



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship 			
Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent – Lessons and Carols service	In person and Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	In person and Facebook	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Service	In person	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 27	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Dec. 28	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 31	Epiphany Sunday	In person and Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 3/24	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 4	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.

Other Events/meetings 			
Weekly	Coffee Hour	in person	after the Sunday service
Jan. 3	ESL Class – intermediate class only	in person	10:00 a.m. – noon
Jan. 10	ESL beginner classes resume	In person	10:00 a.m. – noon
Jan. 12	Pub Knights night 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> 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> 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



2024 CHURCH CALENDARS

Church Calendars for 2024 have arrived... finally. Normally by now we have sold out but there was a delay in the production. They will be on sale for \$7 each Sunday after the service and from the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Contact the office administrator at 416 225-1922, or email her at office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca if you would like to pick some up during the week.



CHILDRENS PROGRAM

Our children's program takes place in the Narthex during the 10:00 service. We use the Sermons 4 Kids program (www.sermons4kids.com). We are hoping to grow our children's program and to have it available each Sunday but in order to do that we need to have more teachers. Please speak with Kathy, or email Kathy at fambail@hotmail.com if you would be able to help out with this ministry. All teachers must complete a police record check and take the Sexual Misconduct Policy online training. Please note that there will not be a Children's program on December 31st – activity bulletins will be available.

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. Craig Robertson took the food over to the 415 Willowdale food bank on Thursday December 21st, they were very grateful for all the donated food.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED



Coffee Hour is a chance to have some treats and social time after the Sunday service. People are needed to host. All supplies and training are provided. Please contact Lorraine Baillie or Nancy Dodsworth if you would like to be part of this important ministry, or leave a message at the Church Office.

CHURCH LIBRARY



Check out the books in the Church Library and 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.

ESL CLASS CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

On Wednesday December 20th over 50 ESL students and the teachers and support volunteers had a lovely potluck party after a shortened class. There was plenty of food and fellowship and a fun time was had by all.

ESL CLASSES AT ST. GEORGE!

Free ESL sessions are at St. George on Yonge, 5350 Yonge Street, on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon. There are 2 separate classes: a beginner class and an intermediate conversational class. No preregistration is required. There will be no classes on December 27th over the Christmas holidays. The intermediate conversational classes will resume on January 3rd and the beginner class will resume on January 10th.

Helpers are needed for this – teachers and hosts. Please speak with Craig Robertson or Kathy Baillie if you can help with this. We are getting between 50-60 people each week.



KEEP THE LIGHTS ON' CAMPAIGN MESSAGE



Over the past few months you have all seen the weekly reminders from the leadership that St. George on Yonge needs your financial support. Members should be proud of their response so far and it is making a difference. As of the end of October, internal support at the parish has increased by almost 40,000 over last year, or about 25 %. Total income for the parish, aside from the normal fees paid each month by users, has risen almost 65,000 over the same period in 2022, and currently sits at approx. 30,000 more than the approved total budget for 2023 at last February's annual Vestry meeting.

Year to date expenses continue to be monitored and held in check by the leadership as we continue to control, wherever possible, costs. Total expenses as of the end of October are approx. 45,000 lower than those encountered over the same period in 2022 and are almost exactly on par with budgeted levels expected at Vestry. For a number of years now we have seen a cash flow shortfall of 5-6,000 per month here at St Georges, and as an example for November 2023 the closing balance on our bank account was only approx. 500 lower than that held on the 1st. We are proud to be able to say that these results to our KEEP THE LIGHTS ON campaign are the results of the hard work, dedication, and generosity of all of you. THANK YOU!!!

All donations received, no matter if from a member of our parish family or not, 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 year.

We are very grateful for those who have already come forward with additional funds; these gifts are really appreciated but continuing support is needed. We would also like to remind everyone about the opportunity to remember loved ones expressed in the video listed below as well. Please check out this link for the This Little Light of Mine memorial donation opportunity.

<https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/stewardship/>

Your Wardens

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Worldwide Anglican Cycle

The people and leaders of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle

ACC The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator

ELCIC Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship

Outreach prayer cycle

Pray for the Parish of Bobcaygeon, Dunsford & Burnt River, its food bank, refugee support, prayer shawl ministry, and support of Sleeping Children Around the World and other outreach initiatives;

for the Parish of Campbellford, Hastings and Roseneath, its school breakfast and lunch programs, its weekly dinners, its Deacon's Cupboard, refugee sponsorship, and support of Warkworth Hospice;

and for Christ Church, Bolton, its support for Caledon Community Services, its community garden, prayer shawl ministry, Christmas stocking outreach to the King Nursing Home, and support of other local outreach programs.

Diocesan Cycle

The people and leaders of the children's ministry in the Diocese

Congregation Cycle

Hugo & Carolina C / Cynthia C / Ruby D & Ariana / Cheryl D & Matthew / Michael & Nancy D



The Christmas Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God and

in loving memory of our parents, John & Helen Hunter and Stan & Gladys Pummell,
from Laura & John;
in loving memory of Raj Sircar
from Roshni and Family;
and in loving memory of our parents Margaret & Constantine "Ted" Hanna, and Rose &
Samuel Sperling, from Geraldine and Alan Sperling.

A LITTLE INSPIRATION



A LITTLE HUMOUR

Entering Heaven

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates.

"In honor of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven."

The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle," he said. "You may pass through the pearly gates," Saint Peter said.

The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said, "You may pass through the pearly gates."

The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's glasses.

St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolize?"

The man replied, "They're Carol's."