

## Parish Update– June 10, 2022



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

### DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** would like a Rose of Sharon for their garden or balcony?
- 2) **What** did the ocean say to the boat?
- 3) **When** will the Office Administrator be back in the office?
- 4) **Where** can you find the revised COVID-19 information?
- 5) **Why** did the COVID protocols change?

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 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 come to the welcome table to sign in and pick up a bulletin. The leadership team asks that we continue wearing masks for the safety of others.

This Sunday: Trinity Sunday

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 <b>Worship</b>			
June 12	Trinity Sunday	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
June 15	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
June 16	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.

 <b>Other Events/meetings</b>			
June 12	Lemonade on the Lawn	in person	after the service
June 14	Special Zoom meeting for members	By Zoom	7:00 p.m.

## REVISED COVID INSTRUCTIONS

Last Sunday, June 5 – the Diocese of Toronto moved to “Green Stage,” of reopening, which is the complete removal of all COVID-19-related restrictions imposed during the pandemic. (The sole exception to this is our vaccination policy for clergy, staff and volunteers, which remains in force.)

The Common Cup is an important symbol in our Anglican tradition.

It has been emphasized that receiving the consecrated bread alone is complete in itself, so those who aren't comfortable drinking from the Common Cup don't need to.

Starting this Sunday, June 12, the cup will be offered to people who wish to return to drinking from the Common Cup.

For the time being, the parish leadership has decided to continue contact tracing, and ask that we continue wearing masks for the safety of others.

Please follow the Priest's and Usher's instructions for the service; and be respectful of everyone's comfort level with physical distancing and contact.

## ON-LINE SERVICES

The service for June 12<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.

## JUNE IS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

Our Diocesan Right Relations Coordinator, the Rev. Leigh Kern, is compiling resources and events to invite everyone interested to observe National Indigenous History month in a good way. These resources will be available on the Diocesan website along with links to General Synod resources for celebrating National Indigenous People's Day which falls on June 21st.

## LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – THIS SUNDAY!



Lemonade is optional

We are happy that our Lemonade on the Lawn is back after the service. It takes place outside in the garden area weather permitting. Hosts are needed for this important ministry. Please speak with Lorraine Baillie or Nancy Dodsworth if you are able to help with this. Lemonade Hosts will be responsible for serving and cleaning up. All supplies provided.

Thank you to our hosts this week – Geraldine and Alan, and to Lorraine for hosting last Sunday.

## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE

**June 12** is Trinity Sunday.

**June 19** is National Indigenous Day of Prayer along with Father's Day.

**June 26** is Pride Sunday celebrating LGBTQ+.

## MORNING PRAYER SERVICE



Join us for Morning Prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

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

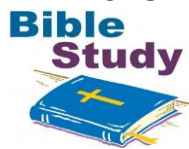
An opportunity to invite family and friends interested in morning worship.

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



Thanks to all who participated in the Lectionary-based study series.

Look here for the dates and times of the next Bible study series.

## EVENING PRAYER



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Thursday, June 16<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.

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## GARDENS

We continue to plant, water and weed the gardens. If you are interested in having a Rose of Sharon for your garden or balcony, please contact Lorraine. We have a number of small ones that are extra.



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Due to illness our next session for the children 3-11 has been moved to **Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom. At that time I will be evaluating how we will be moving forward with the Children's ministry and would like any input from families and others that may be willing to help.

You can reach me at:

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

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Our office administrator, Kathy Baillie, would like the congregation to know that she is currently working from home as she recovers from COVID-19. She is still experiencing some symptoms but is improving daily. Her mandatory government controlled quarantine ends on June 15<sup>th</sup> so she will be able to be back in the office in person on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Going forward from then, she asks that masks be worn when entering her office area while she's in the building (and can be provided if you don't have one available).

## CELEBRATIONS

Any birthdays coming up in June or July? 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 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)

## PHOTO GALLERY



This is the airport tower at JFK. A light mist covered part of it leaving the cross suspended in the sky. Coincidence? I don't think so. A reminder that our God is still in charge and cares for us!

Margie Lytle

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

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## THE GREAT CANADIAN GIVING CHALLENGE – BEGAN JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>



### What is the Great Canadian Giving Challenge?

The Great Canadian Giving Challenge is a month-long initiative to encourage people to donate during a slow time of the year for fundraising. Historically, this has been the month of June. CanadaHelps wanted to change that so in 2015, they launched the first Great Canadian Giving Challenge to help charities engage their supporters and raise more money.

### Here's how it works:

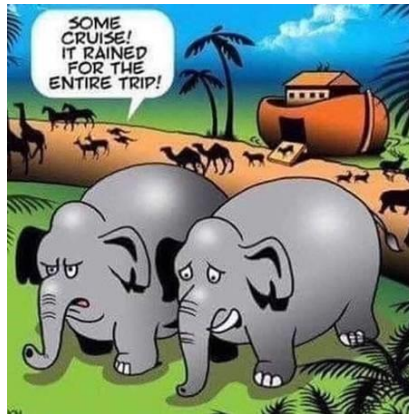
Every dollar donated to St. George on Yonge in June through CanadaHelps is an entry for a chance for St. George on Yonge to win \$20,000. Donations must be made via [canadahelps.org](https://canadahelps.org).



\* Minimum \$3 donation required. Contest runs from June 1, 2022 at midnight Newfoundland Daylight Time (NDT) to June 30, 2022 at 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). See full rules at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/givingchallenge-rules/>

Please note we are not asking you to switch over to giving through CanadaHelps. Continue to give through envelopes or PAR to save the Church the credit card processing fees (3.75%) CanadaHelps charges. While we know these are hard times for many, we are asking if it's possible for you to give a little extra during the month of June to give St. George on Yonge a chance to win the \$20,000 prize. Thank you!

## 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

Ann & Elizabeth B  
Hennie B  
David & Judith B  
Pamela B  
Maxine & Nigel & Liam & Mikaela B



*“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”*

Romans 5:1

## 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 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](https://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 hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 – 4:00. You can reach us by email or phone as well. The leadership ask that we continue to wear masks for the health and safety of each other.

The church phone number is **(416) 225-1922**.

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Michael Leach Ext. 504

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** did the ocean say to the boat? Nothing. It just waved! LOL

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

Our wedding was so beautiful, even the cake was in tiers.

I dislike jokes about German sausages. They're the wurst.

I was going to tell a time-travelling joke, but you guys didn't like it! LOL

You may not feel strong  
but in someone's eyes you are  
their comfort and strength.



## A LITTLE INSPIRATION