St. George on Yonge

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Worship					
Aug. 20	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	In person/Facebook	10:00 a.m.		
Aug. 23	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.		
Aug. 24	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.		
Aug. 27	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	In person	10:00 a.m.		
Aug. 30	Morning Prayer	By Zoom 8:00 a.m.			
Aug. 31	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.		

Please note that the services on August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup> will only be in-person due to the unavailability of our technical "team".

Other Events/meetings					
Weekly	Lemonade on the Lawn	in person	after the Sunday service		
Weekly -	ESL Class	in person	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesdays					
Sept. 10	Coffee Hour returns	in person	after the Sunday service		
Sept. 10	Church School resumes	in person	10:00 a.m.		
Sept. 13	Seniors connect	By Zoom	10:30 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: <u>https://zoom.us/j/5482169827</u> 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**: <u>https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge</u> and can be watched anytime afterwards as well. Sermons can be heard on the phone by calling the church number and pressing extension 8.

### **Parish Announcements**

#### LETTER FROM ROSHNI SIRCAR TO REV. LEONARD LEADER

Dear Leonard,

Thank you for your call today and for being there for us through this heartbreaking time.

You have been there for Raj through this illness. You visited him constantly anointing him and giving him Holy Communion. He was at peace through out and always told me afterwards what a blessing it was to have you visiting him so often and giving Communion. You really made his last days truly peaceful and blessed.

As I mentioned to you today our church community has been amazing and for the first time I really understood what a church community is about.

I want to write a note about St George on Yonge to the Diocese. A lot of my friends have mentioned that they were amazed at the love and care we received from our church.

My nephew asked me the other day how many years it takes to get this amount of support from the community. I told him it wasn't the number of years, it is the people.

So thank you Leonard, bless you and your family and your church.

With much love from the Sircar family, Roshni

#### 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.

#### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED** \*

We will resume Coffee Hour on September 10, after a summer with great social times after services. Thanks to everyone who hosted Lemonade on the Lawn.

It would be wonderful to have enough teams of two or three people to host once every 6 or 8 weeks. All supplies and training are provided. New to hosting? We can pair you with someone who has experience!

Please contact Lorraine Baillie or Nancy Dodsworth if you would like to be part of this important ministry, or leave a message at the Church Office.





#### SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 20<sup>TH,</sup> 2023 7:00 P.M. THE BISHOP'S COMPANY DINNER IS BACK IN PERSON!

The Diocese of Toronto is grateful for your past support of the Bishop's Company. You may have attended one of our annual dinners, contributed to our ministries, or even



viewed our online Cabaret over the last three years. Now is your chance to come together and reconnect with members of our community, breaking bread with one another while supporting a great cause.

## Business leader and philanthropist Blake Goldring, CM MSM CD CFA ODT & Executive Chairman of AGF Management Limited will be this year's Guest Speaker.

Dinner includes a performance by jazz guitarist Nathan Hiltz and will be hosted by The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena.

Funds raised by The Bishop's Company support the Bishop's ministries, provide emergency care for clergy in need, and gives bursaries for religious education. Tickets are \$175 each or \$1,600 for a parish table of ten. Cocktails start at 6pm, with dinner at 7pm. Have your guest's **menu** selections ready when you purchase your tickets. For more details and tickets go **here** and follow us on **Facebook**.

They look forward to seeing everyone in person again on October 20<sup>th</sup>.



#### 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.

#### ESL CLASSES IN-PERSON AT ST. GEORGE!

Sessions are at St. George on Yonge, 5350 Yonge Street, on **Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No preregistration required.**  *Please share this information with others who may wish to attend. For further information, contact Craig Robertson* (<u>mcrobertson3@qmail.com</u>) or the office at <u>office@stqeorgeonyonge.ca</u> or 416-225-1922.

#### JOIN OUR ESL TEAM!

We are victims of our success - our weekly attendance has grown to over 40 people a week. We urgently need help to continue. Currently we have 2 levels of classes, a beginner class and one for people already comfortable with some English. We need people to teach the sessions as well as others to support the teachers. Someone to greet the people as they arrive and direct them to the correct class, prepare the coffee/tea, copy resources for the teachers, clean up afterwards, generally supporting the teachers. Are you able to help us out?

IF WE CANNOT FIND ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS – both teachers and helpers, OUR PROGRAM MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, or THROUGH THE WINTER.

Come join us! Or speak to friends who might be interested. No teaching or ESL experience required - we just need friendly people who are eager to get to know other people and want to help them settle and become comfortable in Toronto! Please note that volunteers for ESL must take an online Sexual Misconduct Policy training that takes about an hour before starting to volunteer (it can be done at home or at the church). Speak to Craig Robertson.

#### **"KEEP THE LIGHTS ON" CAMPAIGN MESSAGE**

The leadership of St. George on Yonge has asked members of the parish, and all who attend in-person and online services, to consider making additional donations to our campaign called "Keep The Lights On". We are pleased to be able to report to you that many people in our parish family have heard our call, and have stepped up and have answered as they were able. The church needs approximately \$36,000.00 to \$41,000.00 to meet expenses each month, and we are pleased to report that many in our church family have answered the need.

An additional way to help support the church and ministry here is to remember the church in your estate and through memorial gifts in the name of loved ones when they pass away. We are thankfully able to report that included in and supporting the weekly offering were a number of gifts made in memory of parishioners who passed away recently, a contribution from the estate of Joan, and also a first installment from the estate of a long time parishioner in former years.

All donations received, no matter if from a member of our parish family or not, in any amount, as long as the donor provides details such as name and address for our Envelope Secretary to record, qualify for an income tax receipt that helps to reduce your income tax for the 2023 tax year.

We are very grateful for those who have already come forward with additional funds; these gifts are really appreciated but everyone's continuing support is needed. Even if you cannot afford to give large donations, even your small contribution can help, when combined with everyone else. Without increased financial support, from everyone as they are able, St. George cannot exist here much longer.

Please check out the link below for the "This Little Light of Mine" memorial donation opportunity.

https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/stewardship/

#### Your Wardens

#### We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

#### Worldwide Anglican Cycle

The people and leaders of the Church of England

#### **Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle**

**ACC** The Rt. Rev. Michael Hawkins, Bishop; The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan **ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the South West Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

#### Outreach prayer cycle

*Pray for* St. Michael the Archangel, its support of community Out of the Cold and food bank programs, sponsorship of a child in Haiti, and fundraising for the AIDS Committee of Simcoe County;

for St. Monica, and its food bank and neighbourhood advocacy;

*and for* St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff, its weekly community lunch, its men's cooking and support group, its participation in a community Christmas dinner program, and support of the Bluffs Food Bank.

#### **Diocesan Cycle**

Bishop Ryscylla Shaw

#### **Deanery Cycle**

The people and leaders of St. George on Yonge

#### **Congregation Cycle**

Raphe G & Georgia M / Russell M & Lea-Lyn D / Amanda M / Richard M / Angella N

#### CHILD'S BEDROOM FURNITURE FOR SALE



One of the Friends of St. George is selling this child's bed set. It is about three years old and in excellent condition. **The proceeds from the sale will be donated to St. George on Yonge.** It is no longer in production, but the following link shows the current models available:

https://www.southshorefurniture.com/ca-en/Products/Baby-and-Kids/Kids-Bedroom/Bed/Tiara---Loft-Bed-with-Desk/p/10523

The total purchase price was about \$2,000. The set is for sale for \$650 but is negotiable. Please contact the church office if you're interested in purchasing the bed and the office administrator will connect you with the seller.



#### A LITTLE INSPIRATION

# WHY COULDN'T THE Pony Sing a Lullaby?

She was a little horse.

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#### A LITTLE HUMOUR