



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Worship</b> 			
Jan. 19	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	In person and on Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 22	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 23	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	In person and on Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Jan 29	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 30	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 – Weekly on Wednesdays	In person	10:00 a.m. – noon
Feb. 9	Annual Vestry Meeting	In person & Zoom	After the Sunday service

### **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

## **MESSAGE FROM THE ENVELOPE SECRETARY**

The 2024 income tax receipts will be available in a few weeks. If you prefer to receive your receipt by email, please let the envelope secretary know by sending her an email saying you would prefer it that way. [family.baillie@symptico.ca](mailto:family.baillie@symptico.ca).

If you prefer a paper copy, they will be available for pickup after the service on January 26th. They will also be available for pick up from the church office during regular office hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Thank you,

Anne Baillie, Envelope Secretary

## **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS AT WORK!**

In preparation for our Vestry Meeting on February 9th...

Everyone currently in a leadership role will be contacted to see if they are interested in continuing.

We are looking for other members of the parish who might be interested in taking on a leadership position.

We especially would like some new members to be part of the Advisory Board. This group meets 5 times a year by Zoom, to give advice to the leadership team, discuss plans and take on some of the tasks that need to be done.

There are a number of other positions that are available as well. Please speak with Margie or Lorraine on Sunday, or send an email to the office if you would like further information.

Thank you!

Your Nominating Committee - Margie Lyttle and Lorraine Baillie

## **MEET WITH REV. ALI**

I can't believe I've already been at St. George on Yonge for over 3 months. Time has flown by and it has truly been a blessing that God has called us together to do ministry in this place. As I've settled in, it has been a priority of mine to meet with as many parishioners as possible to hear about their faith, their big questions, and their relationship with St. George. This continues to be important to me, and I invite anyone who would welcome a chance to chat with me to please reach out. You can always drop by my office on Wednesday from 10-2, or reach out to schedule a time that is convenient for you. We can meet in person or virtually, at the church or somewhere else in the city. The best way to contact me is always by email or text. Blessings - Rev. Ali.



ANNUAL  
VESTRY  
MEETING

## VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry meeting for St. George on Yonge will be held after the service on Sunday, February 9th. If you qualify as a voting member, please check the Vestry List on the bulletin board in the Narthex to make sure you're on it. If you aren't, please speak with a Warden, the Priest, or email the Parish Administrator. [Office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:Office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)

To all of the people in charge of the various ministries at St. George, please note that the **deadline to get your reports** in to the Parish Administrator is Monday, **January 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please send them as a word document to the Parish Administrator at [office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca).

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT ST. GEORGE ON YONGE: COURSE & STUDY GROUP

The University of Alberta is offering the course *Black Canadians: History, Presence, and Anti-Racist Futures* online at no cost. It's intended to help us learn about some of the major histories, migrations, artists, and activists that have contributed to the presence of Black people in Canada.

We invite you to sign up for the course, complete the four modules on your own time, and then join us for a zoom study group on Tuesday nights @ 7pm - 8pm (Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18) to discuss what we've learned, and to pray using materials from contemporary Black theologians. Each week of the study group will cover one of the modules of the course, but please feel free to join us regardless of how much of the material you have covered. You also do not need to attend all four sessions - come when you can. All are welcome!

- Link to register for *Black Canadians: History, Presence, and Anti-Racist Futures*: <https://www.ualberta.ca/en/admissions-programs/online-courses/black-canadians-history-presence-and-anti-racist-futures.html>
- Please email Rev. Ali to register, or to get more information about the Tuesday Study Group: [alimcintosh@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:alimcintosh@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)

Lastly, Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual **Black History Month Service on February 16th at 10am.**



## DONATIONS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH SERVICE

We are excited to announce that St. George's annual Black History Month Service will be on **Sunday February 16th at 10am**. This will be a wonderful service with prayers, music, and guests. There will also be a reception after the service, with delicious food from around the world. This service cannot happen without your support, so if you are interested in helping to plan please let the office know. We also need your financial support to offer honoraria for our guests, and to offset the costs of hospitality. If you are able, we ask you to please consider making a one-time special donation to this ministry.

## **CHURCH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES / PAR**

The boxes of Church envelopes are available at the services 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 sign up for PAR (automatic monthly withdrawals), or for more information about PAR, please speak to the person at the welcome table on Sundays and they can give you an explanatory brochure and an application form. If you would like further information, you can email me ([family.baillie@sympatico.ca](mailto:family.baillie@sympatico.ca)) or give me a call at 416-225-2570. Anne Baillie, Envelope Secretary

## **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. See the bulletin board in the narthex for a more detailed list of needed items. 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. **Please contact the office if you would like to receive a prayer shawl pattern, either knit or crochet, by email.**

## **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. Teachers are needed, anyone interested please speak with Kathy after the services.

## 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.

## 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.



## 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 in the Province of the West Indies

#### **Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle**

**ACC** The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry;

**ELCIC** Bishop Carla Blakely, the people and rostered ministers of the Eastern Synod;

#### **TOGETHER**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the ecumenical work and witness of our churches

#### **Outreach prayer cycle**

*Pray for* the Parish of Craighurst and Midhurst, its support of the Barrie and Elmvale Foodbank, Youth Haven and Women's shelters, and Christmas outreach to local families;

*for* the Church of Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale, their work in the Hope Community Garden, partnership with the Dale Ministries, involvement with the Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust, and social justice, advocacy, and environmental initiatives;

*and for* the Church of the Evangelists, New Tecumseth, its Family Market second hand shop and its Good News Café Saturday drop-in.

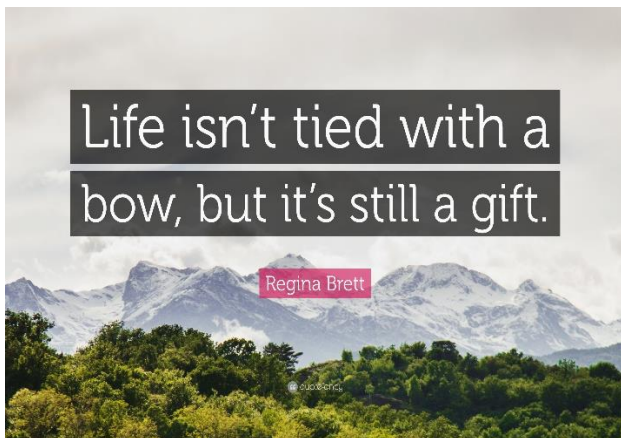
### **Diocesan Cycle**

The people and leaders of the Holland Deanery

### **Congregation Cycle**

Dilip G / Eleanor G / Ferdinand G / Raphe G & Georgia M / Walter G, Susie & Debbie

### Inspiration



### A Little Humour

