# April 14, 2023 This Week's News

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship Q					
April 16	Second Sunday of Easter	In person/Facebook	10:00 a.m.		
April 19	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.		
April 20	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.		
April 23	Service with Bishop Asbil	In person/Facebook	10:00 a.m.		
April 26	Morning Prayer	By Zoom 8:00 a.m			
April 27	Evening Prayer	By Zoom 7:30 p.m.			
April 30	Fourth Sunday of Easter	In person/Facebook 10:00 a.m.			

Other Events/meetings					
Weekly	Coffee Hour	in person	after the Sunday service		
April 14	Pub Knight at The Frog	in person	6:30 p.m.		
April 23	Pot Luck Lunch	in person	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: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/5482169827">https://zoom.us/j/5482169827</a> 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

**FACEBOOK**: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge">https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge</a>

### **Parish Announcements**

### ESL CLASSES HAVE RESUMED IN-PERSON AT ST. GEORGE!

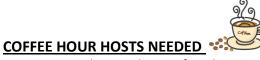
Sessions are at St. George on Yonge, 5350 Yonge Street, normally on **Wednesdays from 11:00** a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please share this information with others who may wish to attend. For further information, contact Craig Robertson (<u>mcrobertson3@gmail.com</u>) or the office at 416-225-1922.

# **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 St George on Yonge Gift Card recipients, as well as the NeighbourLink food bank that helps the needy in Willowdale and the wider North York area.



Do you enjoy the social time after the service and the nice treats? Are you appreciative of the people taking care of this? Well, you could be one of them. Volunteers are needed to be hosts. Everything is provided as well as training. Please speak with Lorraine Baillie or Nancy Dodsworth to find out more about this. There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk.

# CHURCH LIBRARY

Check out the books in the Church Library. The library is getting restored by our librarian, Damiana. Books are getting reorganized into subject areas that will be easy to access. For the present time, please see the cart of suggested books which will be outside the library each Sunday morning. 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.

## **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

On Sunday, April 23, St. George's Day, The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto, will preside and preach at the 10:00 a.m. service. That will mark exactly one year since The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate, presided and preached at our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service, and Bishop Asbil is coming to help us close our year of celebration. After the service, Bishop and Mrs. Mary Asbil will be our guests at a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, and to bring either a salad, a main dish or a dessert for the potluck. Please mark the date on your calendar, and speak with anyone who used to attend at St. George and invite them to come for this special occasion. If possible, please wear **red** or **white** or **red & white** clothing on that day. Much help is needed. Please see the sign-up sheet after the service this Sunday to see where you may be able to help us.

Please let us know as soon as possible, whether you plan to bring a salad, main dish or dessert for the potluck. Email office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca or call 416-225-1922 ext. 501.

### **NEW INFORMATION RE COVID RESTRICTIONS**

In September 2021, the Diocese of Toronto mandated that all clergy, paid staff and unpaid volunteers ("Personnel") must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with two doses of a Health Canada approved vaccine in order to engage in ministry. At Pentecost 2022, the Diocese removed most of our diocesan COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, with the exception of the Vaccine Mandate, which has remained in place. At St. George on Yonge, we have

maintained a masking and contact tracing to be mindful of the safety of others who might be more vulnerable.

In a letter to all clergy and wardens, the Executive Director of the Diocese wrote:

"The Diocese remains strongly committed to ensuring the health and safety of its Personnel and visitors to our workplaces and parishes, and to following the guidelines issued by public health authorities. In light of current public health conditions, we are announcing that, as of Easter Sunday 2023, the Diocese is lifting the Vaccine Mandate. Personnel are no longer required to provide proof of vaccination to engage in ministry in our Diocese."

The Diocese continues to recommend vaccination against COVID-19, including continuing with all recommended booster shots, for all persons. The Diocese is also prepared to reinstate the requirements of its mandatory vaccination policy if conditions change, including any change in the recommendations of public health authorities.

It is the consensus of the parish leadership team of clergy and wardens that despite the lifting of the Diocese Vaccine Mandate on Easter Sunday, the parish should continue:

- 1. to encourage attendees to continue reporting their presence to the Welcome Table, both because it allows us to contact you in the case of any identified possible COVID-19 contact, and just as importantly to help us to welcome and get to know you better; and
- 2. to encourage masking for the consideration of others for the time being.

Parishioners have come through the pandemic, caring for others, and we hope that we will all be considerate and remain sensitive to the needs and choices of others.

Please provide any feedback to the leadership team, as we continue to walk this pandemic path together, and may God continue to bless you and your loved ones throughout this Holy Season.







### **LIVE FLOWERS FOR SERVICES**

We can only buy fresh flowers for services when there are donations given specifically for them. When flowers are donated, we place a notice in the worship bulletin, 'The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of/in honour of.....' naming the person (s) and the special event (birthday, anniversary, loved one's memory, etc.) and the names of donors. If you attend the services when you donate flowers, they are yours to take home. The Altar Flower Request Form is available at the welcome desk and we request that you submit it at least 2 weeks before the date for the flowers. The donation can be put in the collection plate with a note that it's for flowers and the date you want them.





On Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> St. Theodore of Canterbury is holding its 53<sup>rd</sup> Monks' Cell dinner. A unique dining experience in a mediaeval setting. Please see flyer attached.

### YONGE STREET VAN ATTACK

In remembrance of the Yonge Street van attack on April 23, 2018, radio station CFMZ (FM 96.3) will be marking the anniversary in its morning program 'Classical Music Box' on Friday April 21. The program's host will say a few words and play a recording appropriate to the remembrance.

### We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

### Worldwide Anglican Cycle

The people and leaders of the Anglican Church of Tanzania

### Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle

**ACC** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma / **ELCIC** The congregations of the Southern Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod / **ACC/ELCIC** Climate justice and healthy relationships with the earth

### Outreach prayer cycle

Pray for St. Cuthbert, Leaside, its community garden, support of Flemingdon Park Ministry and Flemingdon Park Food Bank, Moorelands Community Services, clothing collection for New Circles Community Services, Sistering, and All Saints Community Centre, support for women leaving shelters, and participation in refugee sponsorship;

for St. Cyprian, its support of Neighbour Link community services, the Mission to Seafarers, Flemingdon Park ministry, community garden, and other local and global outreach; and for St. David Anglican-Lutheran Church, Orillia, its community breakfast program, food support to the Orillia Lighthouse, counselling services through the Harmony Centre, community garden, Route 66 weekly Kids' Club, and its support of Jubilee House and the Pikangikum Water Project.

### Diocesan Cycle

The people and leaders of the Eglinton Deanery

### **Deanery Cycle**

The people and leaders of St. Theodore of Canterbury

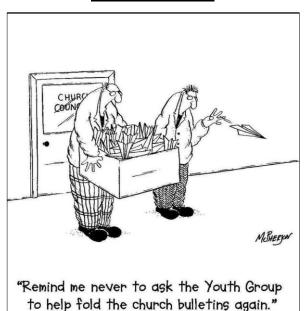
### Congregation Cycle

Kay Y & Kira L / Grazyna Z / Helen H C / Jack and Sylvia Y / Fr. Pierre, Jeanine, Abra, Shaun, Ken, Jeff

### **A LITTLE INSPIRATION**

# God, in the midst of the chatter of our days, May we make a space for silences. In the midst of all the doings of our week, May we make a space for stillness.

### A LITTLE HUMOUR



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