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Parish Update– May 13, 2022



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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** designated May 15th, 2022 as Refugee Sunday?
- 2) **What** is a spy's favourite type of shoe?
- 3) **When** is the special vestry meeting?
- 4) **Where** can a child attending the service in person pick up a Children's Activity Bulletin from?
- 5) **Why** should parishioners consider using PAR?

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 15th service
- Bishop's Letter
- Diocese of Toronto Bursary application form
- City of Toronto vaccination tool kit May 12, 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: Fifth Sunday of Easter and Refugee Sunday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 Worship			
May 15	Fifth Sunday of Easter	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
May 18	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
May 18	Bible Study	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
May 19	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
May 22	Sixth Sunday of Easter	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.

 Other Events/meetings			
May 15	Special Vestry for Vestry members	In person / by Zoom	11:30 a.m.

SPECIAL VESTRY ON SUNDAY MAY 15TH 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) for any clarification. Thank you.

If joining in by Zoom, please join by 11:15 so attendance can be taken before the meeting begins. Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

ON-LINE SERVICES

The service for May 15th 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.

MAY 15 IS REFUGEE SUNDAY

Bishop Andrew Asbil designated Sunday, May 15, 2022, as Refugee Sunday in our Diocese.

"We have all seen the videos, photos and headlines over the past year: Afghanistan falling to the Taliban last August; civil war ravaging Ethiopia; and most recently, Russia's continuing assault on Ukraine – not to mention ongoing conflicts in other parts of the world. The need is greater than ever."

Bishop Andrew Asbil

Refugee Sunday is observed near the feast of Pentecost, when the early Church first awakened to its calling to be a place of welcome for all nations. We are reminded of how our welcome transforms the world.

AURA and Diocesan staff are pleased to offer resources for your parish to celebrate Refugee Sunday, including video interviews with refugees and sponsors; updated fact sheets; an overview of the sponsorship process; and prayers and worship resources.

[Please click to visit the AURA website for Refugee Sunday.](#)

[Please click to donate to FaithWorks to support the work of AURA](#)

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 18th

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 dougheyesh@gmail.com.

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

BIBLE STUDY



Wednesday Evening Bible Study by Zoom – May 18th

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

John 5:1–9

EVENING PRAYER



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Thursday, May 19th

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.

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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

The gardening team has been working hard cleaning up, pruning, splitting hostas and lilies, and now starting to do some planting. If anyone would like to donate toward the gardens, for soil and plants, please mark Gardens on your contribution.

GARDENS BLOOMING... and soon to bloom!



Looking up



Looking down



Tulip



Blooming Bleeding Heart



Star tulip



More blooming tulips



Hostas... blooms to come



Lilies... getting ready to bloom

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Due to the special vestry meeting this Sunday, and then I will be on vacation, our next session for the children 3-11 will be on **Sunday June 12th** at 12:30 p.m. If you are attending the services in person there will be children's activity bulletins available from the ushers but please bring your own pencils/markers to use if possible.

You can reach me at:

CELEBRATIONS



Colette L Sr. Connie Dorothy E Marcia

Blessings on your special days



Happy 11th Anniversary to Priya and Daniel

(newcomers to St. George on Yonge so if possible, seek them out after the service, introduce yourself and wish them a happy anniversary)

Any more 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 26th. 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/ or email them at info@proudanglicans.ca

PHOTO GALLERY



Bathing cabins in Melbourne, Australia

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

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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 . . .

Congregation Cycle

Sam & Julie T

Joseph T

Emelda & Sandy T & Cameron



“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

John 13:34

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 has opened 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).



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.

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.

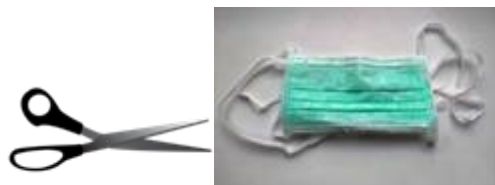
HOW TO BOOK A COVID-19 VACCINE



<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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Michael Leach Ext. 504

Prayer Requests – Margie Lyttle 416-512-6265

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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 is a spy's favourite type of shoe? Sneakers! LOL

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

A man goes to his doctor because he can see into the future. The doctor asks him, "How long have you suffered from that condition?" The man tell him, "Since next Monday."

My friend said to me, "What rhymes with orange?" I said, "No it doesn't!"

Someone complimented my parking today. They left a sweet note on my windshield that said, "parking fine."

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