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### Parish Update— May 6, 2022



*“Forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness,  
but because you deserve Peace”*

Jonathan Lockwood Huie

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

### **DO YOU KNOW?**

1) **Who** is featured in the Bible Study this Wednesday?

- 2) **What** does a baby computer call his father?
- 3) **When** is the special vestry meeting?
- 4) **Where** can a student going into first year of post-secondary education apply for a bursary?
- 5) **Why** are we having a special Vestry meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>?

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 find included this week

- The bulletin for Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> service
- Bishop's Letter
- Diocese of Toronto Bursary application form
- City of Toronto vaccination tool kit May 7, 2022 edition


## \*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 of Easter and Mother's Day  
Our preacher will be Subdeacon Margie Lyttle

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<div style="text-align: center;">   <b>Worship</b> </div>			
May 8	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
May 11	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
May 11	Bible Study	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
May 12	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
May 15	Fifth Sunday of Easter	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.

<div style="text-align: right;">  </div> Other Events/meetings			
May 8	Children's Program (all ages)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m.
May 15	Special Vestry for Vestry members	In person / by Zoom	11:30 a.m.

## SPECIAL VESTRY ON SUNDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:30 A.M.

### SPECIAL VESTRY MOTION

In accordance with procedures pursuant to Canon 6 of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, this Special Vestry of St. George on Yonge Anglican Church has the sole purpose of authorizing the Corporation of St. George on Yonge to explore a proposal that would permit the parish to establish an endowment for the future of Anglican ministry in this community.

The Vestry list is posted at the church in the Narthex. Please check it when you are in the building. We are also contacting all vestry members either by email or telephone. If you do not receive an email or phone call or you see your name is not on the vestry list and you believe it should be, please contact the church office either by phone (416 225-1922) or email ([office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)) for any clarification. Thank you.

### ON-LINE SERVICES

The service for May 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR/LEMONADE ON THE LAWN



Coffee is optional

We would like some input on our on-going virtual coffee hours. We would like to know if people are still interested in joining in on Zoom and if so, how often. Please let us know if you would like this to continue every other week, once a month, occasionally, or if you will wait for in-person coffee hours/lemonade on the lawn to resume when we are able to. **Please do a reply all to this email to respond.**

We are waiting to hear back from anyone about this activity. If we don't get any feedback we will wait until we can have them in-person again.

### MORNING PRAYER SERVICE



Join us for Morning Prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

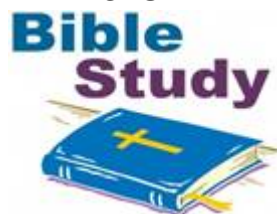
Time 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

An opportunity to invite family and friends interested in morning worship.

Interested in being a reader? Please respond to this weekly update or contact Doug Heyes at [dougheyes@gmail.com](mailto:dougheyes@gmail.com).

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

## **BIBLE STUDY**



Wednesday Evening Bible Study by Zoom – May 11<sup>th</sup>

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

John 13:31-35

## **EVENING PRAYER**



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</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.

## **DIOCESE OF TORONTO – BURSARIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS GOING INTO FIRST YEAR OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

For the last eleven years the York-Scarborough Area Council has offered modest bursaries to students going into their first year of post-secondary education. We have been very pleased with the response and a total of 132 young people have been given a helping hand since this initiative was started to encourage our faithful area youth.

The course of study need not be theology but can be any course of study at a recognized college or university. Please note that applicants must demonstrate an ongoing active involvement in their home parish. Please see the attached application form. These must be submitted to the Priest-in-Charge for approval before submitting to the Diocese. Deadline to the Diocese is May 20, 2022 so get your applications in as soon as possible.

## GARDENS BLOOMING



Tulips and tulip cross in south gardens



Forsythia blooming above garage door

## DONATIONS OF FOOD



Please remember that the grocery cart in the Narthex is there for donations of non-perishable food. The donations will support the NeighbourLink food bank that helps the needy in Willowdale and the wider North York area as well as our grocery card recipients. Distribution is done once per month. Contributions can be brought to the church and placed in the cart in the narthex to be blessed.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Calling all **children**. May 8<sup>th</sup> - 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. There will not be any Children's programs from May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto: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](mailto:fambail@hotmail.com)

## CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday to Niko.  
Blessings on your special day

Any birthdays coming up in May? How about June? 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*.

## PROUD ANGLICANS



After a COVID-enforced absence for two years, the Toronto Pride Parade will return on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>. We'd like to invite members of your welcoming parish to join in the parade. St. George on Yonge is considered a welcoming parish as a LGBTQ2S+ affirming church.

For more information please see their Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/groups/ProudAnglicans/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProudAnglicans/) or email them at [info@proudanglicans.ca](mailto:info@proudanglicans.ca)

## ST. GEORGE'S OLDEST PARISHIONER TURNS 101 IN MAY

We are sending birthday greetings to centenarian Dorothy Ewer as she celebrates her upcoming milestone. If you would like to participate, email [eabeecham@gmail.com](mailto:eabeecham@gmail.com) with your best wishes, favourite Bible verse, or anecdote/joke for Dorothy to enjoy on her big day. Submissions will be incorporated into a special greeting card.

**Deadline:** May 9, 2022

## PHOTO GALLERY



From the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service with the Primate.

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

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## 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 . . .
<p><b>Congregation Cycle</b></p> <p>Anne S</p> <p>Ashok S</p> <p>Raj &amp; Roshni S</p> <p>Kien &amp; Anna S</p> <p>Maurice &amp; Aprille S &amp; Family</p>



*“My sheep hear my voice.  
I know them, and they follow me.”*

John 10:27

## 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 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 [family.baillie@sympatico.ca](mailto: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).



## 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](http://pwrdf.org/give-today)

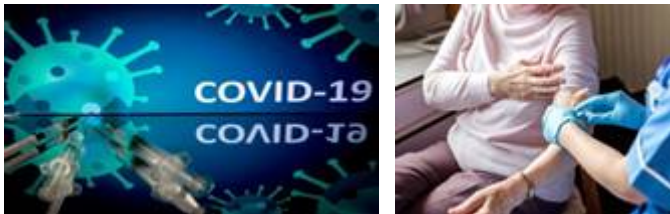
Another avenue is the United Nations Refugee Agency at <https://give.unhcr.ca/>

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.

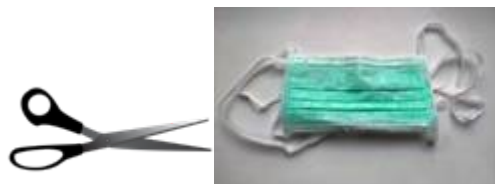
## HOW TO BOOK A COVID-19 VACCINE



<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. We are 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

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Prayer Requests – Margie Lyttle 416-512-6265

[mmlyttle@hotmail.com](mailto: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 [www.toronto.ca/covid19](http://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](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca)

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**ANSWER TO** What does a baby computer call his father? Data! LOL

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

I like telling Dad jokes. Sometimes he laughs!

Why do melons have weddings? Because they cantaloupe!

What did one eye say to the other eye? Between you and me, something smells!

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