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### Parish Update– April 29, 2022



Check out the new banner. Photo by Kathy Baillie

*“Where flowers bloom, so does hope”*

Lady Bird Johnson

**To our St. George on Yonge Parish Family and Friends,**

### **DO YOU KNOW?**

1) **Who** made the beautiful glass vase for the Primate?

- 2) **What** did you see at the church last weekend if you went to the lower level?
- 3) **When** is the next coffee hour? (Hint: we don't know until we get your feedback as requested)
- 4) **Where** on the building is the new banner?
- 5) **Why** is Peter Pan always flying?

Did you find all the answers? Congratulations! Now you know!

## HOW TO JOIN ST. GEORGE EVENTS ON 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

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Please find included this week

- The bulletin for Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> service
  - Bishop's Letter
  - City of Toronto vaccination tool kit April 28, 2022 edition
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## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEVIN

Dear friends at St. George on Yonge,

I am writing to wish you a very Happy St. George's Day today. April 23 is always a significant date for your parish community, but especially this year as you celebrate your 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I hope you've had a wonderful celebration with our beloved Primate this weekend. May you continue to dream and plan for the next 100 years!

Continued Easter blessings,

+Kevin

## MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM


Rev. Leonard Leader, Doug Heyes, Aili Maki and Ravi Andrews are pleased to welcome Craig Robertson to the leadership team as Deputy Rector's Warden. Craig, thank you for offering your time in this leadership role.


### **\*Please join us for in-person Worship**

Our services are in-person as well as live streamed on Facebook at 10:00 each Sunday and available afterwards to watch at any time. If you are coming in person, please do a self-screening before entering the building and come to the welcome table to sign in and pick up a bulletin. Please note that at this time masks are still required for our services.

This Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<div>  <b>Worship</b> </div>			
May 1	Third Sunday of Easter	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
May 4	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
May 4	Bible Study	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
May 5	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
May 8	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	In person/Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.

<div>  <b>Other Events/meetings</b> </div>			
May 1	Children's Program (all ages)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m.
May 8	Children's Program (all ages)	By Zoom	12:30 p.m.

## ON-LINE SERVICES

The service for May 1<sup>st</sup> is also being live-streamed on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page at **10 a.m.**

**ET:** <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/>

The service video will also be available on the page immediately after.

\*The bulletin is attached.

\* You can continue to access the service at <https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/sermons>. Services for previous Sundays can be accessed from the website by clicking on *Sermon Archive*.

\* You can hear the sermon by calling the church phone number and choosing option 8.

## VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR/LEMONADE ON THE LAWN



Coffee is optional

We would like some input on our on-going virtual coffee hours. We would like to know if people are still interested in joining in on Zoom and if so, how often. Please let us know if you would like this to continue every other week, once a month, occasionally, or if you will wait for in-person coffee hours/lemonade on the lawn to resume when we are able to. Please do a reply all to this email to respond.

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

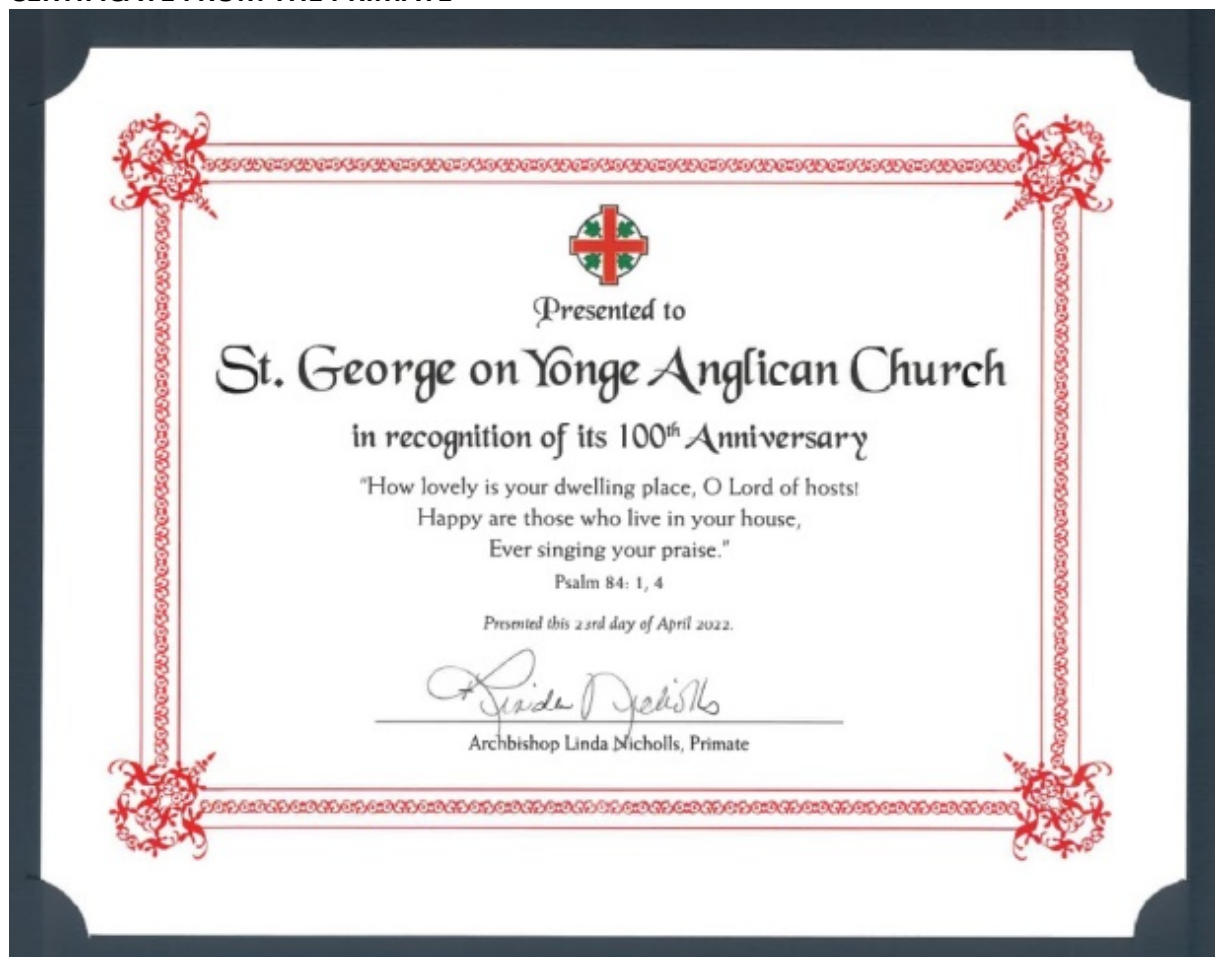
St. George on Yonge celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 23, 2022 with a Eucharist service. Our Primate, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, was the celebrant and preacher. She was assisted by the Rev. Leonard Leader, Priest-in-Charge of St. George, as well as four priests who served in the parish in past years. The service was held in person and live streamed on the church's Facebook page.

For the 100-year celebrations, St. George invited past members to re-visit their former church home. Before the special service, tours of the church building were conducted by parish volunteers. Memorabilia from the archives were on display, including a plaque and cross from earlier church buildings, photos from the time of building the original church to the present day, and membership directories.

The service drew richly from the message of hope and redemption embodied in the Resurrection. Reflecting on this during her homily, Archbishop Nicholls said that the church lives its life in the midst of whatever is happening in the world. We are in very challenging times, emerging from a pandemic, witnessing a war in Ukraine, and seeing the fallibility of broken human beings. In the midst of all that (and it has ever been thus), the Gospel lights a spark, a light, a candle. After the pain of Good Friday and the waiting of Holy Saturday, we light the Paschal candle and tell the story of God's creation, redemption and liberation, of brokenness and sin, and the story of Jesus Christ who was willing to walk into death to take all that pain on the cross and release it in the Resurrection, so we know that, despite all the things that are hard and hurtful and painful, that's not the end. The Primate's wish is that St. George on Yonge carries that hope into the next 100 years.

Nancy Dodsworth

#### CERTIFICATE FROM THE PRIMATE



A certificate in recognition of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was presented to the Wardens and Rev. Leonard after the service.

### **GIFT FOR THE PRIMATE**



A lovely vase was presented to the Primate after the service. Thank you to Elizabeth Beecham for her amazing work.

### **ANNIVERSARY BANNER**

Thank you to Ann-Marie Waithe Powell and Lorraine Baillie for funding the banner that is now installed outside the front of the building (see the photo at the beginning of this update).

### **PLANTING OF YEW BUSHES**



#### **We thank the following people for their donations toward the planting of yew bushes**

In memory of Arthur Beecham and a thanksgiving for this anniversary, from Ann and Elizabeth Beecham

In memory of Nigel Baillie, from Lorraine Baillie

In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from Geraldine Sperling

In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from Janet Kirk

In memory of my grandparents, Jack & Anne Richards, and Eino & Aili Maki from Aili Maki

In memory of Dan & Joyce Pulbrook, from Maxine Pulbrook-Chiu

### **MORNING PRAYER SERVICE**



Join us for Morning Prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>



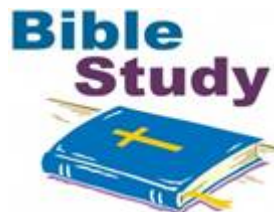
Time 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

An opportunity to invite family and friends interested in morning worship.

Interested in being a reader? Please respond to this weekly update or contact Doug Heyes at [dougheyeyes@gmail.com](mailto:dougheyeyes@gmail.com).

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

## BIBLE STUDY



Wednesday Evening Bible Study by Zoom – May 4

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

John 10:22-30

## EVENING PRAYER



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom.

Next service is on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Time 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

An opportunity to invite family and friends interested in evening worship.

Interested in being a reader? Please respond to this weekly update or call Rev. Leonard at 416 225-1922 x515.

Use the Zoom link at the beginning of this update.

## HELP WITH GARDENS



New life in our south Church garden.

Tulip cross should be blooming soon!

We are looking for people to join the gardening team. If you like to get your hands dirty and get close to nature, we have some outdoor work for you. Experience is not needed, equipment and direction are

provided. Please send an email to the office ([office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)) indicating you would like to help take care of the church gardens.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Calling all **children**. May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> - I will be doing a lesson for the 3-11+ year olds at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom. All children are welcome but please let me know ahead of time who will be joining us. There will not be any Children's programs from May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>.

At this time I will continue to do the Zoom sessions. **Due to the amount of time that it takes to prepare these sessions, I am asking that parents let me know when their children will be participating. Please email me ([fambail@hotmail.com](mailto:fambail@hotmail.com)) by the Friday evening before the session. If I don't hear from any parents by then, the session will not take place.** I am hoping to start back up with in-person children's sessions on Sunday mornings but need to have other people committed to help out with the preparation and running the sessions before I make my commitment.

You can reach me at:

Kathy: [fambail@hotmail.com](mailto:fambail@hotmail.com)

### WILLOWDALE MOVE-A-THON ON SATURDAY APRIL 30

We at **NeighbourLink North York** love building community. We believe everyone should have a sense of belonging where they live. We are so grateful for your support and interest in all that we are doing. We are hosting the first ever **Willowdale Move-A-Thon** on **Saturday April 30**. The walk/run/bike begins at 11am followed by a **BBQ** with **Goldenstar Burgers** and an **amazing stage show** that begins at 12pm featuring local musicians **Chris Manley** and **Matt Gerber** along with professional magician - **Sawyer Bullock!** Please see attachment for more information.

### CELEBRATIONS

Any birthdays coming up in May? How about June? Are there any other special celebrations coming up? Just let the office know so we can wish you blessings on your special days.

Any special events that you would like to have fresh flowers at the service to help celebrate? We have fresh flowers at services when we get a donation for them. We also need flowers for special services such as Easter. We put a notice in our service bulletin that the flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of, in honour of *name(s)* celebrating a special event, *name(s)* celebrating a special birthday, anniversary... etc. from *their family* or *name of person/people donating*.

### ST. GEORGE'S OLDEST PARISHIONER TURNS 101 IN MAY

We are sending birthday greetings to centenarian Dorothy Ewer as she celebrates her upcoming milestone. If you would like to participate, email [eabeecham@gmail.com](mailto:eabeecham@gmail.com) with your best wishes, favourite Bible verse, or

anecdote/joke for Dorothy to enjoy on her big day. Submissions will be incorporated into a special greeting card.

**Deadline:** May 9, 2022

## PHOTO GALLERY



The Church was decorated for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service. The 100 red and white carnations were handed out at the end of the service.

Thanks to the Altar Guild for their dedication and faithful service.  
Pictures from the service will be included with next week's update.

Do you have any pictures of interest that we could share? Please submit them to the office for consideration.

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## SMILE OF THE WEEK!



In these times, things that make us smile are very important.  
Do you have something that could make someone else smile?  
Please submit anything you have to the office for consideration.

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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
<p><b>Congregation Cycle</b></p> <p>Anne S</p> <p>Ashok S</p> <p>Raj &amp; Roshni S</p> <p>Kien &amp; Anna S</p> <p>Maurice &amp; Aprille S &amp; Family</p>



*After this he said to him, “Follow me.”*

John 21:19

## ONGOING REMINDERS

### TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This is the Land Acknowledgement that has been adopted by St. George on Yonge:

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

### \$TEWARD\$HIP

As we are in the season of spring, with its promise of re-growth and new life, let us remember that the church is opening up again after a long ‘winter’ of pandemic and shutdown. Both the earth and the church need our stewardship at this fragile time.

Throughout the pandemic, St. George on Yonge maintained two weekly worship services, in person and/or virtual, continued to provide pastoral support that people relied on, and programs and services virtually, including adult religious education, church school and ESL sessions. This continued in spite of a sharp drop in income, both parishioner donations and income from building users, as ordained and lay staff and a small

group of volunteers continued to deliver above and beyond the call of duty. The income shortfall is a major concern; needed maintenance and repairs can't be done because of a shortage of income, and some programs and services needed for the parish to grow cannot be funded.

St. George, like every congregation, counts on members to be generous with gifts of time, talent and treasure, so the parish and its work can flourish in this 'spring time', this time of re-birth after the pandemic, and especially as this is the parish's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Please think about your gift to St. George in a very intentional and prayerful way. The note below on 'Donation Options' has useful information to help you with your decision.

## DONATION OPTIONS

- PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance) is the ideal way to support the parish financially. If you are not already 'on PAR', please seriously consider this method of intentional giving, using safe, secure and automatic debit; it's very flexible and you can change or withdraw your commitment at any time. Commit to a manageable amount, and if you can offer more, place additional donations on the offertory plate on Sunday mornings. Regarding PAR or any form of donation, Envelope Secretary Anne Baillie will be happy to give you more information and assist you. She can be reached at [family.baillie@sympatico.ca](mailto:family.baillie@sympatico.ca) or 416-225-2570.
- Cheques can be mailed or dropped off at the Church in person. The Office Administrator is at the church on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during office hours to accept your cheques or even good old-fashioned cash! Please phone or email to set up a time to drop of your donation.
- At Sunday services, the offering plate remains on a table at the Sanctuary entrance rather than being passed around, due to COVID protocols. Please place your donation as you enter for worship.
- Donations can also be made online with a credit card through CanadaHelps (there is a service charge to the parish, but all donations are gratefully received).



## DONATIONS OF FOOD



Please remember that the grocery cart in the Narthex is there for donations of non-perishable food.

## UKRAINIAN RELIEF WORK

There are many ways to support Ukraine and Ukrainians suffering from an unjust war in their homeland. As we've written in the past, one way is through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund of the Anglican Church of Canada, at [pwrdf.org/give-today](https://pwrdf.org/give-today)

Another avenue is the United Nations Refugee Agency at <https://give.unhcr.ca/>

Many Canadians are donating through the Red Cross at  
<https://donate.redcross.ca/page/100227/donate/1?locale=en-CA>

This website seems to have other reliable avenues for donating to Ukrainian relief:  
<https://www.forbes.com/advisor/personal-finance/donate-relief-to-ukraine/>

Please consider helping as you are able.

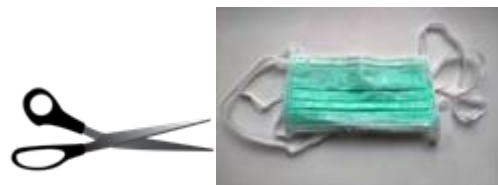
## HOW TO BOOK A COVID-19 VACCINE



<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>

Vaccines save lives. Let's all do our part. This link is for anyone needing a first or second dose or a booster for those eligible. Thank you.

## THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SAVE GOD'S CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL



When wearing masks, if you are using disposable ones, please cut the elastic/ribbons before disposing of them properly; some ribbons can simply be pulled free of the mask. Animals, birds, fish, etc. can get caught up in the elastic. Don't forget to cut the plastic rings of can holders too. Please say no to plastic straws... there are many alternatives out there now. And please use reusable bags when possible.

If you have the opportunity to share this message, please do so. The more people we make aware of this, the better off God's creatures may be. Thank you!

## NEIGHBOURLINK NORTH YORK VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETINGS

NeighbourLink North York continues to host virtual prayer meetings at 9pm on Wednesdays. Regardless of your faith or denomination, we would like to invite you to join this global movement. You can attend by clicking this Zoom Link at 9pm: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82497465914>... Or bookmark the link to our website <https://www.neighbourlink.org/prayforpeace> If you'd like to offer a prayer, read a poem or sing a song you are welcome to do so. All are welcome! We ask that this be a respectful and safe space!

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Anyone needing to be at the church from Monday to Saturday must sign in and out of a log book. People must inform Rev. Leonard, the Office Administrator or a Churchwarden, before coming.

## OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is officially closed to the public at this time because of COVID. We are checking emails as well as phone messages so please don't hesitate to reach out when needed.

The church phone number is **(416) 225-1922**.

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Rev. Leonard Leader      Ext. 515

[leonard.leader@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:leonard.leader@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)

Michael Leach      Ext. 504

Prayer Requests – Margie Lyttle 416-512-6265

[mmlyttle@hotmail.com](mailto:mmlyttle@hotmail.com)

## IMPORTANT LINKS

For regular updates on COVID-19 from Toronto Public Health, or for updates on the impact of COVID-19 on City services, please visit [www.toronto.ca/covid19](http://www.toronto.ca/covid19). This link will also connect you to Provincial and Federal information.

For information and updates from the Diocese, please visit [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca)

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**ANSWER TO Why** is Peter Pan always flying?    He never lands! LOL

## EXTRA JOKES OF THE WEEK... for those of you who read to the end!

Prague is a beautiful city. I'd love to Czech it out!

The leprechan loved my joke. He was Dublin over with laughter!

I used to dislike facial hair, but then it grew on me!

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