



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship 			
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.
Feb. 9	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	In person and on Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 12	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Feb. 13	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.

Other Events/Meetings 			
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.
Feb. 12	Seniors Connection	By Zoom	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**

### **Nominating Committee Message**

Thanks to all who have agreed to take on or continue in a leadership role. We continue to encourage everyone to become part of a ministry team. It is an opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners and serve the Lord in a practical, helpful manner.

Lorraine Baillie, Margie Lyttle



### **Vestry Meeting**

The Vestry meeting for St. George on Yonge is after the service on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary (and on Zoom). We will have a short social time in the Narthex after the service before the meeting will begin. Please note no food or beverages except for water are allowed in the sanctuary. For those Vestry members joining us on Zoom, please connect by 11:00 a.m. 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.

Each member of Vestry attending will be required to sign our Vestry book with the following declaration (for those connecting on Zoom will have to verbally agree):

"I solemnly declare that I have been a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and of this congregation for at least three (3) months, that I have attended regularly scheduled services of worship with this congregation at least three (3) times in the past year, that I am of the full age of sixteen (16) years and that I have not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three (3) months, nor do I intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year." Please note that a person must be baptized and have accepted the authority of the Anglican Church in order to be a member.

If you do qualify but aren't on the list, please speak with a Warden, the Priest, or email the Parish Administrator. [Office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:Office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)

### **Government Of Ontario Tax Rebate Cheque**

Are you thinking about what to do with your government of Ontario tax rebate cheque?

If you are able to, how about giving it as a donation to St. George on Yonge? Perhaps an easy way to give to SGY!

## **Kids & Youth Invited To Exploration Day**

Children and youth ages 6-18 are invited to the Ash Wednesday Exploration Day at St. James Cathedral on March 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This event will explore the theme “Experience Spiritual Renewal as We Walk in the Steps of Jesus to the Cross.” Participants will explore the cathedral, play group games, do crafts, meet with the bishop and worship together. For more details, contact Karyne Whalen. Register online by Feb. 19.

## **Message From The Envelope Secretary**

The 2024 income tax receipts are available. 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 February 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will also be available for pick up from the church office during regular office hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (until February 14<sup>th</sup>).

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.***

## **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. Please note on your cheque/envelope that it is for the Black History Month service.

### **Palm Crosses**

We will be turning palms into crosses sometime in the week of April 6-12<sup>th</sup> to be ready for Palm Sunday (April 13<sup>th</sup>). We will need volunteers to help with this. If you already know how to make a palm cross – great! If you don't but would like to find out – great! We will be getting together at the church probably on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> for this. Anyone interested, please speak with Rev. Ali or email the Church office ([office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)).



### **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.**

We also want to express special thanks to the Centennial Library Knifty Knitters who have donated many shawls. Thank you so for contributing to this ministry, and offering your creations with love and care. Photos of their work is attached.

## Children's 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 time for treats and socializing after the Sunday service. Several experienced volunteers are often the hosts, and we encourage newcomers to St. George to help them and learn how easy this ministry is! The Church provides all supplies and instructions. If you would like to be part of this hosting your fellow parish members, 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 4 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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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

**ACC** The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

**ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and Seaway Areas of the Eastern Synod

**MOR** The people and ministries of Heimtal Moravian Church in Leduc County, AB

#### **Outreach prayer cycle**

*Pray for* Grace Church, Markham, its monthly lunch, refugee sponsorship, participation in the Pikangikum Water Project and education and advocacy on Indigenous and Right Relations issues;

*for* Grace Church, Scarborough, its monthly community lunch and cooking club, and its support of the Good Food Box;

*and for the Parish of Haliburton, and its support of the Haliburton Youth Hub.*

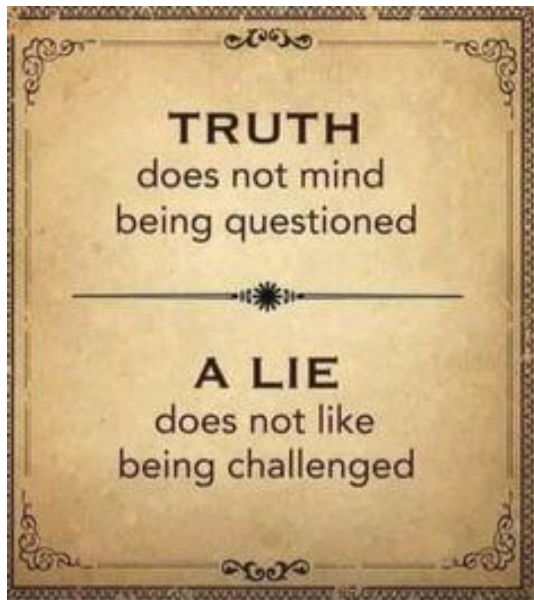
**Diocesan Cycle**

The people and leaders of the Bishop's Committee on Interfaith Ministry

**Congregation Cycle**

Janet K / Alan & Nicole L / Gerry L & Carolyn P / Margie & Clavel L, Carter / Colette L

**Inspiration**



**A Little Humour**

