



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship 			
Oct. 1	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	In person and Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 4	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Oct. 5	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	In person and Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 11	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Oct. 12	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.

Other Events/meetings 			
Weekly	Coffee Hour	in person	after the Sunday service
Weekly	ESL Classes	in person	Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.–noon
Oct. 3	Gift Card distribution	in person	11:00 - Noon
Oct. 13	Pub Knights night	in person at The Frog	6:30 p.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> 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

RETIREMENT OF REV. LEONARD LEADER

The ministry of Rev. Leonard Leader was celebrated last Sunday on the occasion of his retirement. A wonderful pot-luck lunch was enjoyed by all. People's Warden Doug Heyes spoke after the lunch to pay tribute to Father Leonard's time at St. George, and reflected the feelings of the congregation when he said Father Leonard and Felicity will be very much missed by everyone. See pictures at the end of the update.

In thanksgiving for the faithful ministry of Rev. Leonard Leader, in lieu of a gift, a donation to St. George on Yonge Anglican Church "Keep the Lights on" campaign is appreciated.

ATTENTION ALL!!

Please join us at 10 a.m. in person, or online, on Sunday October 1st as we welcome our new interim Priest in Charge who will lead us in worship for the first time. The Bishop and his staff are working hard to ensure that St George on Yonge has a smooth and successful transition after our years of leadership under Rev Leonard Leader, which concluded with a great send off last week. For all those attending in person, and we hope that many of you will be able to do that, please remember to wear your name tags.

The Wardens



ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30.

[Orange Shirt Day](#) is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On September 30, all Canadians are encouraged to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.



CHILDRENS PROGRAM

The children's program takes place each Sunday in the Narthex during the 10:00 service. There will be some weeks when the program will need to be cancelled due to the unavailability of the teachers but we will let you know in the updates. We are hoping to grow our children's program but in order to do that we need to have more teachers. Please speak with Clavel or Kathy, or email Kathy at fambail@hotmail.com if you would be able to help out with this ministry. All teachers must complete a police record check and take the Sexual Misconduct Policy online training.

[We are using the Sermons 4Kids program.](#) Each week they provide a daily discussion that can be used throughout the week relating to the theme of the Sunday lesson. We can have them email you the daily discussion questions that relate to the theme of the Sunday lesson. Please let us know if you would like me to add your email address to their email list for this.



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. October 3rd is our next grocery card distribution day. Please help fill up the cart for them.



SAVE THE DATE: CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 25TH 2023

The Marion Singers of Toronto, under the direction of Christopher Dawes, will present a concert at St. George on Yonge on Saturday, November 25th, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$20 and will be available for purchase after Sunday worship services, or limited tickets through the EventBrite website at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-marion-singers-of-greater-toronto-benefit-concert-tickets-728953548687?aff=oddtcreator>. The Marion Singers of Toronto are donating their services as a benefit for St. George on Yonge and for the Willowdale Church Coalition, who are assisting with promoting this concert to the community.

For more information about The Marion Singers, please see their website at <https://www.marionsingers.com/dev/>.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED



Coffee Hour is a chance to have some treats and social time after the Sunday service. People are needed to host. All supplies and training are provided. 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.

Due to the lack of volunteers on October 1, there will be no refreshments this week. Please enjoy some social time in the Narthex.

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.

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Have you started thinking about your Christmas shopping? Make plans to give some chocolates to friends, neighbours and others you would like to thank at Christmas time. Up to 25% of the profits will come back to the church. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 and we need everyone to help. More information will be available soon. The ordering process will be easy and you can have your chocolates sent to you directly or to the church for pick up. For further information, please contact Lorraine Baillie at lbaille@rogers.com or 416-565-4923.



ESL CLASSES AT ST. GEORGE!

ESL sessions are at St. George on Yonge, 5350 Yonge Street, on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon. There are 2 separate classes: a beginner level and intermediate level classes. No preregistration required.

"KEEP THE LIGHTS ON" CAMPAIGN MESSAGE



The leadership of St. George on Yonge has asked members of the parish to consider donations to our campaign called "Keep The Lights On". Over the past few months we are pleased to report that many in our church family have answered that need but more help is always needed.

So far this year our income is up about 25%, or approximately 60,000 above the same time period as last year, to be about 90% of the total budgeted income expected for the entire year. These encouraging results will hopefully be added to by unreported donations to the campaign requested by Rev Leonard in place of a parting gift and a generous donation received late last week by a former parishioner through the Diocese. Also over the same period expenses, while up slightly over budget due to unexpected issues that had to be dealt with, have been held to about 40,000 less than at this same time last year.

We are also pleased to report that further efforts to raise funds are in negotiations currently, with hopefully two upcoming concerts being planned here at St George on Yonge as well as a possible new user inquiring about using our facilities on a weekly basis.

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. We would like to remind everyone about the opportunity to remember loved ones expressed in the video listed below as well.

Please check out this link 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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai
Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle ACC The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod ELCIC/ACC Remember Missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA people and their families and pray for an end to gender-based violence.

Outreach prayer cycle

*Pray for St. Philip on-the-Hill, Unionville, its participation in refugee sponsorship, and its support of a local breakfast club and ecumenical Christmas program.
for St. Philip, Etobicoke, its monthly community lunch, Christmas hamper program, and support of the Dorothy Ley hospice and the Weston Area Emergency Services food bank;
and for St. Saviour, Orono, and its support of the Durham Migrant Worker Ministry;*

Diocesan Cycle

The people and leaders of North Peel Deanery

Deanery Cycle

The people and leaders of Advent Lutheran

Congregation Cycle

Michael S & Michelle T / Roshni S / Kien & Anna S / Maurice & Aprille S & Family /
Anne-Marie S

Community Events

CLOTHING SWAP AT SAINT THEODORE OF CANTERBURY

On **Saturday, September 30, from 10-2:00**, Saint Theodore of Canterbury (111 Cactus Avenue) will be hosting a clothing swap. Bring clothes (clean and in good repair) which you no longer need and / or pick up something to refresh your wardrobe. Fall and winter clothes (and footwear) are particularly welcome!

Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2358576847866333/?ref=newsfeed>

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 20TH 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.



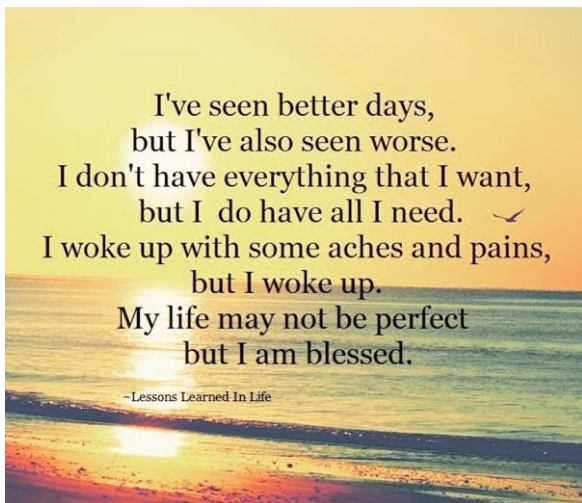
Business leader and philanthropist Blake Goldring, CM MSM CD CFA ODT & Executive Chairman of AGF Management Limited will be this year's Guest Speaker.

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 20th.

A LITTLE INSPIRATION



A LITTLE HUMOUR



PICTURES FROM THE SERVICE AND POT-LUCK LUNCH





Picture from Roshni S and Kathy B