



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship 			
Dec. 17	Third Sunday of Advent	In person and Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 20	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Dec. 21	Advent And Messianic Expectations	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent	In person and Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service with Pageant	In person and Facebook	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Service	In person	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 27	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Dec. 28	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	Wed. 10:00 a.m. – noon
Dec. 16	Christmas Carol Singalong	in person	3:00 p.m.
Dec. 20	ESL Potluck Lunch	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> 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

ADVENT AND MESSIANIC EXPECTATIONS

An interactive topical survey of Israelite, Jewish and Samaritan messianic expectations from the times of Moses, the Prophet to Jesus, the Messiah. Selected texts from the Hebrew Bible, New Testament and related extra biblical sources. All are welcome!

Concluding session this Thursday evening, December 21 at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. via Zoom

Homework

Scan 2 Samuel 11 and 13

Scan 2 Samuel 21:1-24:25

Scan 1&2 Kings

Read Deuteronomy 30

Read: Isaiah: 42:1-4; 49: 1-6; 50: 4-11; 52: 13-53:12.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

Please join us on Saturday December 16th at 3:00 p.m. for a Christmas Carol Sing-ALong. Please spread the word to your family and friends. Free - All are invited. We ask people to bring a donation of non-perishable food for the food cart.



2024 CHURCH CALENDARS

Church Calendars for 2024 have arrived... finally. Normally by now we have sold out but there was a delay in the production. They will be on sale for \$7 each Sunday after the service and from the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Contact the office administrator at 416 225-1922, or email her at office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca if you would like to pick some up during the week.

CHILDRENS PROGRAM



Our children's program takes place in the Narthex during the 10:00 service. We use the Sermons 4 Kids program (www.sermons4kids.com). We are hoping to grow our children's program and to have it available each Sunday but in order to do that we need to have more teachers. Please speak with 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. Please note that there will not be a Children's program on December 31st – activity bulletins will be available.

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. The donations are being taken to the NeighbourLink food bank next week.

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.

CHURCH LIBRARY



Check out the books in the Church Library and the library cart on Sundays. 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 AT ST. GEORGE!

Free 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 class and an intermediate conversational class. No preregistration is required. Helpers are needed for this – teachers and hosts. Please speak with Craig Robertson or Kathy Baillie if you can help with this. We are getting between 50-60 people each week.

KEEP THE LIGHTS ON' CAMPAIGN MESSAGE



Over the past few months you have all seen the weekly reminders from the leadership that St. George on Yonge needs your financial support. Members should be proud of their response so far and it is making a difference. As of the end of October, internal support at the parish has increased by almost 40,000 over last year, or about 25 %. Total income for the parish, aside from the normal fees paid each month by users, has risen almost 65,000 over the same period in 2022, and currently sits at approx. 30,000 more than the approved total budget for 2023 at last February's annual Vestry meeting.

Year to date expenses continue to be monitored and held in check by the leadership as we continue to control, wherever possible, costs. Total expenses as of the end of October are approx. 45,000 lower than those encountered over the same period in 2022 and are almost

exactly on par with budgeted levels expected at Vestry. For a number of years now we have seen a cash flow shortfall of 5-6,000 per month here at St Georges, and as an example for November 2023 the closing balance on our bank account was only approx. 500 lower than that held on the 1st. We are proud to be able to say that these results to our KEEP THE LIGHTS ON campaign are the results of the hard work, dedication, and generosity of all of you. THANK YOU!!!

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 continuing support is needed. We would also 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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle

ACC The Venerable Alan Perry, General Secretary, and the staff of the General Secretary's Office

ELCIC Peace Anthony-Idoko, Director of Finance and Administration, and the staff of Finance and Administration

Outreach prayer cycle

Pray for the Church of the Ascension, Don Mills, its Café 65 program for seniors and support of the Community Share food bank;

for the Church of the Ascension, Port Perry, its refugee sponsorship, support of Operation Scugog food bank, and participation in Affirming Worship Durham;

and for the Parish of Belmont, its involvement with Habitat for Humanity and the Pikangikum Water Project, and its advocacy for affordable housing, food security, and poverty reduction.

Diocesan Cycle

The people and leaders of the The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Enid Corbett, Diocesan President

Congregation Cycle

Helen C / Mary Elizabeth & Robyn C / Margaret C / Jackie C / Yan C

A LITTLE INSPIRATION



A LITTLE HUMOUR

