**June 30, 2023**

 **This Week’s News**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| **Worship**  |
| July 2 | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | In person/Facebook | 10:00 a.m. |
| July 5 | Morning Prayer | By Zoom | 8:00 a.m. |
| July 6 | Evening Prayer | By Zoom | 7:30 p.m. |
| July 9 | Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | In person/Facebook | 10:00 a.m. |
| July 12 | Morning Prayer | By Zoom | 8:00 a.m. |
| July 13 | Evening Prayer | By Zoom | 7:30 p.m. |

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| **Other Events/meetings C:\Users\craig\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\XEXMNAD8\upcoming-events-clipart-training-calendar-8-original[1].jpg** |
| Weekly | Lemonade on the Lawn | in person | after the Sunday service |
| June 28 | ESL Class | in person  | 11:00 a.m. |
| July 5 | ESL Class | in person  | 11:00 a.m. |
| July 8 | Celebration of Life - Raj Sircar | in person | 11:00 a.m. |
| July 14 | Pub Knights at The Frog | in person | 6:30 p.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](https://zoom.us/j/5482169827?pwd=VWJyNU9pWnBJbWhuQSthSThHR2dlQT09)  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

**Please remember that the Sunday services are live on Facebook, not on Zoom.**

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

**Parish Announcements**

**ST. GEORGE’S KEEP THE LIGHTS ON CAMPAIGN MESSAGE FROM THE WARDENS**

The leadership of St. George on Yonge has asked members of the parish, and all who attend in-person and online services, to consider making additional donations to our campaign called "Keep The Lights On". We are pleased to be able to report to you that many people in our parish family have heard our call, and have stepped up and answered as they were able. As reported to Advisory Board recently, parish support in the month of May increased as per below:

- Internal support is usually just under $9,000 per month but in May it was $25,500, an increase of $16,700 above usual donations, in response to the appeal.

- Special giving, normally about $200 was at $2,700, a $2,500 increase over the average.

- April congregational support was at 83.5 % of the 2023 monthly budget expectations, while May was at 122.3 % of 2023 budget expectations.

- For the total of 5 months to the end of May, total internal support is now at 59 % of our total 2023 budget expectation.

- Total income including renegotiated licensees, after  5 months, is now at 43 % of our total 2023 budget planned.

St. George is very important to the parish and the local community:

* 3 worship services a week in person and/or online
* Monthly worship services conducted at local seniors’ residences
* Pastoral care, counselling and activities for all members including seniors get-togethers online
* Space for Korean and Iranian communities to worship
* Space for regular meetings of community groups
* Outreach including ESL classes, food, clothing, and other newcomer support
* Space for the daycare operating in our building that young families depend on.

All donations received, in any amount, as long as the donor provides details such as name and address for our Envelope Secretary to record, qualify for an income tax receipt that helps to reduce your income tax for the 2023 tax filing year.

We are very grateful for those who have already come forward with additional funds; these gifts are really appreciated but everyone's continuing support is needed.  If 25 people would be able to increase their weekly giving by $5, as an example, St George on Yonge could receive an additional $125 per month. This could mean a sacrifice of 2 to 3 fewer coffees each week for each giver, with a larger tax benefit at the end of the year. Even if a small additional donation is the most you can spare, like this example, you can still help in solving our ongoing cash flow issues. Without increased financial support, St. George cannot exist here much longer.

Your Wardens, Judith Bradshaw and Doug Heyes

**SAD NEWS**

A long-time member of our congregation, Raj Sircar, passed away last Sunday.

A Celebration of Life for Raj will be taking place here at St. George on Yonge, on July 8th starting at 11:00 with a reception following the service in the Parish Hall. More details will be provided as they become available. May he rest in peace.

**SPARE ROOMS SOUGHT IN BARRIE AND GTA**SpacesShared is a platform created to match older adults with students seeking accommodation for a semester or school year. Compatible hosts and students are matched and helped to establish housing arrangements that benefit both parties. SpacesShared has partnered with Georgian College in Barrie and is pursuing similar agreements with colleges in the GTA, and it’s looking to build a pool of eligible hosts for September. If you or someone you know has a spare room and would benefit from a student’s help and company, or extra income, sign up at [spacesshared.ca](https://www.spacesshared.ca/home). Contact Rylan Kinnon to have him make a presentation to your parish or deanery.

**DONATIONS OF FOOD AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS ![C:\Users\craig\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\P8W9VZVT\shopping-cart[1].jpg]()![C:\Users\craig\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\A81E6JQ3\41629-3-groceries-png-download-free[1].png]()**

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.

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**HOSTS FOR HOSPITALITY**

We are looking for additional hosts for Lemonade on the Lawn. Lemonade hosting is easier than Coffee Hour. All treats, drinks and supplies are provided. Your role as host on Sunday morning is to set out the food and drinks, serve, and clean up afterward. To sign up, please contact the Church Office or sign up at the Welcome Deskon Sundays**.**On those Sundays when there are no volunteers to host lemonade on the lawn, unfortunately there will be no food and drinks after the service.

Thank you,

Lorraine

**CHURCH LIBRARY**![C:\Users\craig\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\EH7C5NUX\SteveLambert-Library-Book-Cart[1].png]()

Check out the books in the Church Library. Our library is getting restored by 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.

**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. No preregistration required.**

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

**PARKING AVAILABLE AT ST. GEORGE’S (MONDAY – FRIDAY)**

There is parking available for license in St. George's underground parking lot. A total of 15 spots are available, Monday-Friday, for $120 per month.  For full information, plus rules and conditions email the church office - office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca.  Tell your friends and colleagues who might be interested!

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| **We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .** |
| **Worldwide Anglican Cycle**Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil – Province**Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle****ACC** The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Athabasca **ACC/ELCIC** Let there be greening – Assembly 2023: gathering of Anglicans and Lutherans and celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Full Communion. **Outreach prayer cycle***Pray for* St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea, its support of the new Brampton Prison Ministry (winter coat drive, release support, and advocacy); monthly Food Cupboard distribution; support of Interim Place's backpack collection; and its Christmas "Sharing the Joy" initiative;*for* St. Jude, Bramalea North, its Deacon's Cupboard and other food security support, ministry to two seniors’ residences, and its refugee support and sponsorship ministries;*and for* St. Jude, Wexford, its Deacon's Pantry Food Bank, refugee sponsorship, ministry to the Wexford Seniors' Residence, and fundraising for local and international outreach. **Diocesan Cycle**The people and leaders of the St. Aiden, Toronto**Deanery Cycle**The people and leaders of Church of the Ascension**Congregation Cycle**Parivin G / Azita G / Raphe G & Georgia M / David G & Irene S / Walter G, Suzie & Debbie |

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