



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Worship</b> 			
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.
Dec. 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent	In person and on Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 24	Family Christmas Eve Service	In person	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 24	Traditional Christmas Eve service	In person and on Facebook	9:00 p.m.
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Service	In person and on Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 26	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.

<b>Other Events/Meetings</b> 			
Weekly	Coffee Hour – Parish Hall	In person	After the Sunday service
Wed.	ESL – every Wednesday	In person	10:00 a.m. – noon
Dec. 14	Christmas Carol Sing-along (food bank donations appreciated)	In Person	3:00 p.m.
Dec. 28	Christmas Drop-in	In Person	1:30 – 4:00 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/stgeorgeonyong> 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**

### **THE ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

Margie Lyttle has been awarded The Order of The Diocese of Toronto. The presentation ceremony is taking place on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, at St. James Cathedral. **We hope many people from the St. George community will attend the presentation of this award at the Bishop's Levee on Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>.** A Said Eucharist begins at 12:15 p.m., reception and receiving line at 1:30, with Festive music at 3:00 and a Choral Evensong at 3:30 p.m.  
**Congratulations Margie!**

### **SUCCESSFUL COOKIE DECORATING SESSION WITH THE FAMILIES**

We had 7 children participate, and 3 youth participate and help us with our Cookie Decorating session after the service last Sunday... and a few adults too! Congratulations to our Warden Philip for his first ever decorated cookie (he did watch the children first so he would know what he's doing!) A fun and yummy time was had by all.



## **THANK YOU**

Thanks to our volunteers who decorated the Christmas trees after the service last Sunday.



## **CHRISTMAS DROP-IN AT ST. GEORGE ON YONGE**

We have decided - albeit on short notice - to invite our Yonge Street community to an informal Christmas Drop-In on **Saturday, December 28, 1:30-4:00** - part of our effort to show that we are open to and welcoming of our neighbours, and eager to share Christmas cheer with them.

We are following the advice - "keep it simple, stupid!" - We will be receiving guests in the narthex, offering hot beverages (cider, coffee, tea), hot and cold snacks (baking, extra Christmas sweets..., hot finger foods...)... whatever we can pull together.

**We need many St George members to help and be involvement** to make this event a success. Can you help welcome and talk with our guests for part or all of the time? Can you offer sweets or savoury snacks? contribute to the expenses? perhaps bring food or used clothing items for the needy who come in? Do you have ideas about this initiative to reach out to the local community?

Please contact or speak with Rev. Ali, or any of the Wardens team how you can be involved.



## **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 / Peanut Butter / Rice / Oil / Hearty Soups / Instant noodles / Oats / Menstruation Products / Toiletries.

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 – LAST SESSION NEXT TUESDAY DECEMBER 17TH**

***An online teaching series with our bishops to which everyone in the Diocese is invited, last session this Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 The Anglican Church of Tanzania

##### **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

**MOR** Mr. David Jones, District President, and the members of Board of Elders of the Canadian District of the Moravian Church Northern Province.

### **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 Season of Spiritual Renewal

### **Congregation Cycle**

Chimereze A / Christian Oke A / Dr. William A / Ravi A / Paul A

### Inspiration



### A Little Humour





# 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:  
[www.stgeorgeonyonge.ca](http://www.stgeorgeonyonge.ca)

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