



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Worship  | | | |
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| Nov. 17 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | In person and on Facebook | 10:00 a.m. |
| Nov. 20 | Morning Prayer | By Zoom | 8:00 a.m. |
| Nov. 21 | Evening Prayer | By Zoom | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 24 | Last Sunday after Pentecost – with Baptism | In person and on Facebook | 10:00 a.m. |
| Nov. 27 | Morning Prayer | By Zoom | 8:00 a.m. |
| Nov. 28 | Evening Prayer | By Zoom | 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 18 | Blue Christmas Service | In Person | 7:00 p.m. |

| Other Events/meetings  | | | |
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| Weekly | Coffee Hour – Parish Hall | In person | After the Sunday service |
| Wed. | ESL – every Wednesday | In person | 10:00 a.m. – noon |
| Nov. 19 | Advisory Board Meeting | By Zoom | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 14 | Carol Sing | In Person | 3:00 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

If you are having an event/meeting/service on Zoom, please remember to book our Zoom account with the Office Administrator to avoid any conflicts. Thank you.

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



SAD NEWS

The Rev. Canon John Wilton died on November 12, 2024. Ordained deacon in 1987 and priest in 1988, he served as Assistant Curate of St. James Cathedral, Incumbent of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea and St. George on Yonge, Regional Dean, Canon Pastor, Priest-in-Charge of St. Augustine of Canterbury, and Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. George on-the-Hill. After retiring in 2014, he served as Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. George-the-Martyr, Parkdale, Christ Church, Bolton, St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole, St. Cyprian, and Honorary Assistant of St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole.

His funeral will be held at 11:00am on November 22, 2024, at St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole. Visitation will be held at St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole from 7:00pm to 9:00pm on Thursday, November 21 and 10:00am to 10:30am on Friday, November 22, before the service.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/toronto-on/john-wilton-12075545>

John was beloved at St. George and his legacy will live on here. Please keep his family in your prayers at this time.



PRAYER SHAWLS

Calling all knitters and crocheters! We are collecting prayer shawls.

Prayer shawls are created to remind people that they are held in God's loving care and in our prayers; they are given at times of celebration, transition, or difficulty. Prayer shawls come in many shapes and sizes: shawls, scarves, lap rugs, stoles, baby blankets. "Pocket prayer shawls" (a few inches square), are for people to keep nearby as reminders of God's love and our friendship. Shawls are given, with a blessing from the people of the church; they are never sold. If you feel called to contribute to this ministry by donating shawls please be in touch. The need is great, and we appreciate your help. Knitting or crochet patterns for a prayer shawl are available. Please email the office if you would like the patterns.

ADVENT FOR EVERYONE

An online teaching series with our bishops to which everyone in the Diocese is invited, Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Nov 26, Dec 3, Dec 10, Dec 17

These gatherings will give us a chance to pause, connect and deepen our spiritual journey during this holy season. Each gathering will be an hour long and will feature a reflection by the bishop, discussion in breakout groups and conclude with a short service of Compline. The evenings will be live and interactive. More information here: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

Reverend Ali will be there each week, and everyone from St. George is invited to join this education opportunity! Please let Rev. Ali know if you are planning to attend so that we can make sure we are all in the same discussion group.



NAME TAGS

Please wear your name tags to coffee hour. There will be a basket for you to put them in when you are leaving. It would be a great help if everyone could please roll up their lanyard and put it inside the plastic name tag holder to help keep them tidy. Thank you.

2025 CHURCH CALENDARS

The Church Calendars for 2025 are on sale for \$7 each after the services and from the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. They make a lovely Christmas gift.



CHILDRENS PROGRAM



Our program takes place in the Narthex during the 10:00 service for children 3 to 12 years old. We use the Sermons 4 Kids program (www.sermons4kids.com). We start out with some singing and our story and then have activity / craft time related to the topic. We go into the sanctuary for communion time and then have a light snack and finish up our activities until the service is over.

We are hoping to grow our children's program and to have it available every Sunday but in order to do that we need to have more teachers. Please speak with Kathy or Clavel, 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. Registration forms are available before and after the service for the parents to fill out.

ARE YOU ON PAR? WHY NOT?

It is so easy! No worry about remembering to bring your offering Sunday mornings. It is painless. On the 20th of each month the amount you choose to contribute to St. George is withdrawn from your bank account. In this way you are supporting your church even if you can't be there. The church's expenses continue, and everyone's support is essential.

You can change your amount or cancel if your situation changes. Changes are made at the beginning of each month. There are forms at the office that you can fill in, either to set up your PAR, or to make changes.

There are yellow PAR cards that you can use for the collection plate to show that you are a contributor, pick one up at the Welcome Desk before the service.

For special occasions such as Christmas, Easter, flowers, etc., you can make additional donations. There are offering envelopes available, or you can use ordinary envelopes. Be sure to put your name on the envelope so you will be credited.

Information brochures about PAR with an application form are available at the Welcome Desk. If you would like further information, please email me (family.baillie@sympatico.ca) or give me a call at 416-225-2570. Once on PAR you'll wonder why you didn't do it sooner!

Anne Baillie, Envelope Secretary



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee Hour is a chance to have some treats and social time after the Sunday service.

Volunteers are needed to host. All supplies and instructions 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. When we don't have volunteer hosts, we will have social time in the Narthex instead.



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 NeighbourLink food bank that helps the needy in Willowdale and the wider North York area.

Items commonly asked for: Cereal / Oatmeal / Salt / Oil / Rice and noodles / Jam and nut butter / Tomatoes / Corn / Flour / Sugar / Dry beans / Gluten free food / Nut-free snacks / Personal hygiene supplies / Baby supplies / Toiletries / Cleaning supplies / Pet food.

Contributions can be brought to the church anytime and placed in the cart in the narthex to be blessed on the last Sunday of the month.

ESL CLASSES AT ST. GEORGE –

VOLUNTEER HOST NEEDED TO GREET PEOPLE AND DIRECT TO THE CLASSES

Free ESL classes, run by volunteers, take place on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We are averaging about 85 students in our three classes. We have a break about 11:00 and serve coffee and tea. We need volunteers to help with this. We also need someone to monitor the front doors and to assist people who arrive after the classes have begun to direct them to the correct class. Anyone who's free on a Wednesday morning and willing to help, please speak with Kathy Baillie or Craig Robertson.



PRAYER REQUEST BINDER

If you have any special prayer requests there is a binder on the podium in the Narthex, under the world map, for you to write your requests. Please put the person's name, your name, and how long you want them to stay on the prayer list. These names will be added to the Prayers of the People that day and for the period of time you request on the form.



CHURCH LIBRARY

Don't forget we have a wonderful church library. Check out the books in the Library and on 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.

Community Announcements

CANTERBURY PLACE ANNUAL BAZAAR FAIR

Canterbury Place (1 Canterbury Place north) is holding its annual bazaar on Wednesday, November 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will have pastries, jewelry, candles, shoes, cards vendors. See attached poster for more information.

DELMANOR NORTHTOWN HOLIDAY MARKET

Delmanor Northtown (5351 Yonge Street) is holding a Holiday Market open to the community on Friday, November 22nd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will have a wonderful collection of vendors offering unique gift ideas, a gift raffle to win great prizes with the proceeds from the raffle being donated to Second Harvest Food Rescue, and seasonal refreshments prepared by a Chef. See attached poster for more information.

WE LOVE WILLOWDALE CHRISTMAS MARKET

NeighbourLink North York is holding the annual We Love Willowdale Christmas Market. It's taking place on Saturday, November 30th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This year's attractions include 50+ artisan vendors, Beaver Tails, Hot Chocolate, Soup & Chili, Tree lighting, sweepstakes contest, live music, sing-along, Santa, kids' activities, photo booth, and cram a cruiser food drive. See poster for more details.

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Worldwide Anglican Cycle

The people and leaders of The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle

ACC The Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office

ELCIC The General Secretary and staff of the Lutheran World Federation

Outreach prayer cycle

Pray for Trinity, Barrie, its support for the David Busby Centre, "Bucket Brigade" for the Women and Children's Shelter, Elizabeth Fry Society of Simcoe County, and participation in community meal programs through the local Salvation Army; *for* Trinity Church, Bradford, its Second-Hand Shop, Christmas shoeboxes for a women's shelter, Vacation Bible Camp, and support of Helping Hands Food Bank, Inn From the Cold, Mobile Youth Walk-in Clinic and S.H.I.F.T. Outreach and Support Programs

and for Trinity, Streetsville, its support of Christians Against Poverty, its COPING bereavement group, ESL program, refugee sponsorship, and its Green committee.

Diocesan Cycle

The people and leaders of York Central Deanery

Congregation Cycle

Michael S & Michelle T / Joy U / Izunna U / Stephen P & Ann-Marie WP, Rachel, Nicole / Yaowei W

Inspiration



Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller

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A Little Humour

Never seen anyone jogging and smiling, so that's all I need to know about that.