


# What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, August 1st, 2025

	<p>Sundays in Aug. 3rd 10th &amp; 17th 24th &amp; 31st</p> <p>Monday to Friday in Aug.</p>	<p><b>10:00am</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00am</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:00am</b> Holy Eucharist Supervision for children during the services, followed by lemonade on the lawn</p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Morning Prayer via Zoom (<a href="http://www.sttimothy.ca/services">www.sttimothy.ca/services</a> for the links)</p>
	<p>Wednesdays in August</p>	<p><b>12:00nn</b> St. Andrew's Group Meeting (online)</p>

With all the programming that will be taking a summer break, the weekly newsletters will also be reduced to once per month. The next edition of What's Happening will be released on Friday, Sept. 5th.

## *From the Incumbent*

I hope this note finds you resting, relaxing, and enjoying the gifts of summer — sunshine, slower rhythms, and opportunities to reconnect with nature and loved ones.



My summer began with the usual two weeks at the cottage, where I soaked in the sun, swam in the lake, paddled on the stand-up board, and ran and cycled along quiet country roads. I also indulged in large quantities of both fiction and non-fiction reading. I am looking forward to returning to the lake, paired with a bit of camping, at the end of August.

My eldest spent two weeks at overnight camps, while all three children are enjoying their summer filled with gymnastics training, tennis, soccer, and near-daily swimming at outdoor pools. I completed two triathlon races; learning the hard way that July heat can be unforgiving in the first one, but finishing the second one in my usual time despite even hotter weather. In a couple of weekends, the kids will be trying their first triathlon races, paired with a shorter event for me. It'll be fun to cheer one another on.

Last week, many of us attended Rev. Carol and Rev. Matthew's wedding at the Cathedral. It was a joy to celebrate with them, and it certainly seemed that the St. Timothy's contingent made up the largest portion of the congregation!



Back at church, I've been delighted to see so many of you attending services whenever you are in town. I truly appreciate you making time for an hour indoors, especially with such beautiful weather outside. When I notice a smaller turnout on Sundays (though, truthfully, our summer numbers have held up remarkably well!), I imagine you off doing something life-giving, and that thought makes me happy.

Since returning from holidays, I've done a rather colossal amount of cleaning, decluttering, and reorganizing. I'm proud of the transformation of the Loft into an adult art studio and meeting room, and the refreshed setup of the Library/Children's Space. You'll also soon see an article I wrote on our children's ministry in the September issue of The Anglican.

A truly exciting development is the near-completion of our new sound system. Only the final programming for online streaming and volunteer training remain. I was genuinely impressed by the sound quality in the nave—it allows me to speak clearly without strain and seems to enhance the attentiveness of the congregation, almost as if I'm having a one-on-one conversation with each person. It's already making a significant difference in our worship experience. Another upcoming innovation is the launch of an online photo directory for parish members. You will receive an email early next week explaining how to login and upload a photo. Only parish members with login credentials will have access to the directory, each household can only edit their own entry, and no information other than name and photo will be made public. For those without email or computer access, Ashani and I will ensure your entry is created, and printed copies will be made available by request only. We would greatly appreciate it if you upload your own photos into your accounts - this will make the process much faster. However, if you cannot or do not wish to do so, we will be taking all remaining photos at Coffee Hours over the fall. We hope this directory becomes a helpful and joyful way to recognize one another and feel more connected, and the digital format will allow us to keep it current over time.

Our homepage and overall website template have also been redesigned, so you will soon notice a more contemporary aesthetic, while the familiar structure and navigation remain unchanged.

Liturgically, we have an interesting and meaningful development to look forward to: on the remaining two Sundays of my summer holidays, as well as on Moorelands Camp weekend which I plan to attend, the service will follow the order for Morning Prayer with the traditional choral elements. This enables Jonathan to preside as a lay person. Ed is investing time, energy, and resources in researching and rehearsing musical settings of the Venite, Jubilate, and Te Deum canticles—typical for this service, but in beautiful, contemporary arrangements that will be accessible to the congregation and suit our small ensembles. Those who participate in weekday morning Zoom worship will find it a more complete version of that familiar service. It's a wonderful opportunity to broaden our liturgical and musical repertoire and to prepare ourselves for occasions when lay leadership is needed, which is an increasingly common reality in our diocese given the current clergy shortage. Looking ahead to the fall, we are in the midst of planning our educational and spiritual formation programs. I'm especially pleased by the increased lay involvement in leading youth and teen programming, as well as the growing ownership of the ESL program. We are also launching a formal youth group that will meet after the Sunday service, with hopes of organizing an off-site youth retreat later in the year.

One upcoming transition to note: we will say goodbye to Lily at the end of the summer, as she heads off to Brock University to prepare for a career in teaching. We wish her every blessing in this next chapter. Stepping into the role of Children's Programming Coordinator will be Cassidy Tsang, a current parishioner, mother, and art teacher—well prepared to bring her creativity and care to this ministry.

One of our new adult formation initiatives will be a teaching block specifically designed for those coming to us from other Christian traditions—Roman Catholic, Orthodox, evangelical, or otherwise. If you are one of those individuals and would like to better understand how Anglican theology and tradition compare and differ from your background, please don't hesitate to express your interest to Jonathan or me. These sessions may lead to an invitation to participate in the rite of Reception into the Anglican Church, celebrated by the bishop in tandem with confirmations.

And finally, it's already time to begin thinking about our annual Back-to-Church BBQ in September. If you're interested in volunteering or helping to organize, please let me know.

In the meantime, let's make the most of the remaining weeks of summer. May they be filled with rest, renewal, and joy—so that come September, we return to our shared life of worship and learning refreshed and ready, whatever our age or stage.

Blessings,  
*Irina+*  
Incumbent

## CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

**In August, Regular office hours are**  
9:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday

**The office is closed on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Civic Day Holiday**

**In-Person summer hours are**  
10:00am to 2:00pm Tuesday and Wednesday  
*(please call ahead if you wish to meet with a member of the staff team)*

### **Staff Vacation Schedule**

Jonathan – July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>

Rev. Irina – August 9<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jonathan – August 18<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>

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