

THE ST. GEORGE STANDARD

EMBRACING OUR PAST, CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT,
AND BUILDING OUR FUTURE IN CHRIST



Happy Thanksgiving by The Rev. Rajini Lyman

**O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS
STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOR EVER. PSALM 136:1**

When I close my eyes and count the number of blessings I have received from God, when I list the petitions, I have brought before Him in prayer and the requests that have been answered, and when I think of the times I cried out to my Lord and He came to my rescue, the list goes on and on and I become speechless and overwhelmed by His goodness. All I can do in return is continuing to worship Him and give Him thanks and praise. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us take a few moments to think about all the blessings we have received from God and give thanks with grateful hearts.

Thanksgiving is also a time to bring our first fruits and tithes to Almighty God, with gratitude for His blessings and for the ways He has provided for us and helped us prosper. May the Lord bless our first fruits and multiply our blessings. Abel brought the firstborn of his flock as an offering, and God accepted his offering. We, too, are called to examine ourselves and bring our best first fruits to the Lord with thankful and grateful hearts.

We are also celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in our diocese this year. We give thanks and remember the women priests who have served faithfully and the ministries they have carried out. We thank God for calling not only men but also women to build and serve the Church. The great evangelist Billy Graham said, "Grumbling and gratitude are, for the child of God, in conflict. Be grateful and you won't grumble. Grumble and you won't be grateful." Let us take a moment to pause from our busy lives and begin counting the blessings we have received from God. With an attitude of deep gratitude, let us give glory to God and offer Him our heartfelt thanks.

SUNDAY *School*

Join us during the 10 AM Service
All Are Welcome!

The Rev. Dr. Alvarado Adderley, Incumbent
The Rev. Rajini Lyman, Assistant Curate
The Rev. Janet Stephens, Honourary Assistant



*Happy Thanksgiving
to you and your family*



St. Bede's Group

The St. Bede's Group will meet this Thursday, October 15 at 1:30 PM in the Peasgood Gallery. A new executive will be selected.

New members are welcome.



Christmas Shoe Boxes

The Christmas Shoe Boxes will be available this Sunday, October 4 after both services.

Please see Kaye at the back of the church if you would like to fill a box for a boy or girl in a Third World Country.

Boxes should be returned to the church by November 8, 2026



Our Property Team is looking for a few extra able-bodied people willing to help with moving and clearing out a few things in the upper parish hall, in preparation for our upcoming renovations.

We are looking at Saturday October 24th from 12:30 PM to -2:30 PM.

If you are interested and willing to give us a hand, please contact the church office.

Thanks in advance! Many hands REALLY do make light work!!



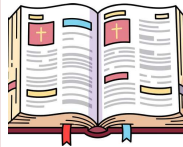
Saturday, October 24, 2026
10 AM to 12 PM

Join us in the Lower Parish Hall for coffee, worship and Meditation



Anglican Church Women Fall Newsletter

We have received a copy of the ACW's fall newsletter. The newsletter has been posted to the bulletin board in the lower hall.



Next Week's Readings

Exodus 33:12-23 8:7-18;
Psalm 99; 1
Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 22:15-22



2027 Canadian Church Calendars 7.00



The 2027 Canadian Church Calendars are available for purchase from the back of the church or through the church office.

Payment envelopes can be found with the calendars.

Please place payment in the envelope provided and place envelope in the offertory plate, the outdoor mailbox or drop off at the church office.

Thank You!

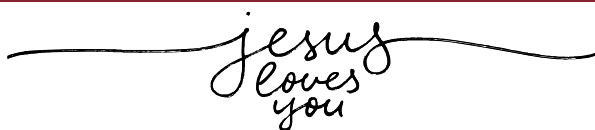


Thompson Bursary

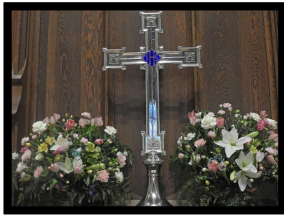
Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Thomson Bursary, Madison Lohmann, Nathalie Mongrain and Mya Davis and Abigail Namboozie!

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

We wish all recipients every success and keep them in our prayers as they enter the 2026/27 academic year.



To Request Memorial Flowers



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.

Halloween Dance

Bring Your Good Dancing Shoes!

Saturday, October 31, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Join the fun in costume!

Cost \$10.00

October 1, 2026 to November 22, 2026 Worship Team Schedule & Contact List

The schedule and contact list has been emailed to the list of emails on file.

For those not on email, printed copies are located at the back of the church.

Please confirm that the contact information is up to date. Contact the church office to update information.

If you haven't received the email, please check your 'spam or junk' folder and contact the church office to update any information.



Own a piece of St. George's History

We have a limited number of beautiful solid-oak pews available for anyone who would like to bring home a special piece of St. George's history.



Crafted with care and built to last, these pews would make a unique and meaningful addition to your home, cottage, or business.

It's a wonderful opportunity to preserve a little piece of our parish's story for years to come.

Please speak to one of our Wardens for more information.

UPDATE: Parish Improvement Project

Phase II - Elevator (lift) & Upper Hall Renovations



We're excited to share that **Phase II of our Parish Improvement Project is moving forward!**

The tender documents have been submitted, and several contractors toured the church on September 22. The next step will be to review the bids once they are received on October 7.

We are currently anticipating that construction will begin in early November. In preparation, we are making arrangements to temporarily relocate our parish offices while the work is underway.

Thank you for your patience and support as we take these next steps toward creating a more accessible, welcoming, and functional space for our parish and community.

Please stay tuned for further updates as we work through the details in the coming weeks.



Friday, November 20, 2026

5:00–9:00 PM

Come join in the festive holiday spirit as we once again participate in 'Oshawa's Bright and Merry Market'!

The church will be open with Crafts, Cards/Calendars, Baked Goods, Puzzles/Books, Archival Displays, Organ Music, Chiming, Audience Carols, Oshawa Civic Band Music and more!

How can you help?

- **Craft items:** Please consider sharing your handiwork! It is helpful if you price your items before the sale. Please contact Deborah Zimmerman through the church office to answer any questions and discuss drop-off details.
- **Baked Goods:** Donations of yummy homemade baked goods, maybe even gluten-free would be gratefully accepted! Please contact Shannon through the church office. Donations are to be dropped to the church Friday November 20th between 10am -12pm. Enter Centre St. ramp doors. Please package items for sale. Price your own items if you wish!
- **Puzzles and Books:** Please donate your gently used puzzles and books. They will be priced to sell so all can access these activities! Please contact Shelley Kossatz through the church office for drop-off details.
- **Volunteers:** Please sign up at the back of the church to help out at a table on the 15th! Many hands make light work! More volunteers allow others to enjoy the festivities as well. Please contact Shelley Kossatz through the church office for more information.

**Don't miss the chance to connect with the community,
have time for fellowship and
enjoy some good old fashioned Christmas Cheer!**





Harvest Thanksgiving Letters

This year, we are updating our Thanksgiving tradition by sending letters by email instead of by mail. This will ensure prompt, secure delivery while reducing mailing costs. Printed copies will also be available at the back of the church should you wish.

If you have any questions or need to update your contact information, feel free to contact the church office at 905 723 7875 or church@stgeorgesoshawa.org.

Thanksgiving Offertory Envelopes

Thanksgiving offering envelopes will be available at the back of the church beside the Thanksgiving Letters. We invite you to prayer-fully consider making a special gift to support St George's ministries this Thanksgiving.

Offerings can also be made through **etransfer**

Email: treasurer@stgeorgesoshawa.org

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**Please indicate any special donation information
in the messages box.**

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us make this Thanksgiving a true celebration of faith and renewal.



St. Matthew's Oshawa Poinsettia Bazaar & Craft Market

135 Wilson Road South, Oshawa

Saturday, November 7, 2026

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Stewardship Sunday



Sunday October 25th, 2026, marks the beginning of our **Joyful Giving Initiative**. This initiative is part of our **Growing Healthy Stewards** program where each of us are invited to prayerfully reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to us and consider how we might share them with our parish

and our community. At St. George's, our gifts of time, talent, and treasure help make our worship, ministries, fellowship, outreach, and care for one another possible.

On October 25th everyone will receive a Joyful Giving information package. We ask you to review the information in the package, prayerfully consider your giving of time talent and treasure and return the intention forms enclosed in your package by November 25th, 2026.

LOVING AND GENEROUS GOD,
THANK FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS YOU HAVE GIVEN US. OPEN OUR HEARTS TO SHARE THOSE BLESSINGS GENEROUSLY AND JOYFULLY, GIVING OUR TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES TO HELP YOUR LOVE SHINE THROUGH OUR PARISH AND OUR COMMUNITY. MAY ALL THAT WE GIVE BE A REFLECTION OF YOUR ABUNDANT GRACE. IN THE NAME OF THE THREE IN WHOM WE ARE ONE,
AMEN



Sunday Refreshments

Our WONDERFUL Sunday Refreshment teams would love to welcome new members!

If you're interested in being on a TEAM and helping with this wonderful ministry, please contact Shelley Kossatz through the church office. Thanks in advance!



New Antependium

On **Sunday October 11th 2026** we will dedicate new antependia for the lectern and pulpit. An antependium is a decorative hanging placed on the front of an altar, pulpit, or lectern!

Thank you to our own very talented Bill Fitches for creating these lovely hangings that match the Laudian frontal he created several years ago.

These hangings are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of the Wotton family's dedication to St George's Church



50th

50th Anniversary of Women's Ordination to the Priesthood

The Diocese of Toronto is marking the milestone anniversary of women's ordination to the priesthood in the Anglican Church of Canada by hosting two events.

On Oct. 15 from 12-3 PM, all are welcome to attend a service of Holy Eucharist at St. James Cathedral for ordained women priests (active and retired). The Celebrant is Bishop Shaw and the preacher will be Bishop Linda.

On Oct. 18 at 4:30 PM, there will be a joyful service of Evensong at St. James Cathedral open to all, with a light reception to follow. Bishop Riscylla Shaw will be the preacher.

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**Wednesday, October 21, 2026
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

All Saints Anglican Church
300 Dundas St W, Whitby, ON

Register on-line at: stewardship@allsaintswhitby.org

Registration is open to the first 40 people and closes on Friday, October 16, 2026.



Congregational Development

What is Congregational Development?

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

The department provides:

Mission Action Planning – Helps parishes discern their vision, set priorities, engage with their communities, and take practical steps toward mission and growth.

New Ideas and Approaches – Encourages new ministry initiatives, digital worship, and other ways of strengthening connections between parishes and the communities they serve.

Regional Collaboration – Supports parishes as they explore new ways of working together and responding to the changing needs of their communities.

What does this mean for St George's?

Following a meeting in February 2026 with Janet Marshall and David Krause from the Diocese's Congregational Development Department, it was agreed that, once the Stewardship Committee was established, a new Congregational Development Steering Committee would be formed with representation from across our parish community.

The new Steering Committee met for the first time with Janet Marshall and David Krause on September 16, 2026. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss next steps in discerning St. George's outreach mission and how we can better understand and respond to the needs of our community.

As a first step, the committee will begin engaging with key organizations and neighbours in our community. By listening to those who know our community and its needs, we hope to gain a better understanding of where St. George's can make a meaningful contribution.

This process will help us:

- Discern our direction for the next 5–10 years, including how we can best serve the changing needs of our community.
- Explore opportunities for church growth, outreach, and building stronger connections within the community.
- Identify where St. George's can make a meaningful difference, building on our mission to worship God, proclaim Christ, minister to others, and grow together in fellowship and faith.

Stay Tuned for more information as our committee begins its important work.

"I AM GRATEFUL FOR WHAT I AM AND HAVE. MY THANKSGIVING IS PERPETUAL."
— HENRY DAVID THOREAU

This Week at a Glance

Monday, October 12, 2026

Happy Thanksgiving

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

8:00 AM Morning Prayer; On Zoom
 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Office Open
 12:00 PM AA Meeting; Upper Hall
 6:00 PM Bible Study

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

8:00 AM Morning Prayer; On Zoom
 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Office Open
6:30 PM Evening Prayer; Church

Thursday, October 15, 2026

8:00 AM Morning Prayer; On Zoom
 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Office Open
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist; Church
 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group; Gallery
 12:00 PM AA Meeting; Upper Hall
 1:30 PM St. Bede's Group; Gallery
 7:30 PM Choir Practice; Choir Room

Friday, October 16, 2026

12:00 PM Wilkins Mtg; Office

Saturday, October 17, 2026

10:30 AM DY0; Upper Hall

Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:15 AM Said Eucharist; (BCP)
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist (BAS);
 with
 Sunday School



Saturday, October 24, 2026 Jesus Cafe - 10 AM to 12 PM;
 Lower Hall

Saturday, October 31, 2026 at 10 AM - Halloween Dance

November 1, 2026 - Daylight Savings Time Ends at 1:00 AM

Sunday, November 8, 2026 Spirit Seekers will meet after the
 10 AM Service. This Group meets 2nd Sunday of the month.

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 - Advisory Meeting at 7 PM

Friday, November 20, 2026 Merry Market; 5 to 9 PM

Thursday, December 17, 2026 Blue Mass - 10 AM and 7 PM- A
 quiet church service for those for people who feel sad, lonely
 or mourn loved ones during the holidays



St. George Standard

Please have all
 weekly
 announcements to
 the church by the
 end of day on
 Tuesdays for the
 following Sunday.

Any questions please
 do not hesitate to
 contact the office or
 speak to one of the
 wardens.

Givings

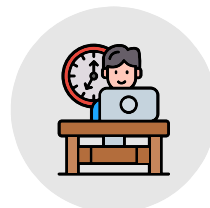


Givings through **E-TRANSFER**

Please use the email address
treasurer@stgeorgesoshawa.org

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 and address in your e-transfer if
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Office Hours
Tuesdays, Thursdays
9 AM to 2 PM

