



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Worship 			
Jan. 7	The Baptism of the Lord	In person and Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 10	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 11	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	In person and Facebook	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 17	Morning Prayer	By Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 18	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	In person and Facebook	10:00 a.m.

Other Events/meetings 			
Weekly	Coffee Hour	in person	after the Sunday service
Weekly	ESL - Wednesdays	in person	10:00 a.m. – noon
Jan. 9	Delmanor service	In person	10:30 a.m.
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

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.

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

WELCOME TO REV. VINAYA DUMPALA

Last Sunday, December 31, 2023, we were all sad to say goodbye to Rev. Ian LaFleur as his interim appointment by Bishop Andrew Asbil here at St. George on Yonge concluded. We are pleased to report to the parish that we will welcome the Rev. Vinaya Dumpala at our service on Sunday January 7, 2024, to lead us in worship. We hope that many of you will be able to attend in person and greet him personally. Please remember your name tags to help him put a name to each face where at all possible.

The Wardens

SAD NEWS – THE PASSING OF MURIEL THOMPSON, ODT

Former longtime member, Muriel Thompson, ODT passed away on December 30th, 2023, at 93 years of age. Muriel joined the congregation at St. George's in 1956. She was a member at St. George until early 2023 when she moved to be closer to family. Muriel became a member of the *Order of the Diocese of Toronto* on January 1, 2017.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been determined and will be handled by Kane-Jerrett Funeral Home in Thornhill.



2024 CHURCH CALENDARS

Church Calendars for 2024 are here. They are 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.

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.

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. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please contact Lorraine Baillie or Nancy Dodsworth, 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 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. 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 6 months, we've been very pleased with the response to our campaign. We are proud to say, THANK YOU ALL!!! We are very grateful for those who have already come forward with additional funds. The positive results of the KEEP THE LIGHTS ON campaign reflect the hard work, dedication, and generosity of all of you. These gifts are really appreciated but there is still need for sustained and increased giving.

All donations received, whether from members of our parish family or others, qualify for an income tax receipt, as long the Envelope Secretary has the name and address of the donor. Remember that donations reduce income tax in the year of donation.

Please stay tuned for further opportunities to assist St George on Yonge and its ministries in 2024 and beyond, through other options such as Legacy Giving (bequests through wills), PAR (automatic bank account deductions for weekly giving), and a possible capital campaign to eliminate the mortgage that resulted from approval delays when we built the current building (we've paid off more than half, but it's still a drain of resources).

With sincere thanks from
Your Wardens

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
Worldwide Anglican Cycle The people and leaders of The Scottish Episcopal Church

Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Cycle

ACC Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

ELCIC Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership; Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Outreach prayer cycle

Pray for Christ Church, Roches Point, its provision of meals at Cedarvale Lodge, support of the local food bank, and raising awareness of local Indigenous justice and water protection issues;

for Christ Church, Scarborough, its weekly Deacon's Cupboard emergency food bank, advocacy and connections in the community, participation in Operation Backpack, and the Woolly Tree for winter accessories, its volunteers and the beneficiaries of the various projects;

and for Christ Church, Stouffville, its Deacon AI Fund, providing assistance to people in need, support of the Yellow Brick House, Porter Place, Stouffville Food Bank, York Region Children's Aid, and Community Care Access Centre.

Diocesan Cycle

The people and leaders of the Parkdale-Toronto West Deanery

Congregation Cycle

Dilip G / Eleanor G / Ferdinand G / Parivin G / Azita G

A LITTLE INSPIRATION



A LITTLE HUMOUR

ACTUAL MISPRINTS/FUNNY THINGS FOUND IN CHURCH NEWSLETTERS

(Not ours of course!)

Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and prayer conference includes meals."

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
