

Celebrating 100 Years
in our community
1922-2022

Parish Update– April 14, 2022



“Life is not the way it’s supposed to be. It is the way it is. The way we cope with it, is what makes the difference.”

Virginia Satir

REMINDER: If you are planning to attend the 100th Anniversary Service on April 23rd pre-registration is needed on Eventbrite. Please find the link to the registration page in the item about the event below.

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** is planning on coming to the 100th Anniversary service and has not registered on Eventbrite yet?
- 2) **What** do you have to do in order to attend the 100th Anniversary service on April 23rd? (Hint... register)
- 3) **When** do you need to register in order to attend the 100th Anniversary Service? (Hint... now!)
- 4) **Where** can you park if you’re coming to the anniversary service and the underground parking lot is full?
- 5) **Why** is everyone supposed to register to attend the 100th Anniversary Service?
- 6) **How** did the hairdresser win the race?

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

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEVIN (April 11th)

Good morning friends,

I am very excited for you as you prepare for your 100th Anniversary celebrations later this month. I spoke with our Primate at the National House of Bishops last week, and I know she is very much looking forward to being with

you in two weeks. May God continue to strengthen and sustain your parish community. Blessings for Holy Week, Easter, and your upcoming anniversary celebrations on St. George's Day.


+Kevin


***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: Easter Sunday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 <p>Holy Week 2022</p>			
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.

 <p>Worship</p>			
April 20	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
April 20	Bible Study	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
April 21	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
April 24	Second Sunday of Easter	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.

 <p>Other Events/meetings</p>			
April 17	Children's Easter Program (3-11 year olds)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m.
April 23	100 th Anniversary Service	In person/Facebook Live	3:00 p.m.
April 24	Children's Program (all ages)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m.
April 24	Coffee Hour	By Zoom	1:00 p.m.

ON-LINE SERVICE

The service for April 17th is also being live-streamed on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page at **10 a.m.**

ET: <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/>

The service 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.

DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR LANDSCAPING



Improvements to the front hedge and planting of yew bushes around the south end of the building need to be done. This provides an opportunity to give a donation to dedicate a bush to remember or honour a love one, or celebrate our anniversary (suggested amount \$100). If you would like to do this, or make a general donation of any amount toward the improvements, please send a cheque, marked Landscaping, to the church office. Planting will be done as soon as possible once donations (or commitments to donate) have been received. It would be ideal if the yews could be planted in time for our special anniversary celebration on April 23.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR- Sunday, April 24th at 1:00 p.m.



Coffee is optional

Come and join us for our virtual Coffee hour on Sunday April 24th 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
Anglican

Celebrating 100 years
in the community!

1922 - 2022

Please Register Now if you're planning on attending

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. We are asking if everyone could please wear red and/or white to this celebration.

Due to the limited seating and underground parking we are asking that all those planning on attending register for the service on Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/100th-anniversary-service-registration-300884833637>

We will be having tours of the building before the service starting about 1:30 p.m.

There are overflow parking spaces at Willowdale Presbyterian at 38 Ellerslie Avenue (about 2 blocks away from our church).

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 whether or not you would like a tour, and Kathy can do the registration(s) for you.

A portion of the collection will be donated to the Primate's World Relief Development Fund.

For those people unable to join us in person, the service will be live streamed on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge>

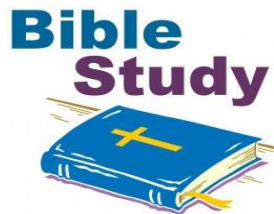
RADIO STATION CFMZ PLAYING REQUEST TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Radio Station CFMZ's morning show at 10 a.m. to noon, Classical Jukebox, on Friday, April 22nd, will likely be playing a request to commemorate St. George on Yonge's 100th anniversary, as well as remembering the Yonge Street Van attack. Radio station CFMZ is at 96.3 on the dial. The recording that has been requested to be played is the John Charles Thomas version of *The Lord's Prayer*. Try to make time to listen.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

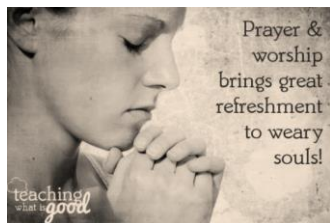


Wednesday Evening Bible Study by Zoom – April 20th

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

John 20:19-31

EVENING PRAYER



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Thursday, April 21st

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.

HELP WITH GARDENS



We are looking for people to join the gardening team. If you like to get your hands dirty and get close to nature, we have some outdoor work for you. Experience is not needed, equipment and direction are provided. Please send an email to the office indicating you would like to help take care of the church gardens.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Calling all **children**. This week - Easter Sunday (April 17th) I will be doing a lesson for the 3-11+ year olds at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom. All children are welcome but please let me know ahead of time who will be joining us.

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.** I am hoping to start back up with in-person children's sessions on Sunday mornings but need to have other people committed to help out with the preparation and running the sessions before I make my commitment.

You can reach me at:

Kathy: fambail@hotmail.com

WILLOWDALE MOVE-A-THON ON SATURDAY APRIL 30

We at **NeighbourLink North York** love building community. We believe everyone should have a sense of belonging where they live. We are so grateful for your support and interest in all that we are doing. We are hosting the first ever **Willowdale Move-A-Thon** on **Saturday April 30**. The walk/run/bike begins at 11am followed by a **BBQ** with **Goldenstar Burgers** and an **amazing stage show** that begins at 12pm featuring local musicians **Chris Manley** and **Matt Gerber** along with professional magician - **Sawyer Bullock!** Please see attachment for more information.

CELEBRATIONS



Happy birthday to Peter L
Blessings on your special day

Any more 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 also need flowers for special services such as Easter. 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 birthday, anniversary... etc. from *their family* or *name of person/people donating*.

If you would like to contribute for flowers for the 100th Anniversary Service, please email or call the office.

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 pwrdf.org/give-today

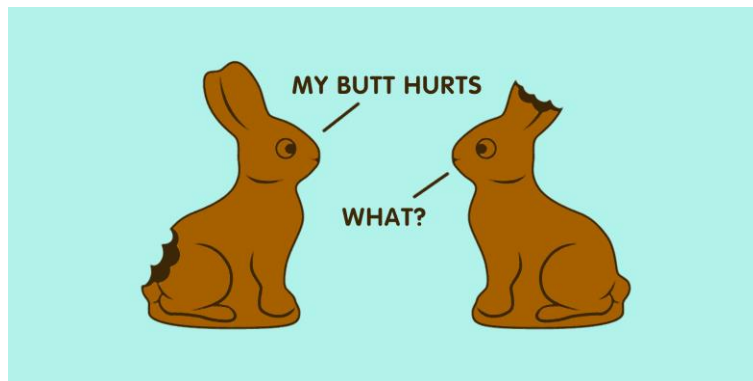
Another avenue is the United Nations Refugee Agency at <https://give.unhcr.ca/>

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: <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/personal-finance/donate-relief-to-ukraine/>

Please consider helping as you are able.

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

Nigel P
Joanie P
Rudy P
Stephen & Ann-Marie WP and family
Krystal P and family



*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen"*

Luke 24:5b

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 are in 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).



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!

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://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!

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

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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 How did the hairdresser win the race? She knew a short cut! LOL

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

Did you hear the joke about the roof? Never mind, it's over your head.

I thought about going on an all-almond diet... but that's just nuts!

If you ever get cold, just stand in a corner... they're usually 90 degrees!

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