

St. George's Standard

February 8, 2026



February 15, 2026

Coming to St George's soon....



Diocese Growing Healthy Stewards

"For your heart will always be where your riches are." (Luke 12:34)

Growing Healthy Stewards (GHS) is a year-round stewardship education program that helps parishes become sustainable, hopeful, and life-giving communities. Rather than a one-time campaign, GHS is an ongoing process that builds on the time, talent, and treasure already present within a parish.

Guided by experienced lay coaches, parish teams receive encouragement, practical support, and proven tools to move forward faithfully. GHS helps congregations form stewardship teams, assess current practices, and tell their parish story in meaningful ways — sharing not just numbers, but how God is at work in their community.

With year-round planning, coaching, and shared learning, GHS fosters a healthier, more intentional approach to stewardship, reminding us that we grow best together as our hearts are aligned with God's purposes.

Diocese Congregational Development and Mission

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (1 Peter 4:10)

The Diocese's Department of Congregational Development and Mission supports parishes in building healthy, vibrant, and mission-shaped communities of hope and compassion.

With a dedicated staff team, volunteer facilitators and coaches, the department offers resources, consultation, and strategic support to congregations across the diocese. Key areas of work include Natural Church Development, parish transitions, volunteer management, visioning and strategic planning.

Through initiatives such as Natural Church Development, Fresh Start for Congregations, mission planning, and support for new ministries and Fresh Expressions, the department helps parishes respond faithfully to changing contexts while staying rooted in congregational health.

By combining practical resources, coaching, and evidence-based research, the Department of Congregational Development and Mission continues to equip parishes for meaningful ministry and mission in today's world.

Important Information

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays	8.15 am	Holy Eucharist BCP
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist
Tuesdays:	8:00 am	Morning prayer on Zoom
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
Wednesdays:	8:00 am	Morning prayer on Zoom
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursdays	8:00 am	Morning prayer on Zoom
	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

FEB 8

World: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Diocese: Holland Deanery

Oshawa Deanery: St. George's Pickering Village, The Rev. Dr. Max Dionisio

St. George's: Archives, Advisory Board, Building & Property Team, Cemetery Board

FEB 15

World: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Diocese: Thanksgiving for the Season of Spiritual Renewal

Oshawa Deanery: St. John Port Whitby The Rev. Nicole Critch

St. George's: Chancel Guild, Chimers, Choir, Christian Companions

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

Director of Music - Carmine Lappano

Sexton - William Erwin

Rector's Warden - Barb Wotton

People's Warden - Shelley Kossatz

Deputy People's Warden - Betty Hogeterp

Bookkeeper - Zsafia Halmay

Envelope Secretary - Barb Callery

Treasurer - Shannon Bott

READINGS

FEB 8

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)

Psalm 112:1-9, (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

FEB 15

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Church Wifi

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

New Office Hours

TUESDAY-THURSDAY 10AM-2PM



Givings through E-TRANSFER

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St. George's Memorial Church (Anglican)
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51 Centre St. S. Oshawa ON L13Z9
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What's Happening!

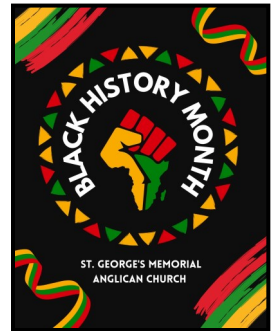


Prayer of the week

Father, you created each one of us in your own image. Yet yours is a world made glorious by its rich diversity. This we sometimes misunderstand, sometimes fear. Give us the patience to build on what unites us, to celebrate our differences and to learn from them. Grant us the wisdom to recognise your Church, beyond the walls of a building, reaching out across all communities, countries and cultures. Give us the courage to offer refuge to those in need, to challenge prejudice and seek justice for all. Help us see that you created us in your image. Neighbour or stranger, always our brother or sister. Amen.

Black History Month

Black History Month in Canada, officially recognized nationwide in February since 1996, celebrates the achievements and contributions of Black Canadians throughout history. The 2026 theme is "30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations," marking three decades of official recognition and highlighting legacies from early Black settlers to modern leaders.



Bible Study Canceled Feb. 10

CANCELED

Please note that the bible study on February 10th is cancelled. Father Alvarado will be preaching at Trinity College Chapel to celebrate the contributions of Black Canadians in the life and work of the church.

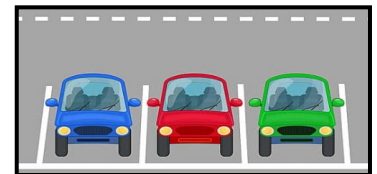


Tax Receipts

Please help us save postage and pick up your tax receipts at the back of the church! Thank you!

Parking

Great News! All of our parking spots on the East side of the parking lot are now rented (Mon - Fri 9am-5pm). If you are parking at the church during the week please use the spaces on the North side of the lot. Please display a bulletin on your dash to avoid getting a ticket.



In Case of Bad Weather

In case of closure because of inclement weather, we will post a notice on the parish website. We will also send an email to subscribers to our online parish newsletter. Notices are also posted on our Face Book and Instagram pages

If you wish to be on our email mailing list please contact the admin. office
Email : church@stgeorgesoshawa.org
Phone: 905-723-7875



Diocese Social Justice Motion 2026!



Photo courtesy Pat Kasstaz

SOCIAL JUSTICE VESTRY MOTION 2026

Each year we are asked by the diocese at our annual vestry meeting to consider a motion from the diocese related to a relevant social justice issue they have identified. The following is the motion and background information for 2026.

Motion:

"Recommitting to "protect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth." We, the parish of St. George Memorial, Oshawa in the Diocese of Toronto, Pledge to honour our baptismal commitment to "safeguard the integrity of God's creation" and urge the Government of Canada to honour its commitments to the Paris Accord, 2015: to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40-45% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050."

Background Information prepared by the Social Justice and Advocacy Department:

In our baptismal covenant, we pledge to "safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth." This is part of our duty of care for our neighbour, particularly those who are most vulnerable to the ravages of climate change, and for whom Christ had a preferential bias.

Over 88,000 peer-reviewed scientific studies on the damage caused by CO₂ point in the same direction: that the planet is warming at a rate that poses significant threats to Creation.

The consequences of the warming include:

1. More frequent and more severe weather events (hurricanes, floods, fires, tornadoes)
2. Increased desertification of land and acidification of the oceans
3. Reduced food production capability from the land
4. Rising sea levels from glacial melt
5. Loss of freshwater resources
6. Loss of habitat and sustainability for plants, animals, and other organisms.

Secondary consequences of global warming are already massive.

1. Wars over resources
2. Increased numbers of people displaced by climate impacts
3. Diminished biodiversity
4. Increased numbers of invasive species of plants and insects due to the changing climate zones
5. Increased economic inequality (the most vulnerable nations and people will suffer the most.)
6. Increased health issues from heat, smoke, and water scarcity.

Diocese Social Justice Motion 2026 cont.

Our lived experience of 2025 offers independent confirmation of the science. It was the hottest summer on record (following the previous hottest summer of 2024) It was the second most destructive forest fire season in Canada, with attendant smoke hazards for much of the country. While harder to quantify, we have also experienced many significant floods following torrential rains.

Despite these growing impacts, and the overwhelming scientific evidence, the amount of CO₂ has increased every year. Scientific data alone has failed to persuade governments and industry to protect the most vulnerable and future generations by ensuring a livable planet. As Christians, we must embody our faith commitment with actions that show our care for those whom we may not know, but who will be most susceptible to the climate emergency.

Our faith informs the way we act. We proceed in hope – not fantasy, not wishful thinking – but Christian hope, which means living ‘as though’ we already dwell in the kingdom of God. Consistent with living this way, we celebrate all of creation, and protect woodlands and animals, birds and sea creatures, oceans watersheds, clean air and the rains, thanking God for their variety and working to ensure their vitality.

If we live this way, we will plant more forests, not chop them down. We will use less energy, particularly in transportation, industry and agriculture. We will not consume more than our basic needs. We will recycle and repurpose, sharing more with our neighbours who have less.

We will also advocate for governments to honour their climate commitments. In 2015, 196 countries adopted the landmark Paris Agreement, a legally binding international treaty on climate change. The goal of the Paris Agreement is to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, relative to pre-industrial levels. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, to achieve this goal and a net-zero-emission world by 2050, countries must significantly reduce their greenhouse gas emissions without delay. Yet, current global commitments fall far short of this, leading to projections of warming by 3 degrees Celsius by 2100.³

Since 1990, the Government of Canada has made many domestic and international commitments to address climate change, including commitments to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.. Yet Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions have decreased by only 8.5% in the 19 years since then. Oil production from the tar sands generates as many CO₂ emissions as all Canada’s other human-generated sources combined. Canada is the worst performing of the G-7 countries in terms of meeting its targets.

In June 2025, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada passed Resolution A200 endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, and urging the federal government to:

- End expansion of any new coal, oil or gas production in line with the best available science as outlined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the United Nations Environment Programme;
- Phase-out existing production of fossil fuels in a manner that is fair and equitable, taking into account the respective dependency of countries on fossil fuels and their capacity to transition; and
- Ensure a global just transition to 100% renewable energy globally, support dependent economies to diversify away from fossil fuels, and enable all people and communities, not least the Global South, to flourish.

This vestry motion, which urges the government of Canada to honour its commitments to the 2015 Paris Accord, aligns with General Synod’s Motion. Moreover, it aligns with our Diocesan Cast the Net Call #8 “Intensify advocacy and action in response to the climate crisis,” and our own baptismal commitments.

There are many ways in which we can bring action and advocacy to bear on the climate crisis. To learn more, please refer to the additional resources in support of this motion, which will be made available on the Diocesan website at www.toronto.anglican.ca/vestrymotion

Information - Vestry



WHEN:

St. George's annual Vestry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **February 22, 2026** after the 10:00 am service.

REPORTS:

We are asking that all Vestry reports be emailed to the office by **Jan 26, 2026** (church@stgeorgesoshawa.org). Please submit your report in a word document format. If you are a leader of a Parish group or team, you are responsible for submitting a report outlining the activities of the group over the past year and upcoming plans for your group in 2026. Please call the office (905-723-7875) if you have any questions.

WHAT IS VESTRY?:

Vestry is the annual general meeting of the church. During vestry we will review and approve the financial statements for 2025/26, elect officers of the church and discuss other important matters of the church's business. Refreshments are provided.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?:

The most important thing the leadership of St. George's wants you to know is that **WE WANT YOU AT OUR VESTRY MEETING!** Your voice, your ideas and insights are valuable! This opportunity to gather **TOGETHER**, to identify **TOGETHER** our direction for the coming year, for as many people as possible at St. George's to feel a sense of ownership, responsibility and participation in the life of our congregation is of **VITAL** and **LIFE-GIVING** importance.

information - Lenten and Easter Services



You're invited to join our parish family as we make our way from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week to the celebration of Christ's glorious Resurrection on Easter. Surrounded by community and nourished by prayer, we will journey together in these holy season of Lent and Easter. Below is our schedule of services.

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday February 18, 2026

- 12:00 pm Said Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 pm Choral Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday - Sunday March 29, 2026

- 8:15 am BCP Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday April 1, 2026

- 7:00 PM - walk the stations of the cross and meditate on the events of Jesus' final hours

Maundy Thursday: Thursday April 2, 2026

- 7:00 pm Choral Eucharist

Good Friday: Friday April 3, 2026

- 12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil: Saturday April 4, 2026

- 7:00 pm Choral Eucharist

The Sunday of the Resurrection - Easter Day: Sunday April 5, 2026

- 8:15 am BCP Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist and Healing Service



PHASE II IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INFORMATION SESSION

NEWS FROM BISHOP RISCYLLA SHAW and the DIOCESE

February 8, 2026
Following the 10 AM service

Refreshments and presentation in the lower hall

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

St. George's Memorial Church Oshawa

Parish Hall

51 Centre St. S. Oshawa Ontario

Tues. February 17, 4:00-7:00pm

Pancakes and Sausages

Veggies and Dip

Dessert

Refreshments



Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship!

Tickets

- available Jan 18th, 25th, and Feb 1, 8, 15 after church in the Peasgood Gallery OR
- at the church office Monday -Thursday 10-3, Friday 10-2
- Adults \$15
- Children under 12, \$5
- Family, 2 adults and children, \$30

All proceeds towards St. George's Church.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink. I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me." Matthew 25:35-40

April 12, 2026

10 AM: Peter Misiasek - Guest Preacher

Refreshments and presentation following the service

Coming Soon

FOR AGES 4-9

Storytime Sunday

A Fun & Faith-Filled Experience
Full of Colour for Children

SUNDAYS | 10:15 AM

St. George's Memorial Anglican Church, Oshawa

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Storytime from the Bible
- Questions, imagination, and conversation
- Creative colouring activity
- Prayer and song
- Drop-in friendly

CONTACT US

905-723-7875

church@stgeorgesoshawa.org

All Kids Welcome!

Community Events: Lenten Course

The Way of the Cross and a Crucified People: On the Ground in Palestine

a six-week Lent zoom course by

**Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat
with
Bishop Andrew Asbil**

Sundays 7pm - 9 pm EST | February 22 - March 29, 2026



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Admission is Free

**What happens
if we read
Jesus' walk to the cross
in light of current realities?**

**Weaving together
scriptural story,
Palestinian liturgy,
and Lenten self-reflection,
this journey to the cross
will deeply ground us
in the story of Jesus' passion
as seen in today's world.**

**For further information or to register:
www.bibleremixed.ca**

BIBLE REMIXED: Where biblical depth meets radical discipleship

Community Events: Resound Choir March 22



REJOICE IN THE LAMB

Oshawa's acclaimed RESOUND Choir and special guests, the Orpheus Choir of Toronto will be joined by a professional orchestra and soloists to present sparkling and genre-defying masterworks by UK composers, featuring dazzling orchestral colours and dramatic performances. Also, Karl Jenkins' intercultural Requiem will be performed with Japanese poetry and traditional instruments, making this piece unlike any other choral masterwork.

Join us for a dramatic and energizing afternoon of music and storytelling!



for tickets visit:
tickets.regenttheatre.ca

3:00 pm
22 MARCH 2026

\$35 ADMISSION

Regent Theatre
50 King St E.
Oshawa, ON



THOMAS BURTON
-ARTISTIC DIRECTOR





DOORS OPEN OSHAWA

St Georges is taking part in this annual event that allows visitors to explore our beautiful church

May 2, 2026
Stay tuned for more information

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at
St George's

- Feb 8, 2026 Parish Town Hall following the 10:00 AM service
- Feb 17, 2026 Pancake Supper
- Feb 18, 2026 Ash Wednesday
- March 21 2026 Rev. Rajini Ordination
- March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday
- April 2, 2026 Maundy Thursday
- April 3, 2026 Good Friday
- April 4, 2026 Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
- April 12, 2026 Stewardship Sunday (one service)
- May 2, 2026 Doors Open Oshawa