



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship 			
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.
Dec. 29	First Sunday after Christmas – Carol Service	In Person and on Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 1	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 2	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Epiphany	In person and on Facebook	10:00 a.m.

Other Events/Meetings 			
Weekly	Coffee Hour – Parish Hall	In person	After the Sunday service
Wed.	ESL – restarting January 8th	In person	10:00 a.m. – noon
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/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

2024 DONATIONS:

A reminder that in order to receive income tax receipts for 2024 donations, they must be received by Sunday, December 29 so that they can be included in the deposit for 2024.

CHURCH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES / PAR

The boxes of Church envelopes will be available after the service on December 22nd for pick-up. Please only take a box if it has your name on it. If you are interested in getting the weekly envelopes, please contact the envelope secretary, Anne Baillie. If you would like to go on PAR, or for more information about it, please speak to the person at the welcome table and they can give you a brochure and a PAR form.

If you would like further information, you can email me (family.baillie@sympatico.ca) or give me a call at 416-225-2570.

Anne Baillie, Envelope Secretary

COME TO ST. GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS DROP-IN! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1:30-4:00

JOIN us for some informal Christmas cheer and fellowship that we will share with our Yonge Street community whom we are inviting to join with us in the celebration! It will be a simple affair - meet in the narthex, enjoy hot beverages (cider, coffee, tea), hot and cold snacks (baking, extra Christmas sweets..., hot/cold finger foods..). ***After all*** - Christmas does not end on December 25...

This is part of our effort to show that we are open to and welcoming of our neighbours, and eager to share Christmas cheer with them. ***Do you have ideas how to make this a successful community event?***

Here are some ways you can help-

- welcome and talk with our guests for part or all of the time.
- contribute sweets or savoury snacks.
- help with set-up and clean-up.
- help with the food service during the event.
- donate to help cover the expenses.
- bring non-perishable food or used clothing items for the needy who come in.

Please contact or speak with Rev. Ali, or any of the Wardens team how you can be involved. There will also be a sign-up roster on the Welcome Desk on Sunday.

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 1st.** 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!

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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Worldwide Anglican Cycle

The people and leaders of The church of the Province of Uganda

Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle

ACC The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator

ELCIC Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion;
Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship

MOR The Rev. Melissa Johnson, president of the Eastern District Executive Board of the
Moravian Church Northern Province

Outreach prayer cycle

Pray for the Parish of Bobcaygeon, Dunsford & Burnt River, its food bank, refugee support, prayer shawl ministry, and support of Sleeping Children Around the World and other outreach initiatives;

for the Parish of Campbellford, Hastings and Roseneath, its school breakfast and lunch programs, its weekly dinners, its Deacon's Cupboard, refugee sponsorship, and support of Warkworth Hospice;

and for Christ Church, Bolton, its support for Caledon Community Services, its community garden, prayer shawl ministry, Christmas stocking outreach to the King Nursing Home, and support of other local outreach programs.

Diocesan Cycle

The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Enid Corbett, Diocesan President

Congregation Cycle

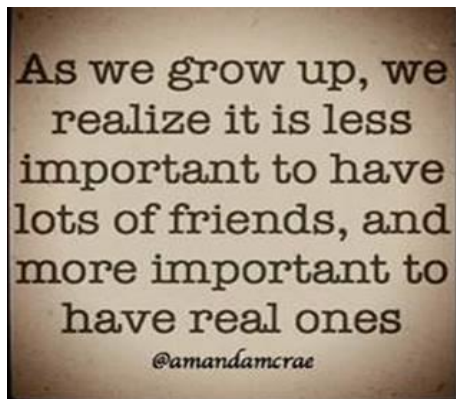
Bruce A / Anne & Kathy B / Lorraine B / Ann & Elizabeth B / Emika B

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of my parents Esmey and Cecil Andrews (DSP Rtd.)

- Always in our hearts.

from Ravi Andrews

Inspiration



A Little Humour

Why must I prove that I am me to pay my bills over the phone? Do strangers call to pay my Bills? And if they do, why don't you let them?

Condolences and Funnies

Advent & Christmas

St. George on Yonge

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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

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