

Celebrating 100 Years
in our community
1922-2022

Parish Update– March 4, 2022



The Sunflower is the national flower of the Ukraine.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

From the Book of Alternative Services (p. 677)

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** submitted the article on Lenten Discipline?
- 2) **What** can be seen in the middle of March and April but can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?
- 3) **When** is our next coffee hour?
- 4) **Where** can you donate to help with Ukrainian relief work?
- 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 as well as being 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: First Sunday in Lent.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship			
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.
March 17	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
March 20	Third Sunday in Lent	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.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 31	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.

Other Events/meetings			
March 6	Children's Programs (6-11 year olds) (3-5 year olds)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
March 13	Children's Program (6-11 year olds)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m.
March 13	Virtual coffee hour	By Zoom	1:00 p.m.
March 15	Advisory Board Meeting	By Zoom	7:00 p.m.
March 20	Children's Programs (6-11 year olds) (3-5 year olds)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m. 1:00 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 6th 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.

PWRDF AND UKRAINIAN RELIEF WORK

PWRDF is supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes due to the Russian invasion. The initial grant of \$20,000 issued to an ACT Alliance appeal has been increased to \$50,000. The grants will fund the work of ACT member 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.

Yelena was one of hundreds of Ukrainians in line at a border crossing into Hungary, waiting with her three children while her husband is on the frontlines. She told ACT, "We heard that the Polish border is completely jammed, so we decided to cross the mountains and try to make it into Hungary. My sister is still on the way, I have no idea where she or my nieces are."

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.

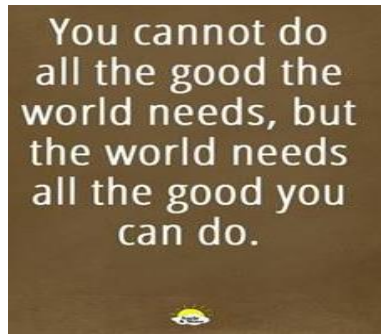
The support point was set up in a heated pavilion almost 4 km away in Asztély, Ukraine, near the border crossing. More tents and mobile toilets will be added in the coming days. HIA is providing hot tea, sandwiches, refreshments, blankets and basic hygiene items for Ukrainians, including many elderly and children who are 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,” says ACT. There is also support from local volunteers, such as a nearby Serbian bakery who is providing fresh bread, made with flour donated from Hungary.

“We’ve been standing here at this border checkpoint for more than five hours,” says Yelena. “It is cold and my children are freezing. It is amazing to see that people are here to help, and even just talking to you gives us hope for a better future.”

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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Saturday, March 5, 2022. The service will be broadcast on Saturday, March 5 at 8:00 and 9:00 am on YES TV Ontario or CITS for all Ontario or East Bank Community TV on Friday, March 4 at 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

Submitted by Margie Lyttle

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 (mcrobertson3@gmail.com or 647 531-9044) for more information and/or if you are able to help.

LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Traditionally, people make plans to give up something they really like during the season of Lent. There is a long list: coffee, chocolate, meat, candy, alcoholic beverages, certain television shows and more. Some even save the money that they would have used for coffee to give to the church.

Recently there is a change in direction for many persons. Instead of giving up they are taking up. They pledge to read the Bible and pray every day, to read or listen to Lenten meditations on the television or social media, to attend church services and church related activities, when that is happening.

During this year, residents of Willowdale and North York by extension, are challenged to show more kindness. Some churches have taken up the challenge and are already signing cards to indicate acts of kindness they have done. Of course these churches have been meeting for in-person services.

Take on the challenge to show more love and kindness to our brothers and sisters. There are varied ways to be kind, not only in practical ways: call your neighbour and relatives that you have not spoken to in a while, use social media to get in touch, send a card or a letter, cook a meal.

Our church, St. George on Yonge is re-opening for in-person worship this Sunday, March 6, for the 10 am service. Plan to attend, still observing some protocols. Have a kind smile waiting for everyone you see.

Margie Lyttle

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR- Save the date – Sunday, March 13th at 1:00 p.m.



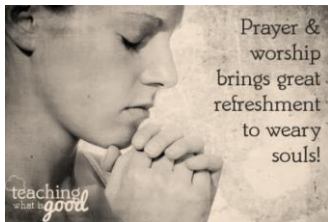
Coffee is optional

Come and join us for our virtual Coffee hour on Sunday, March 13th 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.

EVENING PRAYER



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Thursday, March 10th

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.

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).

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



We are resuming our program sessions for both groups this Sunday - March 6th – 12:30 for the 6-11 and 1:00 for the 3-5 year olds.

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update to join in.

You can reach me at: Kathy: 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 **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



Our condo built in 2004 on Joshua Cummer's land and his original house!

The house was built between 1835 and 1841.

The picture (Courtesy of Toronto Public Library) is from 1964 and the house was demolished in 2003.

Submitted by Roshni Sircar

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 Dennis H. and Craig R.
Blessings on your special days

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.

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 Chioma I Elvine J Olga J Isabelle J & Family Khumbulau K & Lydia L & Raphael



"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit... was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days He was tempted by the devil."

Luke 4:1-2

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 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.

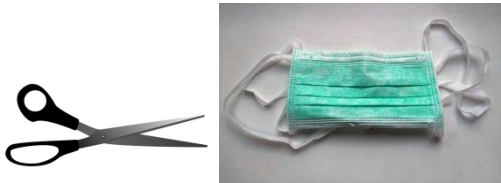
You can print out the QR code document if you prefer carrying it physically, but make sure not to fold or crease the QR code portion as it may become difficult to read. You can also store the code in your smartphone as a PDF by emailing it to yourself.

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 can be seen in the middle of March and April but can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?

The letter "r"

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

Does February like March? No, but April May!



"The capital of Holland is 'H.'"



"It's okay! I found the keys."