

Celebrating 100 Years in our community 1922-2022

Parish Update– April 1 2022



"If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. The world needs more of that."

Author unknown

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) Who is coming to our 100th anniversary service on April 23rd at 3:00 p.m. ... have you registered yet?
- 2) What is an astronaut's favourite place on a computer?
- 3) When is Easter Sunday?
- 4) Where do you find the link to register for the 100th anniversary service happening on April 23rd?
- 5) Why should you go to Eventbrite?

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: <u>https://zoom.us/j/5482169827</u> 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 April 3rd service
- Letter from the Bishop
- City of Toronto vaccination tool kit March 31, 2022 edition
- Letter and pictures from Jean Orr former parishioner
- Crossings exhibition brochure

*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: Fifth Sunday in Lent.

This coming Tuesday is our grocery card distribution to the list of people we assist. We are asking for **donations of non-perishable food** that can be offered to the people when they come to pick up their card. Please bring it to the service on Sunday and it will be blessed before being distributed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship			
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.



HOLI 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	In person	10:00 a.m.	
	Stations of the Cross			
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				
April 3	Children's Program (6-11 year olds) (3-5	By Zoom	12:30 p.m.	
	year olds)		1:00 p.m.	
April 5	100 th 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 April 3rd is also being live-streamed on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page at **10 a.m.** ET: <u>https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/</u>

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

*The bulletin is attached.

- * You can continue to access the service at <u>https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/sermons</u>. 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.

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 <u>pwrdf.org/give-today</u>

Another avenue is the United Nations Refugee Agency at https://give.unhcr.ca/

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

This website seems to have other reliable avenues for donating to Ukrainian relief: <u>https://www.forbes.com/advisor/personal-finance/donate-relief-to-ukraine/</u>

Please consider helping as you are able.

NEIGHBOURLINK NORTH YORK VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETINGS

NeighbourLink North York continues to host virtual prayer meetings at 9pm on Wednesdays. Regardless of your faith or denomination, we would like to invite you to join this global movement. You can attend by clicking this Zoom Link at 9pm: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82497465914... Or bookmark the link to our website https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82497465914... Or bookmark the link to our website https://www.neighbourlink.org/prayforpeace If you'd like to offer a prayer, read a poem or sing a song you are welcome to do so. All are welcome! We ask that this be a respectful and safe space!





Coffee is optional

Come and join us for our virtual Coffee hour on Sunday April 10th 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

St. George on Yonge

Celebrating 100 years

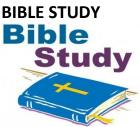
in the community!

1922 - 2022

St. George on Yonge is celebrating our 100th Anniversary with a special worship service 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 asking that all those planning on attending register for the service on Eventbrite -<u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/100th-anniversary-service-registration-300884833637</u> If you are not able to register online just email or call the office with the name(s) of the people who would like to attend and Kathy can do the registration(s) for you. We will also be having tours of the building before the service starting about 1:30 p.m.

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.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study by Zoom – April 6th Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Luke 19:28-40

EVENING PRAYER



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom. Next service is on Thursday, April 7th 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.

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.

HELP WITH LANDSCAPING/GARDENS

We are looking for two types of help right now. 1) People who would like to get their hands dirty and work on the gardens at the church. Please send an email to the office indicating you would like to be part of our gardening

team. 2) Those who would like to help with a monetary donation. We are trying to finish up Phase 1 of the original landscaping plan. This involves improvements to the front hedge. Planting new yew bushes around the south end of the building, and putting a fence up in the garden, on the north property line. We will be able to claim a letter of credit from the City when the work is completed and approved. In the meantime, if you would like to help, please send a cheque, marked Landscaping, to the church office. It is hoped that the planting may be able to be done before our special anniversary celebration.

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!!

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. this Sunday, April 3rd for our 30 minute Zoom session.

The next session for our 3-5 year olds is this **Sunday, April 3rd** 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 (<u>fambail@hotmail.com</u>) by the Friday evening before the session. If I don't hear from any parents by then, the session will not take place. I am hoping to start back up with in-person children's sessions on Sunday mornings but need to have other people able to help out with the preparation and running the sessions before I make a commitment.**

You can reach me at:

Kathy: <u>fambail@hotmail.com</u>

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

Attached you'll find a letter (from March 19, 2022) from former Parishioner Jean Orr about her memories of St. Georges. Here is a small portion of the letter, the rest is worth reading so please open up the attachment.

"To all my friends at St. George on Yonge

I learned from reading the Anglican that my much loved second home, St George's Willowdale, was celebrating 100 years. I do not have a computer and must write this on paper. Please excuse my spelling. My name is Jean Waverley Christina Orr, born to Frances and Gordon Orr in Willowdale and baptized at St. George's Church. My brother also was baptized there when he was born a year later. I was born in a tiny house on Horsham Avenue not far from the rectory and not far from the Lindsey family who were the backbone of the church. Everyone called Mrs. Lindsey Auntie. She sang in the church choir. My birth date was March 25, 1931 and in a few days I will be 91. When I was born they said I sang before I learned to talk. God had gifted me with a beautiful soprano voice. First I became soloist at Sunday School where I helped everyone learn new hymns. The Sunday School had a magic lantern which projected the words of hymns and prayers onto a screen in front of the velvet curtains which covered our stage, and my father was in charge as superintendent...

God bless everyone," Jean W.C. Orr



Betty Sweetman, Jean Orr, Father John Thompson for more pictures see the attached file.



Jean singing with the choir

PHOTO GALLERY



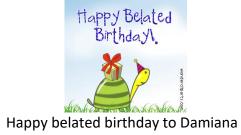
Tulip cross coming up... how many bulbs were moved by squirrels?



Spring sprouting in the south garden!

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

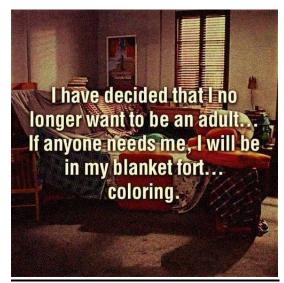
CELEBRATIONS



Any birthdays coming up in April? How about May? Are there 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!



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.

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



"You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." John 12:8

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 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 <u>family.baillie@sympatico.ca</u> 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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Rev. Leonard Leader	Ext. 515	leonard.leader@stgeorgeonyonge.ca
Michael Leach	Ext. 504	
Prayer Requests – Margie Lyttle	416-512-6265	mmlyttle@hotmail.com

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 <u>www.toronto.ca/covid19</u>. This link will also connect you to Provincial and Federal information.

For information and updates from the Diocese, please visit <u>www.toronto.anglican.ca</u>

ANSWER TO What is an astronaut's favourite place on a computer? The space bar! LOL

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

I could tell you a joke about pizza.... but it's a bit cheesy!

Five out of four people admit they're bad with fractions!

I decided to sell my vacuum cleaner... it was just gathering dust!

If you no longer wish to receive our email updates, please email <u>office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca</u> with "remove" as your subject. Please feel free to share with friends. If you have received a forwarded copy and would like to receive the emails directly, please email <u>office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca</u>