# THE ST. GEORGE STANDARD

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






## Joyful Giving Campaign

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*
*1 Peter 4:10*

With grateful hearts, we begin our annual **Joyful Giving Campaign**, part of our **Growing Healthy Stewards Education Program.** This special time invites us to reflect on the many blessings God has shared with us and how we can j joyfully use our gifts to serve others and strengthen our church family.

Beginning this Sunday, October 25th, our Joyful Giving Relay packages will be available for pickup at the back of the church following the service. We ask everyone to take a package home and as you read through the information, we invite you to prayerfully reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to you - your time, your talents, and your treasure - and consider how you might share these blessings to support the ministry and good work of our church.

Please complete the intention cards included in your package and return them to the church by November 29th. Your thoughtful and prayerful response is a meaningful way to express your faith, gratitude, and commitment to our church community.

May we continue to give with joyful hearts, trusting that even the smallest gift, offered in love, can make a beautiful difference in the lives of others.

*Loving God, thank You for all our blessings. Help us share our gifts with love and joyful hearts. Guide us, good Lord, to do Your will.*
*Amen*

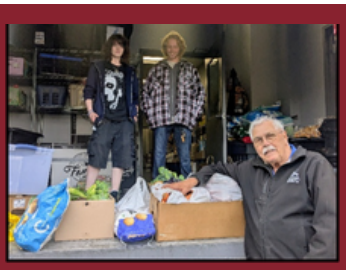
## Jesus Cafe

Saturday, October 24, 2026
10 AM to 12 PM

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









## Thank You for Sharing

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated food, helped decorate, and delivered the donations. Your kindness helped support Durham Outlook for the Needy and Simcoe Hall Settlement House.

**Thank you for generously sharing our blessings with our community!**

# SUNDAY school

**Join us during the 10 AM Service**

## All Are Welcome!



## 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.

## Sharing Warmth This Winter

With our upcoming renovations we are unfortunately unable to collect winter coat donations at St. George's, for those in need this year. We do, however, encourage you to share the gift of warmth by donating new or gently used coats to one of the following locations:



- **The Back Door Mission**
  66 Simcoe Street South
  (with the entrance located on Debwewin Mikan (formerly Bagot Street))
  Telephone - 905-728-4664

- **The Refuge**
  357 Simcoe Street South
  (located near the intersection of Simcoe Street South and Olive Avenue)
  Telephone - 905-404-2420

- **Durham Outlook for the Needy**
  227 Simcoe Street South, Oshawa, ON L1H 4H3
  (at the cross street of Simcoe Street South and Hemlock Avenue)
  Telephone - 905-434-7543

Every coat makes a difference. Thank you for continuing to share God's love and kindness with those in our community who need it most.



The **Prayer Group** meets in the Gallery on the first and third Saturday of the month.



# Forgiveness

By The Rev. Janet Stephens

*"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Matthew 6:14*

When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, they were given the words of the Lord's prayer, said around the world every day. According to Matthew, he concluded with these words. "For if you forgive others…." The concept of being forgiven by God, and forgiving others, is clearly linked together. We cannot have one without the other.

It probably came as a surprise, and even a disappointment to the disciples. Wasn't life difficult enough, trudging through the sand, organizing the crowds that appeared, finding food, keeping order? Now this? Now we must forgive people who contradict us, disagree with us, just don't much like us? Being a disciple was never going to be easy.

Maybe offering forgiveness is not intended to be easy for us. Maybe it's meant to make us dig down into ourselves in self-examination and recognize who we are and what is required of us on this journey of following Jesus. Maybe it's not a matter of who is right and who is wrong, but rather an opportunity to recognize and appreciate our compassionate and loving God, who forgives us when we ask. Maybe it's like being the one leper of ten who went back to give thanks and found Jesuscompassionate and loving God, who forgives us when we ask. Maybe it's like being the one leper of ten who went back to give thanks and found Jesus waiting for him. Maybe learning to forgive others helps us to be more like the One whom we worship and befriend at the same time, the One we want to follow and mirror in our own lives.

When we forgive others, as difficult as the dialog and reconciliation is, the anger and frustration melt away. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding….

## Pastor's Blog' Moving Forward……




We very much love and appreciate the wonderful and insightful words shared with us over the years by the clergy on the front page of 'The Standard'. As you know, we are in the process of streamlining our document to accommodate technology changes and limitations. Our website continues to evolve and has become a strong community connection and sharing point for 'happenings' and information of St. George's. Moving forward, the clergy message will be located in a section of the website called 'The Pastor's Blog'. Stay tuned for further information!

## Parish News & Information



Take a look at our new **'Parish News and Information'** area on the north wall of the Baptistry at the back of the church! You will find all newsletters, forms and support materials pamphlets on various topics there!

Please feel free to take any you feel would be beneficial to you.




## UPDATE: Parish Impropvement 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.

## 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.




**Bring Your Good Dancing Shoes!**

Saturday, October 31, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Join the fun in costume!

Cost $10.00



## St. Matthew's Oshawa Poinsettia Bazaar & Craft Market

135 Wilson Road South, Oshawa

Saturday, November 7, 2026

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM




## Christian Education

A new opportunity for discussion and learning is now available at St. George's. Christian Education enables us to become better prepared to share what we know and experience of God's love.

As we gather to talk, question and debate our faith, we build understanding and confidence to enable us to share it with family, neighbours and community, serving the world God loves.

Every Tuesday evening from 6 PM to 7 PM, Fr. Alvardo will lead these discussions in the church. The series of 8 evening meetings begins on Tuesday. October 20, 2026.

***Count on some lively discussion and fellowship. No need to sign up, just come!***




# 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!**

## This Week at a Glance

**Monday, October 26, 2026**

6:00 PM DYO; Lower Hall

**Tuesday, October 27, 2026**

**8:00 AM Morning Prayer; On Zoom**

9:00 AM-2:00 PM Office Open

12:00 PM AA Meeting; Gallery

6:00 PM Christian Education; Gallery

**Wednesday, October 28, 2026**

**8:00 AM Morning Prayer; On Zoom**

9:00 AM-2:00 PM Office Open

**6:30 PM Evening Prayer; Church**

**Thursday, October 29, 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; Church

12:00 PM AA Meeting; Gallery

7:30 PM Choir Practice; Choir Room

**Friday, October 30, 2026**

**Saturday, October 31, 2026**

**10:00 AM** **Halloween Dance;** Lower Hall

10:30 AM DYO; Church

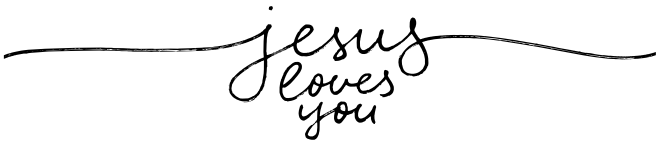
**Sunday, November 1, 2026**

***Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 1:00 AM***

**8:15 AM Said Eucharist; (BCP)**

**10:00 AM Choral Eucharist (BAS); with Sunday School**

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







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

**Wednesday, November 11, 2026- Corporation MTG. at 7 PM**

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

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

**Sunday, November 29, 2026 at 7 PM Advent Lessons & Carols**

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

**Sunday, December 20, 2026 at 7 PM Christmas Lessons & Carols**

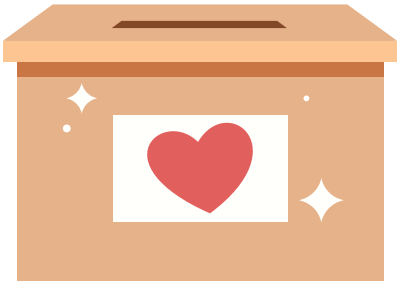



### St. George Standard

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
Security Question— church
Security Answer—givings

**Please include your full name and address in your e-transfer if you wish to receive a tax receipt.**



### Office Hours

**Tuesdays, Wenesdays & Thursdays**
**9 AM to 2 PM**