

## Keeping A Holy Lent

### Greetings:

At this time of year, our internal clocks get a bit confused as we “spring forward” and change to Daylight Saving Time; and in the church we are well into the season of Lent on our journey to Easter.

Lent is a season of penitence when we pay special attention to spiritual disciplines like prayer, moderation in our lifestyle, and generosity to others. So how is Lent going for us?

At St. George on Yonge, we have joined with others across the Diocese of Toronto, in the study series “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John”.

We have started our fifth week, and the daily videos have covered the following themes: *God is Love; The Word Became Flesh; Close to the Father's Heart; I Have Called You Friends*. By the time this series is over we would have covered two more themes: *Abide in Me; We Declare to You*. If you have been unable to participate, it is never too late to look at the videos at this website: [meetingjesusinjohn.org](http://meetingjesusinjohn.org). May this study enable us to spread the good news about Christ, build a Christian Community, and share God's love with others.

In our “busyness” this Lent, let us take the time for prayer; to get closer in our relationship with Christ; and to listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A Holy Lent to you, my sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leonard +  
Rev. Leonard Leader

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## Joyful Giving

What does it mean to give 'joyfully'? How can you contribute to the successful operation of the church? What sort of activities go on each week, and how can I be a part of the solution? Are the questions above things that automatically trigger you to shut down, and tune out? If they are, to be totally honest, you are probably not alone.

Any congregation, and ours is not different from the norm, always have a variety of individuals for whom the church, and the role that they play in it, mean different things. We know that a small, very dedicated group of parishioners make up the majority of our monthly income, with their contributions either through the offering plate or through automatic contributions on PAR. This is a very common situation and while everything is the status quo, it is a system which can work. The problem comes when one of these people is no longer here, and the drop-in resources to pay for ministry and salaries, and building repairs, and utilities is suddenly noticeable.

At the same time, along with financial needs, a church needs a steady list of people whom can be called on to ensure that everything continues to run smoothly on a weekly basis. Many of these activities required do not need a great deal of knowledge, skill, or training. They range from such things as Ushers, handing out leaflets and shepherding parishioners during the service, to counters ensuring that the offering collected is accurately counted and deposited. There are also people who read the lessons from the binder each service and lead the prayers using prepared guides and suggestions. Another needed person each week, most often not in attendance is the server, who aids the clergy in preparing the church and in ensuring that the service runs smoothly. You may not know it, but St George has only one person who opens the building for worship, despite not having the keys to be able to do so, every week so that that people can enter the building.

So, we ask you to carefully and prayerfully think about the issues and opportunities listed above, and how you might be able to take a role in eliminating any shortcomings that may result. There is less strain, and burn-out, from more people being involved and taking part than the precious few that we see week after week. Where can you help out? How can you make a difference?

Once we have a solid grounding of people contributing fully and happily as they are gifted and able, then we can look to other issues that will be needed here. We can start to realistically and effectively make a difference in people's lives in this area and beyond both in the short term and for years to come. We can begin to plan for things such as capital campaigns to eliminate the mortgage, to create and expand a building fund to maintain the building, and to fund expanded ministry both for our own community and those that we support.

Submitted by Doug Heyes

## Children's Ministry



**St. George Sunday Children's Programme** takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. Currently, we have one class for the 3 – 11 year olds. Nursery facilities are available for parents use. Anyone interested in joining the teaching team please speak to Kathy Baillie or Leonard Leader. We are looking for someone to lead the nursery (birth to 35 months), and the 6 – 11 year old class. For children 12 and over, please see Leonard Leader or Doug Heyes for serving opportunities.

## Community Notices

**Yonge Churchill Child Care Centre:** Before and after school programmes are available! Please see the flyer on the Welcome Desk for contact information.

**Free Daily Devotional Books are Available in the Library** that help readers spend time each day in God's Word.

Large and Regular Print: Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer. It is also available via e-mail, cassette, and braille. It is also available in Spanish.

**[www.forwardmovement.org/subscriptions.aspx](http://www.forwardmovement.org/subscriptions.aspx)**

Regular Print: Our Daily Bread is published by RBC Ministries. Each daily thought is designed to draw the reader into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and to evoke responses of worship, love, trust, and obedience. It is also available on radio, podcast, e-mail, and mobile. For social networking users, it is available on Twitter and Facebook. It is available in more than 40 languages.

**[www.oddb.org/about](http://www.oddb.org/about)**

## SAVE THE DATE!



The Yorkminstrels Show Choir is returning to St. George on Yonge on **Friday, May 25**.

They will present an entertaining program of song, along with choreography, beginning at 7:30 p.m. "BROADWAY ON YONGE!"

This is a fundraiser for the church and we hope everyone will keep the date open so they can come, as well as invite family members, neighbours and friends.

For an event of this size, we need some people to help. We will be having a silent auction so somebody to coordinate this, as well as donations of items, are needed. We also need people to greet and usher, help with set up, and assist with ticket sales and promotion.

As well, we are looking for someone with graphic design skills. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Lorraine Baillie ([lbaille@rogers.com](mailto:lbaille@rogers.com)).



Are you on facebook??

St. George on Yonge is there too!!

Be sure to look us up and "like" us at ...

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

## Announcements

**Creating Palm Crosses:** We invite you to join us in making Palm Crosses on level "M" on **Wednesday, March 21** at 10:30 a.m. Lessons will be given for beginners. All thumbs? No worry; join us for the coffee, tea, and fellowship!

**The Altar Flower Request Form** is available from the Ushers. If you would like flowers placed, please complete the form and place on the offertory plate or mail to the office in an envelope with a donation **at least 2 weeks in advance**. Suggested donation is \$50. Thank you.

**The Altar Guild will Decorate our Church for Easter season.** If you wish to contribute for the purchase of lilies, please complete the "Altar Flower Request Form" (which is available from the Ushers) and place on the offertory plate in an envelope with a donation **by Sunday, March 25**. Thank you.

**Taizé Service:** The first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the St. George on Yonge Mandarin Fellowship. Bilingual in English & Mandarin. A quiet service of song, prayer, and reflection that is meditative and contemplative. Upcoming dates are **April 5 and May 3**. Everyone welcome!

**Food Bank:** The second Sunday of each month is "Food Bank Sunday" and we will try to fill our shopping cart. Upcoming dates are **April 8 and May 13**. The cart will be presented at the Altar along with the offerings that day as a symbol of our gift in reaching out to the hungry in our community. When you are shopping remember to pick up some non-perishable canned goods. And remember Jesus saying "When you did it for the least of these, you did it for me."

**Pub Knights:** Come join the Knights on the 4th Thursday every month. The longest journey begins with just one small step. Take that first step and join the Knights for spirited conversation, a cold beverage, and great food at the "Frog & Firkin" (4854 Yonge Street, across from the Sheppard Centre on Yonge Street). The next dates are **April 19** (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) and **May 24**.

**Episcopal Visit:** The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, our Area Bishop, will be visiting us on **Sunday, April 29**. Please place this date on your calendar.

**ESL Conversational Classes:** Tuesdays, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. - Separate beginner- and intermediate-level sections are offered. No registration needed.

**Wednesday Morning Group:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Join us for refreshments and conversation. Topics often include travelogues, seasonal studies, and guest speakers. All are welcome. Speak to Ann Beecham for more information.

**Proverbs Class:** Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Mandarin Bible Study:** Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

**Mandarin Fellowship:** Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.

**Did You Know?** Bulletins along with recordings of the service (sermons and announcements) are available on our website. Click on the "Latest Sermon" or "The Sermon Archive" links on the front page. Bulletins are available through the "Next Service" link on the front page; from there you can look at past services. If you cannot make it to the service, we hope you will feel connected to us via these tools!

**Please remember that we strive to keep our building a seafood- and nut-sensitive environment.** For the safety of our children, and the children in the daycare, please remember to refrain from bringing food that contains peanuts, tree nuts, fish, and seafood into the building. Thank you.

**The Anglican Journal** is a newspaper published monthly (except July and August) by the Anglican Church of Canada. All Canadian Anglican members are entitled to receive this publication at \$10/year. If you would like to receive the newspaper delivered to your home, please write a note for Craig Gustafson, or send him an e-mail message at [office@stgerogeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgerogeonyonge.ca) and he will add your name to the list. You can also view the newspaper on the National Church's website at [www.anglicanjournal.com](http://www.anglicanjournal.com)

## Holy Week & Easter at St. George on Yonge

<b>Sunday, March 25</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Communion with distribution of Palms	
10:30 a.m.	Communion with distribution of Palms & procession & children's ministry	
<b>Monday, March 26</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>Monday in Holy Week</b> Communion Service	
<b>Tuesday, March 27</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> Communion Service with anointing prayers for healing	
<b>Wednesday, March 28</b> 12:00 noon	<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b> Communion with "Stations of the Cross"	
7:30 p.m.	Communion with "Stations of the Cross"	
<b>Thursday, March 29</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Communion with foot washing & solemn stripping of the Sanctuary	
<b>Friday, March 30</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>Good Friday</b> Family service remembering the death of Jesus	
11:00 a.m.	Solemn service of the Passion with "Stations of the Cross"	
<b>Saturday, March 31</b> 8:00 p.m.	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Great Vigil of Easter with renewal of baptismal promises & 1st Eucharist of Easter	
<b>Sunday, April 1</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Communion celebrating the resurrection	
10:30 a.m.	Sung Communion celebrating the resurrection with children's ministry	

## Services

Sunday      8:00 a.m.    Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)  
                  9:00 a.m.    Mandarin Fellowship  
                  10:30 a.m.   Sung Eucharist (BAS)

Wednesday 12:00 noon    Worship at Midday

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a "harbour for love," where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上

帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

The next edition of the newsletter will be coming out May 20, 2018.

**Deadline** is Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Articles submitted after the deadline may possibly not be included depending on available space. Email articles to the editor: Kathy Baillie at [fambail@hotmail.com](mailto:fambail@hotmail.com)



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[www.StGeorgeonYonge.ca](http://www.StGeorgeonYonge.ca)**

**REMEMBER,  
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
 AT ST. GEORGE ON YONGE CHURCH**

**"To nurture our relationships with God in Christ,  
 with one another, and with our community."**

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