THE ST. GEORGE STANDARD

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





Friday,
November 20, 2026
5:00–9:00 PM

We Need:

- Craft items**: Please contact** Deborah Zimmerman or the church office if you have any questions and discuss drop-off details.
- **Baked Goods:** Sign-up sheets at the back of the church or contact **Shannon Bott** or the church office for details. Drop-off takes place 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!
- **Gently used Puzzles and Books:** Please drop to the north transept in the church. Contact **Shelley Kossatz** or the church office if you have any questions.
- **Volunteers:** Please sign up at the back of the church! More volunteers allow others to enjoy the evening. Please direct any questions to **Shelley Kossatz** or the church office!

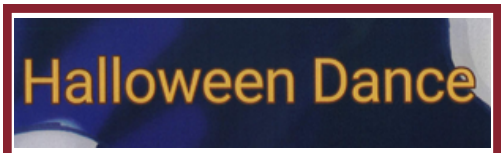
Thanks to those who have already signed up!
It's going to be wonderfully festive community event!!
Hope to see you there! !



Join us during the 10 AM Service

All Are Welcome!





Bring Your Good Dancing Shoes!

Saturday, October 31, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Join the fun in costume!

Cost $10.00

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From the Rector's Desk



Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Over my years as a priest, I have written and preached over a dozen sermons on All Saints Day. This feasts day highlights, Biblical figures: Apostles, prophets, and other individuals from the Old and New Testaments who played significant roles in salvation history. As well as Martyrs: Those who suffered and died for their faith in Christ throughout history. For me, these sermons gave me an incredible platform to speak about the link between believers through time and history. So often, we talk about the dead in the past tense. They are dead – gone. But, in hope of the Resurrection. As believers we talk about those who have died as being alive in Christ Jesus! "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!" (Rev. 14:13) Why are they blessed? Because the dead in Christ are first to rise and they are alive in Christ.

This truth is rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our faith. When Christ rose from the dead, he conquered death once and for all, securing eternal life for all who believe in him (1 Corinthians 15:20-22). Death has no sting; it has no victory. That's why Paul describes deceased Christians not as being dead but rather as being "asleep in Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:18, 20). So, the faithful who have gone before us are not simply memories or historical figures; they are living members of the body of Christ.

Revelation describes a multitude in white robes celebrating and receiving recognition from Jesus on his throne. John's vision in Revelation 7:9-17 presents a diverse throng before God and the Lamb, dressed in white and praising God. They are identified as those who have endured great suffering and have purified themselves through their faith.

The Rev. Dr. Alvardo Adderley

Jesus Cafe









Spiritual renewal team of St. George Memorial Church organized a very inspiring Jesus cafe on October 24, 2026. The program featured 5 hymns and songs, each followed by a meditation based on the lyrics.

Thanks to Blaine Zimmerman for providing guitar music and to the Rev. Dr. Ravi Kalison from Christ Church, Scarborough for leading our meditations.

Thanks to all who attended this event.



Parish Hall Use and Office Moves

Here we go! Although we don't have a specific start date for the construction in the hall, we're continuing with the original plan presented to us by our architects! **As of Monday November 2nd, the parish hall, including the offices will be CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS.** Here's what to expect:

- Rev. Alvardo's Office and Sharon, our Parish Admin's Office will be combined in the Vestry Office at the east end of the building, just off the chancel
- The Finance Office and Wardens' Office will be combined in the choir lounge at the bottom of the back stairs of the church
- The Peasgood Gallery will be home to MANY groups/activities throughout the week…… Sunday School, AA Meetings, St. Bede's, Prayer group, Bible Study, Advisory Board, Corporation meetings
- Our Prayer Shawl Ministry Knitters will meet near the Chapel
- The Durham Youth Orchestra will be rehearsing from 10 AM to noon on Saturdays in the main church
- There will be no parish hall access of any kind until renos are complete
- Groups through the week will access the church through the double glass doors at the Centre St ramp doors
- If you need access to the church during office hours, please call the office to gain entry at the Centre St. ramp doors. 905-723-7875 (there will be no buzzer system)
- Those attending Sunday services, carol services, evensongs, funerals or weddings will access the church as usual through the tower doors and the Centre St. ramp doors
- The back parking lot Vestry door will be used by clergy, choir, office staff, chancel guild and flower coordinator
- Our back parking lot access will remain the same
- The accessible parking spaces off Centre St will still be open unless the contractor needs that space. We will keep you posted!

We truly appreciate your patience and flexibility during these renovations! The above solutions are less than perfect but if we keep our eye on the finish line, it will be well worth the inconvenience!

Your Wardens

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.

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.

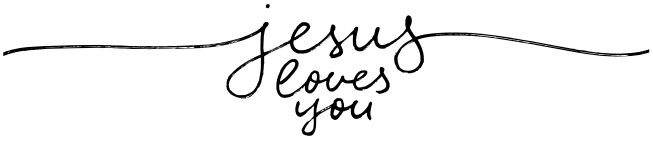
Loving God, thank You for all our blessings. Help us share our gifts with love and joyful hearts. Guide us, good Lord, to do Your will.
Amen

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.





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.

Christian Education



Join Fr. Alvardo in the church on Tuesday Evenings from 6 PM to 7 PM for discussion and learing.

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.

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



St. Matthew's Oshawa
Poinsettia Bazaar & Craft Market
135 Wilson Road South, Oshawa

Saturday, November 7, 2026
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Christmas Shoe Boxes

If you took a shoe box to fill with a gift for a boy or girl, will you please see that it is returned to the church by Sunday, November 8. 2026.

They will be picked up that week to be taken to the Distributing Centre. Thank you

Christ Memorial Church
81 Hillcroft Street, Oshawa
905 728 8251
office@christdhurchoshawa.ca

Christmas Decor & Bake Sale
Saturday, November 7, 2026
9 AM to 3 PM

Christmas Variety Program
Friday, November 27, 2026
Doors Open @ 6:30 PM
Tickets: Adults $20.00 Children $5

Contact Christ Memorial for Details

This Week at a Glance

Parish Admin Sharon Away Nov 6 to 14, 2026

Monday, November 2, 2026

Tuesday, November 3, 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, November 4, 2026

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

Thursday, November 5, 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, November 6, 2026

Saturday, November 7, 2026

10:30 AM	DYO; Church
11:00 AM	Prayer Group; Gallery

Sunday, November 8, 2026

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



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 4 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 4 PM Christmas Lessons & Carols

Friday, December 25, 2026 - Christmas Eve Services at 4 PM, 7 PM & 10 PM

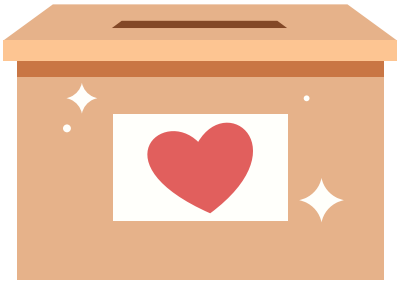


St. George Standard

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

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