

St. George's Standard

"Be still and know that I am God...." Psalm 46:10

April 14, 2024



April 21, 2024

Dear Friends and Family,

Spiritual discipline and renewal have become a topic of great interest and discussion, especially for those who desire to draw closer or reconnect with God. In a world that is constantly surrounded by noise and by people – spiritual disciplines are seemingly difficult, if not impossible, for one to be still and experience the presence of God which can be obtained through spiritual renewal. In addition to this, some have become driven by the desire to be busy as we have allowed the secular world to attach our value and worth to what we do or how busy we are. So, to be still and to be alone for any length of time seems to be less than productive and for some absolutely meaningless since we are perceived to be doing nothing. However, Psalm 46:10 is a clear reminder that if we want to hear God's voice, we should move into surrendered intimacy with him. Then we are able to listen and hear the still soft voice of God. The Bible praises the virtue of silence. For instance – Proverbs tell us that "where words are many transgression is not lacking, but the one who restrains his lips is prudent" (Proverbs 10:19). And "even a fool, if he keeps silent, is considered wise" (Proverbs 17:28). Henri Nouwen states: "Solitude is difficult for many people because they don't know what to do in the solitude. Most of us are used to being very busy and productive but in solitude we seem to do nothing. But in solitude we are not completely alone, Christ is with us, and we deepen our relationship with him".

During the recent Cast the Net listening and visioning process, we heard that, as a Diocese, we're hungry to know and love God more deeply.

To that end, Bishop Andrew has called us to begin a two-year Season of Spiritual Renewal, lasting until Epiphany 2026. This is Call to Action #1 emerging from Cast the Net.

MY HOPE IS THAT THIS WILL LEAD US TO A DEEP AND PROFOUND JOY IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITIES LARGE AND SMALL FEELING A PART OF A REKINDLING OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO. -BISHOP ANDREW ASBIL

The 20 Calls are outlined in four key areas:

- Renewing Spirituality
- Inspiring Faith in Action
- Re-imaging Ministry
- Transforming Diocesan Culture

Here at St. George, we have committed to taking on these tasks one at a time beginning with Renewing Spirituality. To this end, throughout this year we hope to encourage our members and visitors alike to:

- Focus on Prayer
- Study of Scripture and Worship
- Sharing our Faith
- Personal Reflection

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Spiritual Exercise (taken from Re:Connect by David Sherbino)

Find a place that is quiet and free from distractions.

Sit quietly before the Lord and offer this time to God expressing your desire to be with him. Say nothing but just sit in silence for five minutes.

Read 1 Kings 19: 1-18.

Record any thoughts that you have from this passage.

Listen to hear the 'still voice of God'.

Write out a prayer that expresses your desires as you identify with Elijah.

Conclude your time by sitting in silence for five minutes and then give thanks to God for his presence in your life.

Every blessing on your spiritual journey,

Alvarado



Important Info!

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: 8.15 am Holy Eucharist BCP
10.00 am Choral Eucharist
Wednesday: 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Thursday: 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

To visit our website click on this link

<https://stgeorgesoshawa.org>

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

APRIL 14

World: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia
Diocese: Eglington Deanery
Oshawa Deanery: St. George's Oshawa The Rev. Dr. Alvaro Addereley

APRIL 21

World: The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese: Vocations for Ministry: Ordained, Lay, and the Religious Life
Oshawa Deanery: St. Paul's Uxbridge - The Rev. Randy Williams (interim)

Flower Donation Order Info

Please fill out a '**Order Form**' located at the back of the church or at the church office if you wish to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one. Requests and funds must be received **at least 2 weeks prior to placement**. Forms must be returned to the church office or placed on the offertory plate. Thanks so much!

READINGS

APRIL 14

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 21

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Church Wifi Access

We have Wi-fi throughout the buildings! The GUEST network is named **Church Hall** and the **password** is our phone number **905-723-7875**.

NEW OFFICE EMAIL LOOK

ANY EMAIL COMING FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL NOW SAY
'ST. GEORGE'S ADMIN'

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY -THURSDAY 10AM-3PM FRIDAY 10AM-2PM

**NO PARKING ON BAGOT PARKING LOT STREET UNTIL AFTER
COMPLETION OF ROOF RESTORATION**

GIVINGS THROUGH E-TRANSFER

PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS
'TREASURER@STGEORGESOSHAWA.ORG'
SECURITY QUESTION— CHURCH SECURITY ANSWER—GIVINGS

Church Leadership

Bishop of Toronto—The Rt Rev. Andrew Asbil
Suffragan Bishop—The Rt Rev. Riscylla Shaw
Suffragan Bishop—The Rt Rev. Kevin Robertson
Incumbent-- The Rev. Dr. Alvaro Addereley
Rector's Warden—Barb Wotton
People's Warden—Shelley Kossatz
Rector's Deputy Warden—Kevin Lianage
People's Deputy Warden - Betty Hogeterp
Director of Music - Carmine Lappano
Parish Administrator - Cassandra Duncan
Bookkeeper—Zsafia Halmai
Envelope Secretary—Barb Callery
Sexton—William Erwin

Notes and Notices!

St. Bede's Group:

***The St. Bede's Ladies will meet on
Thursday, April 18 at 1:30 pm at Merja
Dillane's home, 1-152 Elgin St.
Fr. Alvarado will be our guest speaker.***

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way to our bountiful supply of prayer blankets, shawls, pocket crosses, and dolls that were blessed by Father Alvarado last Sunday. Your gifts support Lakeridge Cancer Unit in Oshawa, Durham Outlook for the needy, the Anglican Chaplaincy at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, and many special individuals known to parishioners. It is a wonderful outreach ministry of sharing God's love with others.

NEW: We have begun meeting for an informal hour of crafting and fellowship in the Peasgood Gallery on Thursday mornings from 11 a.m. until noon, following the morning eucharist. Please bring your current project and join us. If you wish to learn to knit or crochet, we will be happy to introduce you to these skills.

Please contact Deborah Zimmerman (905-572-6106) if you have questions, donations either of completed items to be blessed later or new yarn for future projects, or if you wish to give a shawl or blanket to someone you know.

Free pocket crosses are available in the basket at the back of the church.



Upper right: Prayer Shawls presented to Fr. Alvarado and Faith

Lower left: Prayer Shawls blessed on April 7th

Centre: Dennon receiving a baptismal Prayer Shawl

Lower right: Deborah Zimmerman and Jane Bowman

Birthday Celebrations



Left to right: People's Deputy Warden Betty Hogeterp, Pat Cross, Peter Lohmann and Pauline Meyers all celebrated in birthdays in March!



Celebrating birthdays in April :

Left to right: Melissa kitchen, Betty Hogeterp, Pam Fleming, and Cassandra Duncan (not pictured)

Roof Restoration Update!

REALLY good news!! Although poor weather the week of April 2nd had delayed our start-up, fencing is now up, staging has begun and things are moving forward! Our Project Team will be meeting every 2 weeks with **Dalren Limited**, the General Contractor, **Aged Wood**, the company doing the roofing and **Barry Brian and Associates (BBA)**, our Architect and Project Managing Firm to share info, questions, concerns and keep on top of general progress. Here are a few dates and housekeeping items to keep in mind:

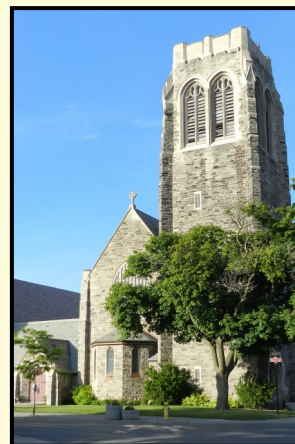
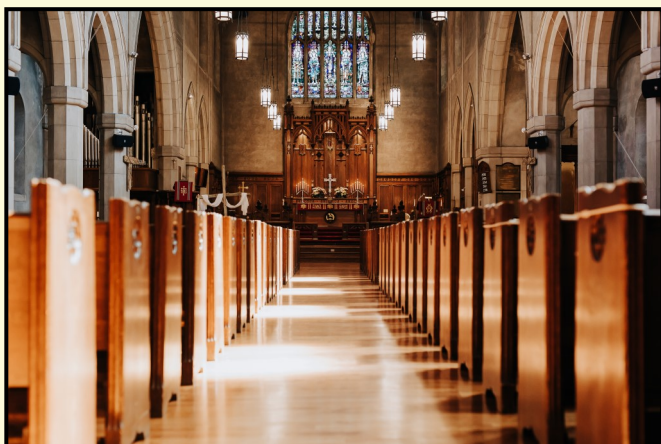
- ♦ The **completion date** is still set for August 1st, 2024. (reminder that weather may impact this)
- ♦ There will be no **parking** in the Bagot Street lot until further notice. Centre St. Accessible parking remains open for now.
- ♦ All areas of work will be **fenced** to prevent public access for security and safety reasons.

We will continue to send updates as we move forward!



100th Anniversary Celebrations!

***'Honouring our past, Renewing our present
and Building our future in Christ'***



Did You Know.....?

Q-8: What was the approximate cost of building the current St. George's and how was the money raised?

A-8: The cost of building St. George's church was just over \$209,000 which doesn't seem like much today but back in the early 1920's this was a considerable sum. The Building Committee's report to the 1926 Vestry Meeting showed that the largest part of the money was raised by subscriptions of individuals and parochial organizations. Subscriptions refers to an amount of money pledged to the Building Fund. Money was also raised from the sale of the previous church and materials from it. The church was left with a mortgage of \$22,000 and the Women's Guild took on the responsibility of raising this amount. The Guild had already raised about \$17,000 for the Building Fund.

The mortgage was paid off by 1944 and the burning of the mortgage and the consecration of the church took place on September 12, 1944.

Q-9: The interior of St. George's is similar to many Anglican churches and cathedrals. What is the interior configuration and what are the names of the various parts of the church?

Read all about it in the next edition of the Standard....

100th Anniversary Celebrations!

Mark your calendars and be ready to celebrate!



- ♦ **Sunday April 28th** – 10:00am Eucharist acknowledging St. George's Day, recognizing volunteers and dedicating a newly designed and created frontal by Bill Fitches in memory of two of our most cherished members, Eleanor Ireland and Nancy Miller.
- ♦ **Saturday May 4th** – Doors Open Oshawa 10am-4pm – The church will be open and buzzing with visitors, organ recitals, chiming, archival displays and church tours.
- ♦ **Saturday May 11th** – Festive Choral Evensong at 3pm followed by a wine, cheese and sandwich reception in the church proper. This marks the **actual anniversary date** of our most beautiful church building!

How Can You Help?

- ♦ We ALL volunteer in many ways to help this building and parish community thrive! In order to recognize our MANY volunteers on April 28th, we will be asking all parishioners to take a **blank card** from the back of the church this Sunday or the church office throughout the week. On the card please write your name and ANY/ALL ways that you have volunteered at St. George's over the years! Don't be shy! We want you to know how **VERY MUCH** we appreciate it ALL! Please hand these cards back to the church office or to the box labelled '**Completed Volunteer Cards**' at the back of the church by **Sunday April 28th**. These cards will get inserted in our **Volunteer Appreciation book**. The book will be blessed, and placed in the archives to be treasured and remembered for years to come!
- ♦ Would you be available to **volunteer** an hour or more of your time on Saturday **May 4th** between 10am and 4pm? We are looking for volunteers **to welcome visitors** at '**Doors Open Oshawa**'! Please sign up at the back of the church OR call or email Shelley Kossatz at 905-404-3089 smkossatz@gmail.com
- ♦ Our **Festive Choral Evensong** on Saturday **May 11th at 3pm** will be a fabulous celebration of the actual anniversary date of our beautiful building! What better way to give thanks for SO MANY blessings including our incredible acoustics than with music!! We are having the reception food catered with post-Evensong refreshment stations being set up in the Narthex and in both Transepts. We are looking for small teams available to: 1. Place food and beverages out prior to Evensong 2. Supervise refreshment stations during the reception 3. Assist with clean-up of refreshment stations after the event. Please sign up at the back of the church OR call or email Shelley Kossatz at 905-404-3089 smkossatz@gmail.com

It takes a Village and we are blessed with an incredible one at that!! Every little bit you can help with makes a world of difference. Thanks in advance for volunteering!!

100th Anniversary Activities!

Stay tuned for a number of upcoming activities and commemorative St. George's items to mark our 100th!

- ♦ **Signing of the Roof 'Ridge Cap'**
- ♦ **Dedication of the Cadet Corps Colours**
- ♦ **Commemorative Book Marks**
- ♦ **Church Note Cards**
- ♦ **2025 St. George's Church Calendar**
- ♦ **Slate Coasters and Cheese Boards**
- ♦ **Hymn/Carol-Sing Fundraiser**
- ♦ **Advertising Pledges**



100th Anniversary Celebrations!



Alvaro's 'Anniversary Challenge!'

"I challenge you to donate an extra \$100 this year in celebration of our anniversary!"

Funds donated will be directed to:

- ♦ Updating our space (projects including sound system, exterior lighting, outdoor digital sign and more....)
- ♦ Events that celebrate our parish family and the surrounding community (Evensong refreshments, 'Welcome Back BBQ' food and more.....)

Donations can be made by cheque, in cash or through e-transfer to:

treasurer@stgeorgesoshawa.org

Security Question – Church

Security Answer – Givings

Please mark you donation 'Anniversary Challenge' to direct funds appropriately!