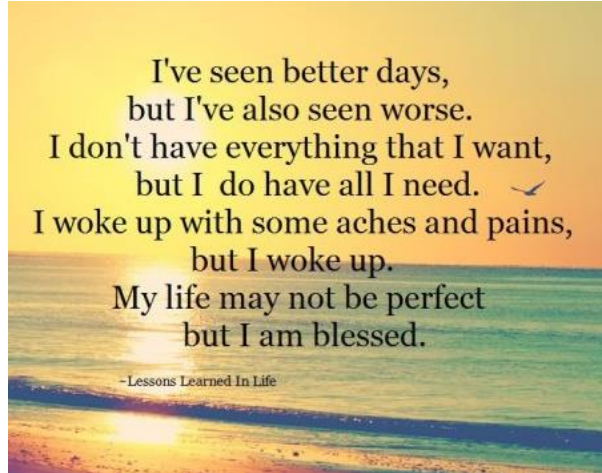


Parish Update– May 20, 2022



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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) **Who** is going to volunteer to host one or two Lemonade on the Lawn events this summer?
- 2) **What** is taking place on June 26th?
- 3) **When** is Lemonade on the Lawn starting?
- 4) **Where** do donations of food go?
- 5) **Why** can't a nose be 12 inches long?

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 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: Sixth Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<div> Worship  </div>			
May 22	Sixth Sunday of Easter	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
May 25	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
May 25	Bible Study	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
May 26	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
May 29	Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.

<div> Other Events/meetings  </div>			
June 5	Lemonade on the Lawn	in person	after the service

ON-LINE SERVICES

The service for May 22nd 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.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN



Lemonade and lawns not mandatory

Back to in-person social event on June 5th!

We are happy to announce that our Lemonade on the Lawn will be starting up in person on June 5th after the service. It will take 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.

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE



Join us for Morning Prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Wednesday, May 25th

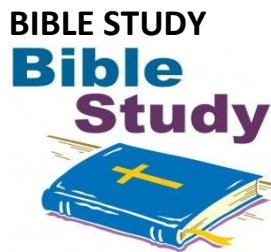
Time 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

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

doughey@gmail.com.

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study by Zoom – May 25th

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

Luke 24:44-53

EVENING PRAYER



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Thursday, May 26th

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.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL ELECTION THURSDAY JUNE 2

As you decide how you will vote, please consider and pray about how the values of our Christian faith could/should inform our vote. Here is a link to the Toronto Anglican Diocese website with thoughts on some election issues that the Anglican Church has spoken out on:

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/?lang=en>

and a link to a document with suggested questions to put to candidates to help you assess their position on these and similar social justice issues.

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Provincial-Election-2022-OPENING-THE-DOOR.pdf>

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Our next session for the children 3-11 will be on **Sunday June 12th** at 12:30 p.m. For Sundays May 22 – June 5th - 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:

Kathy: fambail@hotmail.com

CELEBRATIONS

Any birthdays coming up in May? How about 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 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

GARDENS REPORT

Soil and manure have been spread. Lots of weeds pulled. New plants are in the garden. Thanks to our team for allowing our gardens to look their best. Donations toward supplies and plants would be appreciated.

PHOTO GALLERY

The new yews have arrived!



And more blooms in the gardens



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 – BEGINS JUNE 1st



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://www.canadahelps.org).

*Donations must be made via [canadahelps.org](https://www.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 . . .
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Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.'

John 5:8

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-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.

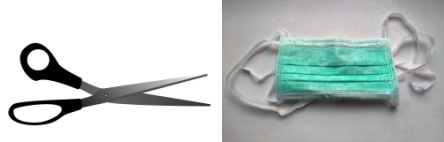
HOW TO BOOK A COVID-19 VACCINE



<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**.

Office – Kathy Baillie Ext. 501

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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 Why can't a nose be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot! LOL

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

'If you're sweating while putting gas in your car, and feeling sick when paying for it, you may have the CarOwnerVirus'

The hen loves to count her own eggs. She's a real mathemachicken!

Elevator jokes are classic. They work on so many levels!