


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship 			
Dec. 8	Second Sunday of Advent	In person and on Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 11	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Dec. 12	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Third Sunday of Advent	In person and on Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 18	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Dec. 18	Blue Christmas Service	In Person	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.

Other Events/Meetings 			
Weekly	Coffee Hour – Parish Hall	In person	After the Sunday service
Wed.	ESL – every Wednesday	In person	10:00 a.m. – noon
Dec. 8	Family Cookie Making Christmas Tree Decorating	In person	After the service
Dec. 14	Christmas Carol Sing-along (food bank donations appreciated)	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

MARGIE LYTTLE AWARDED THE ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO!

We are thrilled to announce Margie Lyttle has been awarded the Order of the Diocese of Toronto for her lifetime legacy of devotion to the Church and God's work in the world. **We hope many people from the St. George community will show up for the presentation of this award at the Bishop's Levee on Wednesday January 1st.** Congratulations Margie!

Bishop's Levee: Presentations of the ODTs - Wednesday, January 1, 2025

St James Cathedral

Said Eucharist at 12:15 pm,

Reception and Receiving Line at 1:30 pm,

Festive Music at 3:00 pm,

Choral Evensong at 3:30 pm (also livestreamed)

The purpose of the Order is to recognize and honour those members of the laity in the Diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry. We give thanks to God for the work and witness of those faithful lay persons in our Diocese who in the exercise of their baptismal ministry have demonstrated that "their light shines, their works glorify."

CHRISTMAS FUN AT ST.GEORGE THIS SUNDAY! (Dec. 8)

– COOKIES AND TREES!

On December 8th we are getting into the Christmas spirit! Kids (and guardians if they would like to join) are invited to join Rev. Ali & Kathy in the Parish Hall to decorate cookies after the service. If you aren't joining us for cookie decorating, then help us decorate the Christmas trees upstairs!



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.



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. 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.

Please join us on December 8th after the service in the parish hall. Rev. Ali and Kathy will be doing some cookie decorating with the families to get us into the Christmas season. 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.

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 help with the beginner class, 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

KANE-JERRETT SEASONAL REFLECTION SERVICE

This is an opportunity to remember your loved one in a non-denominational service. We sincerely hope that we can help you get through this very difficult, meaningful and emotional time. Sunday December 15, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. – 8088 Yonge Street.

RSVP by December 8 to 905 889-8889

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Worldwide Anglican Cycle

The people and leaders of Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle

ACC The Acting Primate Archbishop Anne Germond and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada

ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

MOR The Rev. David E. Bennett, President of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America

Outreach prayer cycle

Pray for All Saints, Peterborough, its Food Security program, community garden, refugee sponsorship, partnership with Kawartha Food Share, snack program for those living rough on the street, and its youth ministry reaching children in the city with programming and fun all free of charge.

for All Saints, Sherbourne Street, its daily drop-in and nursing program, weekly breakfast for women involved in the sex trade, and its community agency connections;

and for All Saints, Whitby, its Deacon's Food Cupboard, community garden and Christmas outreach ministries.

Diocesan Cycle

The people and leaders of the Peterborough Deanery

Congregation Cycle

Zahra Z / Grazyna Z / Ellen O / Juliet A / Stephanie A

Inspiration

WE COME TO LOVE NOT BY
FINDING A PERFECT PERSON, BUT
BY LEARNING TO SEE AN
IMPERFECT PERSON PERFECTLY



A Little Humour

Forecast for today.
Unproductive with
a chance of
napping.



Advent & Christmas

St. George on Yonge

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DECEMBER

Christmas Cookie Decorating

11:00AM - 1:00PM

A fun Advent activity for the families of St. George! Join Rev. Ali and the children's ministry team in the parish hall after the Sunday service to decorate cookies and get ready for the Christmas season.

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DECEMBER

Christmas Carol Sing-along

3:00PM

All are welcome to join us to sing your favourite Christmas Carols! Bring your family and friends.

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DECEMBER

Blue Christmas

7:00PM

A service for those searching for comfort, hope, or healing during this Christmas season. Join us for a quiet service with meaningful words and music.

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DECEMBER

Family Christmas Eve Service

4:00 PM

A Christmas Eve service that is fun for the whole family. All ages are welcome from newborns to grandparents.

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DECEMBER

Traditional Christmas Eve Service

9:00PM

A traditional Christmas Eve service with organ music and hymns.
(in person + live streamed)

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DECEMBER

Christmas Morning

10:00AM

A quiet Christmas Morning service.
(in person + live streamed)

More Info:
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