

St. George's Standard

December 7, 2025

December 14, 2025



Advent Message from the Curate

As Christmas draws near, familiar conversations fill our homes: Where will we place the tree this year? Are we baking cakes and cookies—or just cookies? What will we wear? What gifts should we give? These are the sounds of a season we love. Yet, as John the Baptist reminds us, “Prepare the way of the Lord.” Advent invites us to pause and ask: How are we preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus? Beyond the decorations and plans, are we turning to God with repentance, renewal, and a desire for transformed lives?

This year, I enter Advent carrying a tender grief. It will be my first Christmas without my father, and I am preparing my heart to walk through the season while cherishing the memories we shared. I know many around the world are also entering this season with sorrow—those who have lost loved ones, lost jobs, lost stability, or are without shelter. In this sacred time, as we sing “O come, O come, Emmanuel,” we are invited to welcome Christ not only into our homes but also into our hearts and actions. How might we show His compassion to those who are hurting? How might we embody His presence to those in need?

Together, we echo the prophet Isaiah:

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.”*

This Light is our hope.

May we look to the Light of our salvation and walk forward in hope, trusting that when Christ comes again in glory, He will find us prepared.

Wishing you a blessed and hope-filled season of Advent.

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

DEC 07

World: The Church of Bangladesh
Diocese: Toronto East Deanery
Oshawa Deanery: All Saints Whitby
The Rev. Jennifer Schick

DEC 14

World: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
Diocese: Tecumseth Deanery
Oshawa Deanery: St. Martin's Bay Ridges
The Rev. Shelley Pollard

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. Alvarado 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

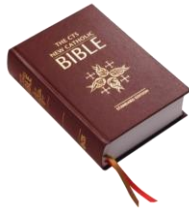
READINGS

DEC 07

Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-7, 18-19
Rom 15:4-13
Mt 3:1-12

DEC 14

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:4-9
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11



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SECURITY QUESTION—CHURCH
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**Please include your full name and address
in your etransfer if you wish to receive a
tax receipt.**

Church Wifi

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

New Office Hours

MONDAY-THURSDAY 10AM-2PM



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!

It is with heavy but grateful hearts that we announce our Parish Administrator, Ama has moved on to a new job opportunity, with her last day being December 3rd. During her time with us, Ama brought a great deal of skill, passion and positive energy to St George's. We thank Ama - her contributions have been greatly appreciated, and she will be missed. We wish her every blessing and success in her new position.

In the meantime, the Wardens are working on a transition plan.

Please note:

- The office will remain open **Tuesdays – Thursdays 10AM to 2PM.**
- The office will be closed during the week of December 22nd.
- Voicemail and email will be checked regularly.



Weekly Bible Study

Bible Study holds at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in the Peasgood Gallery. All are encouraged to come as we use this as an opportunity to learn from one another.



Prayer of the week

"Heavenly Father, all-knowing and ever-present, clear my mind of stress and allow me to pause for a short moment and feel your presence. Strengthen me to do Your will and allow the Holy Spirit to guide me in the ways You are leading me. May Your will be done today and always. Amen".

Christmas Flowers

Each year at St. George's we decorate the chancel area with flowering plants that have been placed in memory of a loved one or family. If you would like to donate, please pick up the "Memorial Flower order form" located at the back of the church or from the church office, The last day for placing your order will be FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.



Bible Study

Evening Prayer

A Week in Prayer

Prayer Labyrinth (TBD)

Weekly Spiritual
Renewal Quotes in the
bulletins

Laying on of Hands and
Anointing (1st Sunday
of every month)

Healing Service (Fall 2025)
Prayer Breakfast



What's Happening!

St. Bede's Group - Christmas Baskets

The St. Bede's ladies have put together three baskets to be drawn on Sunday, December 14. Tickets are available December 7 & 14. The cost of tickets is \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.



Sidespersons Association

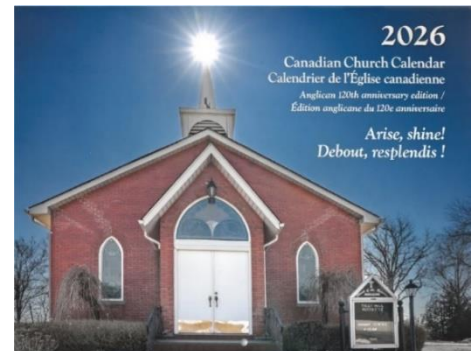
The 2026 schedule is available at the back of the church in the black holder. Please pick up a copy. Also Sidespeople will be needed for the special Christmas Eve services Dec 24 at 3pm, 7pm & 10:00pm. If you can help at one of these services, please put your name and phone number on the sheet for which service you will be attending. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church.

*St. George's
Memorial Church
Sidesperson*



Anglican Church Calendars Now Available!

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



'Coffee Hour' Refreshment Teams!

Our teams are growing! THANK YOU to those who have stepped up to join the dedicated group of people providing coffee, tea, cold drinks and snacks after the 10am service! If this ministry calls to you, **please contact Shelley Kossatz at 905-404-3089 or smkossatz@gmail.com or contact the church office!**

This ministry is SUCH an integral part of our Christian fellowship!

What's Happening!

Christmas Hampers

Donations of non-perishable food items and money are now being accepted for the Christmas Hampers. Food items such as Christmas treats, canned fish, Oreos, baby formula and other special items that would make up a Gift Basket!

Food donations may be left in the hamper at the back of the church or dropped off at the Centre Office Tuesdays-Thursdays from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Monetary donations can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer, on the offertory plate or directly to the church office. Please be sure to indicate 'Christmas Hampers' clearly on your donation. **Contributions to the hampers must be received by Monday December 14th, 2025.**

Thanks in advance!



Mitten Tree

We are currently accepting donations of mittens, scarves, and hats, which will be donated to our local public schools and adult sizes to Durham Outlook. Thank you for helping with this much needed ministry. If you have any questions, contact Marg & Kelly at 905-434-2311



Prayer Shawl Ministry

On Sunday, November 30, Rev. Janet blessed many prayer shawls, prayer blankets, pocket crosses, chemo caps, and fidget muffs made with loving care by parishioners and friends of St. George's. These items are given to the Cancer Unit at Lakeridge Oshawa, the Anglican Chaplaincy at St. Michael's Hospital, and other individuals known to parishioners. It is our mission to offer freely these items of comfort to anyone who might benefit from a reminder of God's loving presence. Please continue to pray for makers, givers, and recipients as we continue working together. Should you wish to share a prayer shawl gift with someone you know, please contact Deborah Zimmerman.



Save the Dates

- Christmas Lessons and Carols - Sunday December 21 – 4pm
- Christmas Eve Services - Wednesday December 24 - 3pm, 7pm, 10pm



Budget

400,000

350,000

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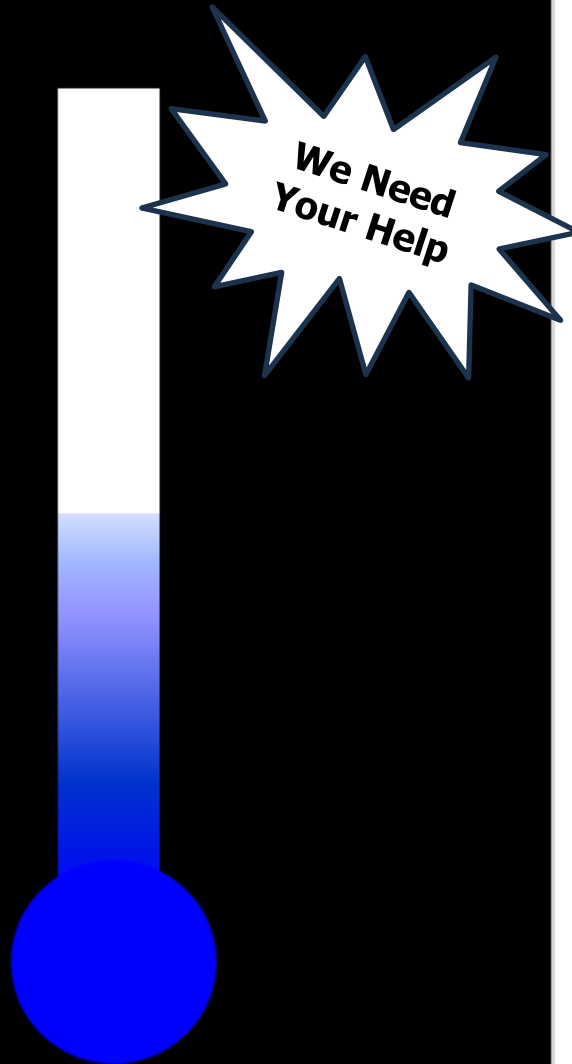
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Are we on Budget?
Annual Budget approx.
\$400,000

As of Oct 31: we need
\$196,975 to meet our
budgeted expenses

Budget



Did You Know.....

The following are our **monthly** costs for ONLY these 3 things:

- Insurance: \$2,918.05
- Hydro: summertime average: \$300, wintertime average \$600
- Heating: average \$2,000

Cost of sustaining JUST the basics have gone up drastically!
Please prayerfully consider your givings.





**Join us for our Advent Compline services every
Monday at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom
on December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.**

**Meeting ID: 859 4255 5336
Passcode: 804857**

Events

*Come into the season of Advent
with this seasonal favourite
service of readings and music!*

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday November 30, 4:00pm

*Bring your family and friends to
share in the beauty and warmth of
the Christmas season. Let's create
wonderful memories together!*

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 21, 4:00pm

Christmas Eve

Wednesday December 24, 2024

3:00pm – Sung Eucharist

7:00pm – Sung Eucharist

10:00pm – Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

Thursday December 25, 2024

10:00am – said Eucharist