884833637 If you're not able to register online just email or call the office with the names of the people who would like to attend and Kathy can register them. We will also be having tours of the building before the service starting about 1:30 p.m.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study by Zoom – March 30<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. John 12:1-8

#### **EVENING PRAYER**



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom. Next service is on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### **MORNING PRAYER SERVICE**

A service of Morning Prayer will be held each week, on Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m., over the Zoom account of the church. Join in from where you are, as you are, as you start the day with prayers and a song in your heart. Everyone is welcome to attend, and to participate in a way that is most meaningful to you.

## **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 travelling to some of these as a group.

# A LENTEN PROJECT - EASTER BAKING/ COMMUNITY OUTREACH / CENTENARY FUNDRAISING



From Craig Robertson

Are you looking for something specific you can do to mark Lent? I am proposing that we bake hot cross buns that will be offered as an Easter memento to our gift-card clients and other people of need (lonely shut-ins? People suffering food insecurity?) It would be wonderful if we could also do an Easter community outreach by offering hot cross buns on Yonge Street on the Easter weekend on a pay-what-you-can basis.

Parishioners can contribute to "purchase" hot cross buns to be distributed.

The size of the distribution and the number of people reached out to will depend on the number of us willing to participate.

• Will you give of your time and talents by baking one or more batches of hot cross buns? I will provide a recipe - keep track of your expenses.

- Will you give of your treasure by "purchasing" hot cross buns for distribution? 3 buns/\$5. All proceeds to St. George.
- Will you give of your time to help with distribution?
- Do you know of people who would appreciate being on the receiving end?
- Other suggestions welcome!!

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If you are interested in participating in any way, please email Craig at mcrobertson3@qmail.com.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> for our 30 minute Zoom session.

The next session for our 3-5 year olds is this **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** starting at 1:00 for about 15 minutes.

At this time I will continue to do the Zoom sessions. 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)

## From Mandy Hillyard (Ellis)

My name is Mandy Hillyard (Ellis). I grew up in Willowdale. I was brought to St. George's to be baptised as an infant and came to church with my parents (who met in the St. George's Youth Group) and older brothers until we moved out of province when I was 4 years old. We returned when I was 6 and I attended St. George's Sunday School and Junior Choir from 1963 to 1970.

There are a few things that stand out in my memory of the church.

I can picture the turquoise wall at the front of the sanctuary at that time. And I was always a bit startled going into the choir change room and seeing the women in their slips and girdles and putting on their choir robes. Of course there was no air conditioning and the polyester gowns, which were blue, would have been like little ovens so I understand now.

I'll never forget a very stern sidesman coming down to the Sunday School and lecturing us on how to hold the offertory plate. He asked us to pass it around and then was shocked and said, "Would you put your thumb in someone's soup bowl as you pass it to them?" We of course responded no and he firmly said "then why do you put your thumb in the offertory plate?" I am 65 years old and to this day, have never put my thumb over the edge of the plate as I passed the offertory. I would say, he made quite an impression!

My Aunt Peggy (Husband) who isn't my real Aunt will be attending the 100th anniversary with her daughter Mary Asbil and I am always so amazed at the connection the Husband family has with my family. Peggy and my Mom Pat (Aspery) Ellis met when they were aged 8 and 7 years old in Sunday School at St. George's which is 83 years ago. They continue to be friends emailing and chatting on the phone. And our families are connected as a result of this with so many years of wonderful memories and all the ups and downs. Peggy's kids are my "frousins"

(friend cousins) and Peggy is really my 'Fraunt' and her husband was my "Fruncle Ted." In those days Willowdale was like a small town and I reaped the benefits of this. I have lived in Barrie for 37 years. I am a lifelong Christian and I got my start at St. George's Anglican Church.

May God bless your church family, this celebration of 100 years and the ministry in the days, weeks, months and years to come.

## From Pat Aspery Ellis

My parents Joe & Gladys Aspery attended St. George's when they moved to Willowdale, enrolling me in Sunday school where I met Peggy Farlie. As time went by she & I joined the Junior choir, & were confirmed by Bishop Derwyn Owen.

One thing I do recall from the church building was that in the washrooms were children's toilets, sized appropriately, & coloured as well....my memory seems to recall that they were green.....quite interesting.

During my teen years a group of Anglican Young People's Association was formed, & attended by many, not necessarily church members. It was decided that we would hold a 'Cabaret' to be held in the church basement. My Dad, Joe Aspery, volunteered to direct proceedings. Musical performances amounted to lipsyncing to records, & those on instruments doing the same. So there was a band, with musicians to accompany singers performing popular songs from the 'hit parade'. My Dad improvised some skits as well. It was a great deal of fun.

The trombonist in the band looked attractive to me.....as it turned out, he was my future husband, Bud Ellis, & we were married on December 1st, 1950, a union which lasted for over seventy years. Our three children were baptized at St. George's. Peggy & I with our husbands were godparents to each other's sons. (both nicknamed 'Ted')

So St. George's influenced my life greatly, blessing me with my long-time best friend & my dear husband.....how good is that!

## PHOTO GALLERY



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

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Any 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!

## The Real Laws of Nature

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

**Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

**Supermarket Law** - As soon as you get in the shortest line, the cashier will have to call for help or closes.

**Variation Law** - If you change supermarket lines or traffic lanes, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you're in now.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Theatre & Sports Events - People with seats farthest from the aisle arrive last, leave their seats several times to go for snacks or the washroom, and leave before the event ends. Folks in the aisle seats arrive early, never move, have long legs, and stay to the end.

**Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chance of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor is directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product you really like, they stop making it.

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**

Wesley S & Aili M & Andreas & Ella Elsie M Dan & Rebecca M & Family Patrick M

Russell M & Lea-Lyn D



# "...for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!

Luke 15:24

## 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-shownee) 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:family.baillie@sympatico.ca">family.baillie@sympatico.ca</a> 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.

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





When 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

Anyone needing to be at the church from Monday to Saturday must sign in and out of a log book. People must inform Rev. Leonard, the Office Administrator or a Churchwarden, before coming.

## **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

Prayer Requests – Margie Lyttle 416-512-6265 <u>mmlyttle@hotmail.com</u>

## **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 <a href="www.toronto.ca/covid19">www.toronto.ca/covid19</a>. This link will also connect you to Provincial and Federal information.

For information and updates from the Diocese, please visit <a href="www.toronto.anglican.ca">www.toronto.anglican.ca</a>

ANSWER TO Why are doctors always calm? Because they have a lot of patients! LOL

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

I recently took up fencing.... The neighbours said they'll call the police if I don't put it back!

After six months, I finally finished putting together my jigsaw puzzle. The box said it would take 2-4 years!

I made a pencil with two erasers... it was pointless!

Okay, okay... I'll stop for now! LOL You'll have to wait for next week's edition for more.