



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship 			
May 21	Ascension Sunday	In person/Facebook	10:00 a.m.
May 24	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
May 25	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
May 28	Day of Pentecost	In person/Facebook	10:00 a.m.
May 31	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
June 1	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.

Other Events/meetings 			
Weekly	Coffee Hour	in person	after the Sunday service
May 24	ESL Class	in person	11:00 a.m.
May 27	Funeral for Emelda Thomas	in person/ Facebook	11:00 a.m.
May 31	ESL Class	in person	11:00 a.m.

HOW TO JOIN ST. GEORGE EVENTS ON ZOOM AND FACEBOOK

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 remember that the Sunday services are live on Facebook, not on Zoom.

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

Parish Announcements

ST. GEORGE'S KEEP THE LIGHTS ON CAMPAIGN

The leadership of St. George on Yonge is asking all parishioners, and people who participate in our services in person and online, to seriously and prayerfully consider making additional donations to our Keep The Lights On campaign. Why are the funds so necessary? The church building has needed unusually high repair expenses recently and even now there are some problems we don't have the money to deal with; daycare enrolment and revenue flowing to St. George are still below pre-pandemic levels; and the large mortgage from redevelopment still

remains and must be paid off. The financial impact of all these issues at the same time is very serious – the church’s cash balance is now almost zero.

Why should we all increase our financial support of St. George? There is of course worship and ministry and support within the parish. But more than that, many people in the wider community depend on St. George as a place for other faith groups’ worship services, for meetings of community groups, for outreach including food and clothing, for ESL classes and other newcomer support, and for the daycare operating in our building that young families depend on.

Without your continued and increasing financial support, these outreach activities, as well as the ministry and worship for our own church community, cannot exist here much longer. Please help St. George on Yonge to continue to be a beacon of light and hope to the Willowdale community.

SAD NEWS

A long-time former member of our congregation, Ruth Ross, passed away this week. She was an amazing 100 years old. She had requested to have a celebration of Life at St. George on Yonge. A Celebration of Life will be taking place on June 17th here at St. George on Yonge, starting at 11:00 followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please see the attached notice. May she rest in peace.

The arrangements for the funeral of Emelda Thomas have been finalized. The funeral service will be taking place at St. George on Yonge on Saturday May 27th at 11:00 a.m.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Do you enjoy the social time after the service and the nice treats? Are you appreciative of the people taking care of this? Well, you could be one of them. Volunteers are needed to be hosts. Lorraine Baillie and Nancy Dodsworth coordinate coffee hour hosting and buy all the treats and supplies. The host’s role on Sunday morning is to make coffee and tea, plate food, set out food and drinks after the service, and clean up afterward. Lorraine and Nancy will be happy to give you more information and orient you to the church kitchen. There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk.

ST. GEORGE ON YONGE 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE WATER BOTTLE

All the water bottles have been taken. Thank you to Colette Lyttle for making all the arrangements for these.



CHURCH LIBRARY

Check out the books in the Church Library. Our library is getting restored by Damiana. Books are getting reorganized into subject areas that will be easy to access. For the present time, please see the cart of suggested books which will be outside the library each Sunday morning. If you wish to borrow a book, please fill in the sign out sheet in the red binder. We ask that books be returned within a month.



DONATIONS OF FOOD AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

The grocery cart in the narthex is for donations of non-perishable food and other essential items. The donations will help support the St George on Yonge Gift Card recipients, as well as the NeighbourLink food bank that helps the needy in Willowdale and the wider North York area. Gift card recipients will be coming on June 6th; Let's fill up the cart before then.

ESL CLASSES HAVE RESUMED IN-PERSON AT ST. GEORGE!

Sessions are at St. George on Yonge, 5350 Yonge Street, normally on **Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please share this information with others who may wish to attend. For further information, contact Craig Robertson (mcrobertson3@gmail.com) or the office at 416-225-1922.



LIVE FLOWERS FOR SERVICES

We are able to have fresh flowers for services only when there are donations given specifically for them. When flowers are donated, we place a notice in the worship bulletin, 'The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of/in honour of.....' naming the person (s) and the special event (birthday, anniversary, loved one's memory, etc.) and the names of donors. If you attend the services when you donate flowers, they are yours to take home. The Altar Flower Request Form is available at the welcome desk and we request that you submit it at least 2 weeks before the date for the flowers. The donation can be put in the collection plate with a note that it's for flowers and the date you want them.

PARKING AVAILABLE AT ST. GEORGE'S (MONDAY – FRIDAY)

There is parking available for license in St. George's underground parking lot. A total of 15 spots are available, Monday-Friday, for \$120 per month. For full information, plus rules and conditions email the church office - office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca. Tell your friends and colleagues who might be interested!

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Worldwide Anglican Cycle

The people and leaders of The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle

ACC The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa

ACC/ELCIC

Jerusalem Sunday: The Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and for peace in the Middle East.

Outreach prayer cycle

Pray for St. James Cathedral, its drop-in for homeless and street-involved people, refugee sponsorship, participation in HUB and support of local agencies providing care to the homeless, under-housed and under-served;

for St. James the Apostle, Brampton, and its support of Brampton Prison Ministry, Interim Place shelter services, the Knight's Table community meals, The Dam youth ministry, the Regeneration Outreach Community, and San Lorenzo's Caravan of Hope;

and for St. James the Apostle, Sharon, its Second Chance clothing depot, weekly food closet, and participation in Inn from the Cold.

Diocesan Cycle

Bishop Kevin Robertson

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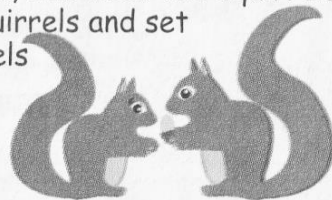
The people and leaders of St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole

Congregation Cycle

Daniel B / Julius B / Ann & Elizabeth B / Hennie B / David & Judith B

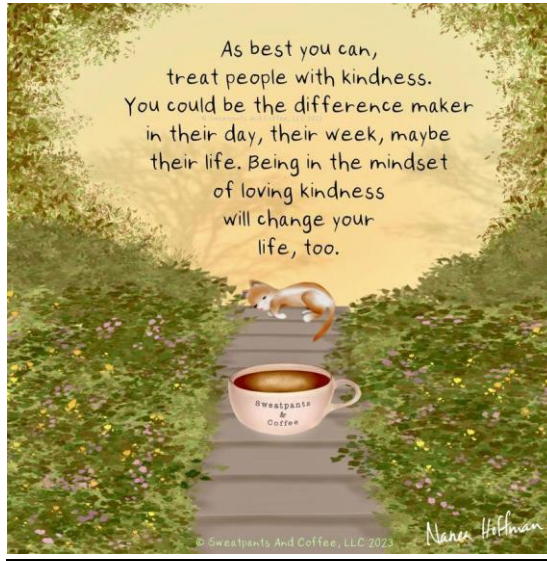
A LITTLE HUMOUR

Three buildings in town were overrun by squirrels - the town hall, the hardware store, and the church. The town hall brought in some cats. But after they tore up all the files, the mayor got rid of the predators, and soon the squirrels were back. The hardware store humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside town. But three days later, the squirrels climbed back in. Only the church came up with an effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and made them members. Now they see them only on Christmas and Easter.



Thanks to Robin Clennett for this week's chuckle. From the April 2023 Curious Guide.

A LITTLE INSPIRATION



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