



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Worship  | | | |
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| 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. |
| Feb. 2 | Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany | In person and on Facebook | 10:00 a.m. |
| Feb. 5 | Morning Prayer | By Zoom | 8:00 a.m. |
| Feb. 6 | Evening Prayer | By Zoom | 7:30 p.m. |

| Other Events/Meetings  | | | |
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| 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 |
| Feb. 11 | Service at Delmanor | In person | 10:30 a.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

MESSAGE FROM THE ENVELOPE SECRETARY

The 2024 income tax receipts will be available soon. 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.

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

SEASON OF RENEWAL: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"Bishop Andrew Asbil is encouraging Anglicans to attend one – or more – of the five large worship gatherings planned around the diocese in 2025. "It's an opportunity for our community to come together and pray and sing and rejoice as followers of Jesus Christ," he says.

The gatherings will be held in each region of the diocese so that people can easily get to them. The services will be held on March 22 at 2 p.m. at St. James Cathedral, on March 29 at 2 p.m. at Trinity, Streetsville, on May 31 at 2 p.m. at All Saints, Whitby, on Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. at St. James, Orillia and on Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul, Bloor Street.

We hope everyone from St. George will be able to attend the gathering on March 22 and the one on October 25, as they are both reasonably close to us.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEVIN, OUR FORMER AREA BISHOP

Good evening friends at St. George on Yonge,

As you know, I am no longer your area bishop. However, I do appreciate the fact you have left me on your email list over the past few years.

I wanted to drop you a quick note on this Friday evening to say how wonderful it is to read about all the great things happening in your parish. I try to take a few minutes each week to read "This Week's News" when it arrives. I hope you are all encouraged by the vitality of your leadership – both clergy and lay – and the ways you are engaging in the mission of God's Church. The various ministry initiatives underway in your community is inspiring.

Blessings as you prepare for Vestry in a few weeks. Be assured of my continued prayers as you continue serve the world God loves.

Yours faithfully,

+Kevin

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?

from the Nominating Committee

At this time of the year, we ask all parishioners to consider how they can get involved in the life of the parish. At the present time we are still looking for people to coordinate Archives, Altar Guild, Parish Life and Youth Ministry. However, we also need as many people as possible to become part of each ministry to work together in a team. We especially need team members for the following ministries: Altar Guild (set up and clean up for services), Ushers, Counters, Worship Support and Hospitality. Please speak to Lorraine or Margie on Sunday if you would like more information about these roles, or contact the church office.



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

Thank you to everyone who got their Vestry Reports into the office.

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

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) 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). 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.

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.

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Worldwide Anglican Cycle

The people and leaders of The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle

ACC The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod

MOR The people and ministries of Millwoods Moravian Church in Edmonton

Outreach prayer cycle

Pray for the Parish of Fenelon Falls, its community gardens, community kitchen, cooking classes, and support of the Good Food Box;

for the Parish of Georgina, its Summer Outreach Chaplaincy, parish food voucher distribution, prayer shawl ministry, outreach to the homeless, and support of the Georgina Community Food Pantry;

and for Grace Church-on-the-Hill, its support of the Churches-on-the-Hill food bank, provision of meals for Out of the Cold programs, refugee resettlement work, and support of Indigenous ministries, international emergency response and development, prison ministry, and food security organizations.

Diocesan Cycle

The people and leaders of The Cast the Net strategic vision for the diocese of Toronto

Congregation Cycle

Minka H, Brian & Dennis / Shirley H / Sumedh J & Pearl S / Elvine J / Isabelle J, Maynard & Michelle

Inspiration

From 'Uncommon Thoughts on Common Things' -
Robert Fulghum

Most of what I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Flush.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life-learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
- Take a nap every afternoon.
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
- Be aware of wonder.

A Little Humour

