

# Dec. 29, 2023 This Week's News

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship					
Dec. 31	Epiphany Sunday	In person only	10:00 a.m.		
Jan. 3/24	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.		
Jan. 4	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.		
Jan. 7	The Baptism of the Lord	In person and Facebook	10:00 a.m.		
Jan. 10	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.		
Jan. 11	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.		
Jan. 14	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	In person and Facebook 10:00 a.m.			

Other Events/meetings				
Weekly	Coffee Hour	in person	after the Sunday service	
Jan. 3	ESL Class – intermediate class only	in person	10:00 a.m. – noon	
Jan. 10	ESL beginner class resumes	In person	10:00 a.m. – noon	
Jan. 12	Pub Knights night at The Frog	In person	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: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/5482169827">https://zoom.us/j/5482169827</a> 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

If you are having an event/meeting/service on Zoom, please remember to book our Zoom account with the Office Administrator. Thank you. Please note the office is closed until Jan. 4.

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

FACEBOOK: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge">https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge</a> 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**

## **2024 CHURCH CALENDARS**



Church Calendars for 2024 are here. They are 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 <a href="mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca">office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca</a> if you would like to pick some up during the week.

## **CHILDRENS PROGRAM**



Please note that there will not be a Children's program on December 31<sup>st</sup> – activity bulletins will be available. Normally our children's program takes place in the Narthex during the 10:00 service. We use the Sermons 4 Kids program (<a href="www.sermons4kids.com">www.sermons4kids.com</a>). 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 <a href="mail@hotmail.com">fambail@hotmail.com</a> 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.

## **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. Craig Robertson took the food over to the 415 Willowdale food bank on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>, they were very grateful for all the donated food.

## **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. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please contact Lorraine Baillie or Nancy Dodsworth, 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. The intermediate conversational classes will resume on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and the beginner class will resume on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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 6 months or so we have been thrilled to see the response to our campaign, but as 2023 draws to a close the physical campaign is coming to an end. That of course does not mean that there is still not a need for sustained and increased giving. 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!!!

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/

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 current tax year.

Please stay tuned for further opportunities to assist St George on Yonge and ministries in 2024 and beyond through other options such as Legacy Giving, use of PAR, and a potential capital campaign to eliminate the mortgage, already half paid off, that resulted due to delays in approvals when we built the current building.

Your Wardens

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

## **Worldwide Anglican Cycle**

The people and leaders of Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

## **Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle**

**ACC** The Director and staff of General Synod Communications and Information Resources; Amal Attia, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and the staff of Financial Management and Administration

**ELCIC** Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the National Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation, and the staff of Communications

#### Outreach prayer cycle

*Pray for* Christ Church, Brampton, its support of local outreach ministries, including Regeneration, Knights' Table, Coldest Night of the Year, and the Ste. Louise Outreach Centre;

for Christ Church, Deer Park, its support of the Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank, its refugee sponsorships, Saturday morning breakfast program, Let Your Lights Shine outreach donation program, and the Deer Park Skills Institute in Uganda;

and for Christ Church, Holland Landing, its community lunch, Christmas meal at the local seniors' centre, support of the Helping Hand food bank, Inn From the Cold, meal and snack programs at local schools, Crosslinks, Women's Shelter of York Region, and other local agencies.

#### **Diocesan Cycle**

The Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors of the Diocese

#### **Congregation Cycle**

Egan D & Karen N, Liam and Michael / Berto E / Elizabeth E / Robin & The Rev. Carol F / Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna G

