

St. George's Standard

October 12, 2025

October 19, 2025



Thanksgiving Message from the Curate

"He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan."

Luke 17:16

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, I invite us all to pause for a moment and look back on the path we have journeyed. When we do, we can see the many ways God has blessed, guided, and sustained us. Truly, He has done great things for us, and our hearts are filled with gratitude.

This year has been especially meaningful for me. In early May, I had the great joy of being ordained as a transitional deacon at the Cathedral, a milestone in my journey of faith and ministry. My heart's desire was to serve at St. George's Memorial, and in His goodness, God fulfilled that desire. I am deeply thankful for our loving church community for your warm welcome, your encouragement, and your willingness to include me in every aspect of church life. I am also grateful for the precious time I was able to spend with my parents this past summer which is something I had longed for over the years. Looking back now, I recognize that it was a divine gift, a sacred opportunity that God allowed me to have before my father's passing. God's timing is always perfect, even when we do not fully understand it in the moment. As we reflect on our blessings, we also look forward in hope. Our gratitude is not only for what God has done, but also for the promises that lie ahead in Christ. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer beautifully reminds us in his book *Life Together*, *"Only he who gives thanks for little things receives the big things."*

This Thanksgiving, as we gather as one community of faith, let us bring ourselves before the Lord with thankful hearts. Like the psalmist, we too can say, *"What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord."* Psalm 116:12-13

May our lives be a living expression of gratitude and praise to the One who has given us everything.

Happy Thanksgiving, my dear church family!
With a grateful heart,
Rev. Rajini Lyman
Curate, St. George's Memorial Church



Important Info!

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays: 8.15 am Holy Eucharist BCP
10.00 am Choral Eucharist
Tuesdays: 6:00 pm Bible study
Wednesdays: 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Thursdays: 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

Memorial Flowers Placed on Altar

'Order Forms' are 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!

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

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World: The Church of the Province of Uganda
Diocese: Foodbanks and food sharing ministries
Oshawa Deanery: St. George's Oshawa - The Rev. Alvaro Adderly

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World: The Episcopal Church
Diocese: Bishop's Committee on Healing Ministries
Oshawa Deanery: St. Paul's Uxbridge

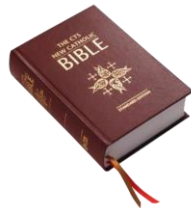
Church Leadership

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 Adderley
Curate: Rev. Rajini Lyman
Honourary Assistant - Rev. Janet Stephens
Rector's Warden—Barb Wotton
People's Warden—Shelley Kossatz
Deputy Rector's Warden—Kevin Liyanage
Deputy People's Warden - Betty Hogeterp
Director of Music - Carmine Lappano
Parish Admin. - Amanesi (Ama) Maleghemi
Bookkeeper—Zsafia Halmay
Envelope Secretary—Barb Callery
Sexton—William Erwin

READINGS

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Deut 26:1 - 11
Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4 - 9
John 6: 25 - 35



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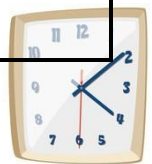
Jeremiah 31: 27 - 34
Psalm 119:97 - 104
2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Church Wifi

The GUEST network is **Church Hall** and the **password** is **9057237875**.

Office Hours

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



Givings through E-TRANSFER

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

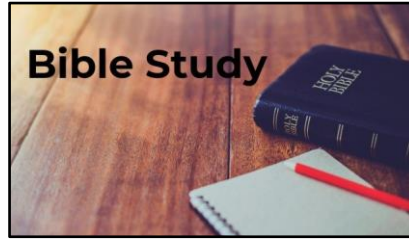
St. George's Memorial Church (Anglican) 51 Centre St. S. Oshawa ON L1H 3Z9
telephone: 905-723-7875 email: church@stgeorgesoshawa.org

What's Happening!

Weekly Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on October 14th at 6 p.m. in the Peasgood Gallery all are encouraged to come as we use this as an opportunity to learn from one another.

Bible Study



Prayer of the week



Heavenly Father, we bow our hearts to You today with gratitude for all Your goodness and faithfulness. Thank You for the gift of life, for every breath and moment, and for Your endless love and mercy that surrounds us. We are thankful for our health, for joy, for friends, and for the blessings of family and community. Amen

Mark your calendars!

Save the date! We are once again part of Oshawa's festive BRIGHT AND MERRY MARKET, taking place Friday November 14th, from 5-9pm! If you're interested in helping out, please email Shelley Kossatz (smkossatz@gmail.com) or contact the church office! We will regroup closer to the date! Check out the city's link below:

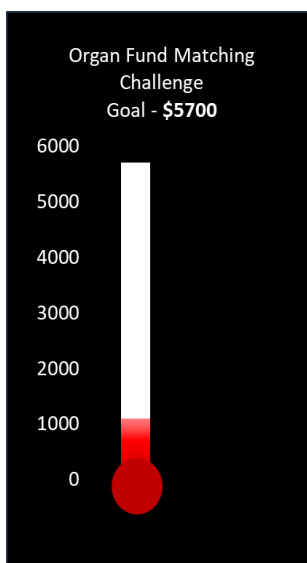


<https://www.oshawa.ca/en/parks-recreation-and-culture/bright-and-merry-market.aspx#Photography-at-City-of-Oshawa-Events>

• Bible Study • Evening Prayer	• A Week in Prayer	• Prayer Labyrinth (Fall 2025)
• Weekly Spiritual Renewal Quotes in the bulletin	• Laying on of Hands and Anointing (1st Sunday of every month)	• Healing Service (Fall 2025) • Prayer Breakfast



Organ Fundraising Matching Gift Challenge



Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, every dollar you give to the Organ Restoration Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar - up to \$5,700! That means your gift goes TWICE as far!

How It Works

- ✓ Please make your Gifts made between October 1, 2025 – December 12, 2025
- ✓ All donations directly support the Organ Restoration Fund.

Ways to Give

- ✉ Donate using the envelopes at the back of the church.
- 📍 Donate at the Church Office: St. George's Memorial Church, 51 Centre St S, Oshawa
- E E-transfer: treasurer@stgeorgesoshawa.org (Security question- church, Security answer-givings)

Funds raised to date - \$1100

Please indicate that your donation is for the "Organ Fundraising Challenge"

ORGAN FUNDRAISING MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE Help Restore St. George's Memorial Church Organ  
Double Your Impact with a Matching Gift Challenge! Thanks to the generosity of a dedicated parishioner, every dollar you give to the Organ Restoration Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar — up to \$5,700! That means your gift goes TWICE as far
How It Works ✓ Please make your Gifts made between October 1, 2025 – December 12, 2025 ✓ All donations directly support the Organ Restoration Fund. ✓ Any unmatched funds will go to FaithWorks
Why Your Support Matters The historic organ is central to our worship and music ministry. Your gift helps ensure its restoration for generations to come.
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Don't Miss This Opportunity! Give before December 12, 2025, and see your gift doubled in support of music and worship at St. George's.

What's Happening!

St. Bede's Group - Winter Coat Drive

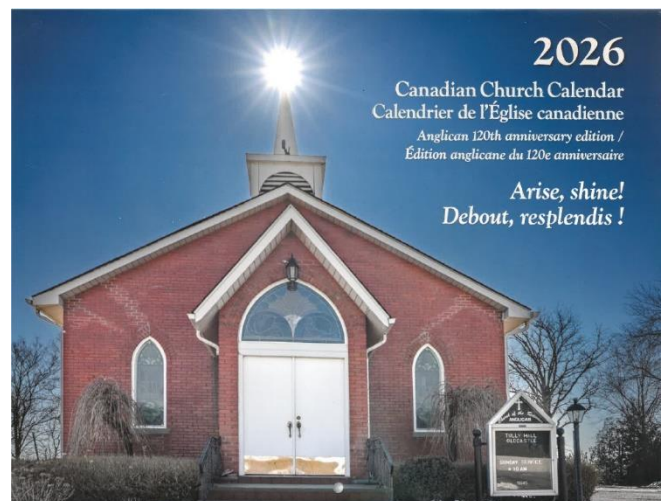
The St. Bede's Group is collecting winter outwear for the underprivileged during the month of October. Items can be dropped off at the office during office hours or phone the office 905-723-7875 at a more convenient time for you. The clothing will be taken to Back Door Mission and Home For The Needy for distribution to those in need.

The next meeting for the St. Bede's Group will be **October 16** in the Peasgood Gallery at **1:30 pm**. Mary-Cathrine Campbell will talk on history and purpose of the labyrinth.



Anglican Church Calendars Now Available!

Calendars are available for \$6 at the back of the church or from the church office.



Thomson Bursary

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Thomson Bursary, Savannah Browne, Nathalie Mongrain and Mya Davis!

As a former teacher and educator, Mr. Thomson had a special interest in young people and in their advancement in higher education. His provided for the establishment of a permanent Trust Fund from which the annual interest would be available to underwrite Bursaries to assist members of the Parish Church to attend the University of their choice.

We keep all the recipients in our prayers as they enter the 2025/26 academic year.

Congratulations!

What's Happening!

Calling all Crafters!

Come and knit or crochet with us in the Gallery on Thursdays between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Free lessons for beginners; supplies provided. Completed items benefit cancer patients at Lakeridge Oshawa, patients at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto c/o their Anglican Chaplaincy program, and many grateful individuals known to members of St. George's.

Please contact Deborah Zimmerman through the church office for further information.

Hoping to see you soon,

St. George's Prayer Shawl Ministry



'Coffee Hour' Refreshment Teams!

It's that time again! Special thanks to those who provided cold drinks and cookies this summer after the Sunday services at 10! Starting Sunday September 14th, we will be returning to coffee, tea, cold drinks and snacks in the lower hall after the 10am service. **Our teams NEED YOU to help out please!** Each team is responsible for setting up and clean-up of coffee, tea, cold drinks and providing light snacks. Many hands make light work! If you are interested in joining a team, adding a team of your own, providing snacks or finding out more information, **please contact Shelley Kossatz at 905-404-3089 or smkossatz@gmail.com.**

This ministry is an integral part of our Christian fellowship! Our incredible volunteers have done a wonderful job last year! THANK YOU! Looking forward to many people getting involved!



Save the Dates

- Fall Festival of Music featuring our choir & the Oshawa Civic Band - Oct 18 7:30pm
- Christian Meditation with Rev. Madaline - Saturday October 18 9:30am
- Evensong (in memory of Pam Fleming) Saturday November 1
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- Bright and Merry Market - Friday November 14
- Healing Service and Labyrinth - Saturday November 29
- Prayer Shawl Blessing - Sunday November 30
- Advent Lessons and Carols - Sunday November 30
- Christmas Lessons and Carols - Sunday December 21
- Christmas Eve Services - Wednesday December 24 - 3pm, 7pm, 10pm

From the Archives

YOUTH CHORISTERS AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

For many years, women were not permitted to sing in church choirs. The treble part of the choral service was sung by boys who had not reached puberty and therefore had unique treble voices.

Boy Choristers were part of the choir in the second St. George's church and in the present church. Some photos of the second St. George's choir show only men and boys in the choir, but one shows men and women in the choir stalls so there may have been a gradual change to a more inclusive choir. Boy choristers were part of the choir in the present church up to the mid 1990's.

The Cowan Medals which were donated by Mr. John Cowan were presented at Easter and Christmas to the boy choristers who were leaving the choir because their voice had changed. The record book in the archives shows that between 1909 and 1929, there were 66 medals presented. Although the record doesn't continue after 1929, these medals were presented up to at least 1947. The archives contain seven Cowan Medals that were donated, and the last one shows a date of 1947. Four of the seven medals were from the second St. George's and contain an image of that church on the medal. The other three are from the current church and contain an image of the present church.

The boy choristers devoted much time to the church. They not only received training in singing but also in religious education. Steve Powell recalled that when he was a boy chorister, the boys rehearsed on Tuesdays at 4:30 for about 30 minutes followed by 30 minutes of religious instruction provided by the rector or curate. They also rehearsed on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:45, then had a short break, before rehearsing with the adult choir until about 8:30. Although the boys did not receive any money for their time at regular services, they did receive a dollar each when they sang at weddings.

There also was a girls' choir at St. George's. A record book in the archives shows the names and attendance of the girls from 1954 to 1960. There were about 27 girls when the choir was formed and 11 in 1960. Steve Powell recalls that the girls did not sing with the boy choristers but thought that they may have sung at Evensong once a month. However in the 1970's there was still a girls' choir as it was amalgamated with the boys to form the Junior Choir. The Junior Choir consisted of about 10-15 boys and girls. They rehearsed and received their religious instruction together on Thursdays prior to the adult rehearsal. By the mid 1990's there were only 4 or 5 children left in the Junior Choir, and it was disbanded. A few of the children, mostly children of the senior choir members, continued to rehearse and sing with the adult choir.

There seems to have been a great bond formed by the boy choristers. At the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the church, Jack Peacock sent letters to previous choir members inviting them to a reunion as part of the celebrations and inviting them to wear their Cowan Medals. Many responses were sent back to Jack, and these are in the archives. Many of the letters are from former boy choristers recalling the friendships that they made during their time as choristers.

Steve Powell who was a boy chorister as well as the organist and choir director at St. George's has provided much of the information about the contributions and commitment of the young people to the church's choral program. Thank you, Steve.

Sandra Gaskell, Archivist

From the Archives (contd.)

YOUTH CHORISTERS AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH IN 1948



The Blessing of the Animals



Thank you to all our furry friends and their care takers for joining our celebration of "all creatures great and small"





FALL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Featuring:
Oshawa Civic Band and
St. George's Memorial Choir

Conductors
RITA ARENDZ (Oshawa Civic Band)
CARMINE LAPPANO (St. George's Choir)

October 18, 7:30 PM
St. Georges Memorial Church, 51 Centre St. S, Oshawa

Admission: Free will offering
All proceeds to St. George's Organ Restoration Fund



CHORAL EVENSONG

FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

In loving memory of Pam Fleming

Featuring the music of
Charles Villiers Stanford and
Healey Willan

Sung by St George's Memorial
Anglican Church choir and guests

MANUEL PIAZZA, GUEST ORGANIST
CARMINE LAPPANO, CONDUCTOR

Saturday Nov 1, 4:30 pm
St George's Memorial Church
51 Centre St. S., Oshawa

Reception following the service





**St. Matthew's
Poinsettia
Bazaar
& Craft Market**

**135 Wilson Road South,
Oshawa**

**Saturday, November 1st
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

*Bake Table, Books & CD's,
Attic Treasures, Vintage Jewelry,
Handmade Knitting & Sewing,
Christmas Items New & Used,
Jams & Jellies, Baby Items,
Gift Baskets & White Elephant*

Café – Homemade Lunch

Cash or E-Transfer

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A festive poster for a Christmas Market. The background is white with a border of Christmas decorations including red and white striped candy canes, green pine branches with yellow berries, red and white snowflakes, and red and white striped stockings. The text is centered and reads: "ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH" in a small, black, sans-serif font. Below this is "Christmas Market" in a large, red, serif font. Underneath is "SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 9AM-3PM" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the date is "Free Admission" in a black, italicized, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the church's name and address are listed: "St. Thomas Anglican Church 101 Winchester Rd. Brooklin, ON". Below this are three QR codes. The first QR code is labeled "Applications" and the third is labeled "Event Page". In the center, between the QR codes, is a small logo of a church building with the text "St. Thomas' Anglican CHURCH" below it.

ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Christmas Market

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