

What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, November 14th, 2025

**SERVICE
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday,
November 16th

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist –
*The 23rd Sunday After
Pentecost*

Monday,
November 17th
to Friday,
November 21st

9:30am

Morning Prayer via Zoom
(<https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/> for the links)

Wednesday,
November 18th

11:30am

Mid-Week Eucharist

Sunday,
November 23rd

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist –
*The Reign of Christ &
Stewardship Sunday*



Sunday,
November 16th

8:30am
Adult Education

Tuesday,
November 18th

10:00 – 11:00am
ESL Reading & Career
Mentoring Groups

11:00am - 12:30pm
ESL Conversation Group

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Wednesday,
November 19th

10:00 – 11:00am
Contemplative Art

12:00nn
St. Andrew's Group
Meeting

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Thursday,
November 20th

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Sunday,
November 23rd

8:30am
Adult Education

From the Incumbent

As we move toward the close of November, I am grateful for the meaningful, contemplative services we have just shared. Both our All Souls Wednesday liturgy and our Remembrance Sunday observance were deeply moving—quiet, heartfelt opportunities to honour memory, grief, and hope. Thank you to all who contributed through music, art, reading, serving, prayer, and presence.



Christmas Kitchen — November 29, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Preparations are well underway for the Christmas Kitchen! As in previous years, we'll have the bake sale, lunch cafe, preserves, crafts for the children, the young shoppers' room, Santa's photos, and the mini-auction. Volunteers are especially needed on the day for early-morning bun-cutting, setup, serving, and cleanup, as well as on Thursday and Friday for various tasks. Sign up sheets are on the board. Youth are invited to contact Rosemary Hendra to volunteer as “elves,” helping younger children choose gifts while their adults wait in the hallway. Thank you for supporting this joyful tradition of hospitality and care.

Advent Potluck – Saturday, November 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us on the evening of Advent I for a parish potluck! We will gather at 5:30 p.m. for appetizers, followed by a shared meal. Please bring a favourite dish to contribute. All ages are welcome—this is a wonderful opportunity to begin the season of Advent in fellowship and gratitude.

Advent Art Project – Adult Art Group

The Adult Art Group (Wednesdays, 10:00–11:15 a.m.) will create a communal Advent-themed collage under the guidance of Melanie Billark, using donated fabric scraps. All adults are welcome to join the sessions throughout Advent.

Advent Adult Education – A Scriptural Journey

This Advent, our adult education sessions will take the form of a Bible study exploring Advent themes across Scripture. We will examine selected passages chosen specifically for each session, tracing themes of longing, promise, and renewal. All are welcome; Sundays at 8:30am.

Children's Ministry

Our children are joyfully rehearsing their Christmas pageants.

Looking Ahead in Worship

Sunday, November 23 – Stewardship Sunday

This Sunday features another lay reflection on stewardship, offered in gratitude for the many ways our community gives, serves, and cares. Next week's homily will continue this theme more directly.

Sunday, November 30 – Advent I & Feast of St. Andrew

We begin Advent and celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew. Seventy years ago, on this very date, the St. Andrew's Ladies' Group was founded at St. Timothy's, and Andrew remains a fitting namesake to honour on this anniversary.

Sunday, December 7 – Advent II & FaithWorks Sunday

We welcome guest speaker **Maria Reolin** from Flemingdon Park Ministry as part of the diocesan FaithWorks appeal.

Sunday, December 14 – Advent III: Intergenerational Pageant Service

A relaxed, joyful service with a children's pageant offered by our young people.

Sunday, December 21 – Advent IV

We conclude the Advent season with prayer and anticipation as we approach Christmas.

Special Services During Advent

Quiet Christmas – Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. (St. Clement's)

A contemplative, deanery-wide Quiet Christmas service. This is a new initiative that will be hosted, in turn, by each Anglican parish in our neighbouring area. This year, it will be held at St Clement's Church just down the road from St Tim's. Clergy from all parishes in the area will participate, and **Jonathan Kang** will preach. This gentle service is especially meaningful for those carrying grief, stress, or heaviness at this time of year. (We will not hold a service of this type at St Timothy's this year.)

Lessons & Carols – Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Our beloved Festival of Lessons and Carols returns—an evening of Scripture, poetry, and music to guide our hearts toward Christmas. Please invite friends and neighbours.

Mid-Week Ministries: Upcoming Changes

- **Wednesday Eucharist (11:30 a.m.)** will pause beginning in December and will resume with the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday in Holy Week (first week of April). However, we will still hold our usual Ash Wednesday morning service at 10 am on Feb 18.
- **St. Andrew's Ladies' Group** will transition to Zoom for the winter months, meeting online rather than in person.

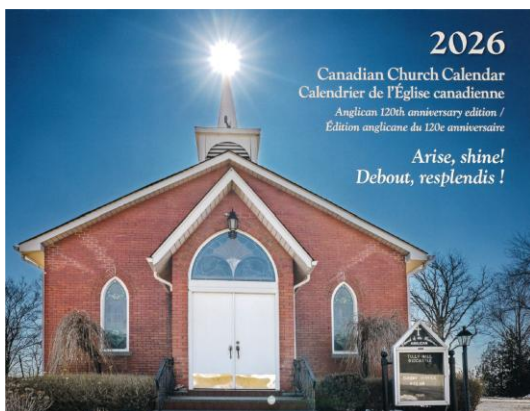
Blessings,
Irina+
Incumbent

2026 Church Calendars

Since 1906, the Canadian Church Calendar has been a useful and beautiful addition to the walls of homes, and businesses across Canada.

The 2026 calendar is now available at \$10.00 each

Speak to Jane Hutchinson on Sundays at church or call the office during the week to purchase your copy!





ADVENT POTLUCK



Come one, come all to this lively event!

Sunday, November 30th from 5:00 – 8:30pm

- As St Timothy's has a nut-free policy, please do not bring any items containing nuts to the Potluck Dinner.
- Appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert. If you are 1, bring for 1, etc.
- Set up 4:30pm - 10 tables + 96 chairs, cutlery, plates, etc.
- Warm food deliveries anytime after 5pm, just for keeping warm (must arrive fully cooked!)
- Appetizers served 5:30-6:00pm
- Buffet dinner 6:00-7:00pm
- Desserts 7:00-7:30pm
- Christmas carols 7:30-8:00pm
- Cleanup, put away 8:00-8:30pm
- Everyone takes home their leftovers and casserole, dishes etc.!

As always, help in setup and cleanup is much appreciated - everyone who can should allow 5 minutes to help make the tasks easy for all.

If Gord Hendra hasn't already got you to sign up, he will do so soon!

If not, you can always text him at 437-230-6986. or email at

gord.hendra@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST

Christmas Gift Cards for the Residents of St. George House

*Sign up sheet on the notice board opposite the office.
Add your name opposite the gift you will purchase
and bring it to Church by
Sunday, December 7th.*

St. George House is a high needs boarding house, located near Dupont Avenue and St. George Street. SGH is home to 26 men and women with histories of dependence on alcohol and/or drugs, homelessness or risk of homelessness and mental health issues.

For several years, at Christmas, we have given residents a \$35 gift card to a store of their choice.

If you would like to give a \$35 gift card to a resident, sign up at coffee hour on Sunday or add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please bring your gift card to church on a Sunday or to the office by **Sunday, December 7th.**

Thank you. The residents and staff are appreciative.

Linda Gilpin
416 226 4139 or l.gilpin@sympatico.ca

OUTREACH CORNER

ALL ARE WELCOME • FREE ADMISSION •

The 2025-2026 program, our 15th year in the Series, will continue our exploration of issues and concerns in Canada's criminal justice system.



Tanya Talaga

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S
Compassionate Justice
Speaker Series

Sunday, November 23, 2025 @ 12:30

The public is invited to hear Tanya Talaga speak at Eglinton St George's United Church on Sunday, November 23 at 12:30pm. Ms. Talaga is invited to speak as part of ESG'S Compassionate Justice Series and will speak on the topic of "Ten Years After the Truth and Reconciliation Report. Where Are We?"

Admission: Free

For further information and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/compassionate-justice-speaker-series-tanya-talaga-tickets-1781352616629?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=wsa&aff=ebdsshwebmobile>



Want to reduce your stress level in
December?



St. Timothy's CHRISTMAS KITCHEN

Saturday, November 29, 2025

10:00am – 1:00pm



Holiday Baking



Photos with Santa



Ham-on-a-Bun Lunch Café
(eat in or take out)



Mini Silent Auction
(bidding closes at 12:30pm)



Young Shoppers' Room
(for children 12 and under to buy gifts)



Hand Knitted & Crocheted Items



Christmas Décor from the Old Orchard Grannies Group
(to raise money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation)

- Squares, Butter Tarts, Mincemeat Tarts
 - Cookies - *shortbread, gingerbread, etc.*
 - Jams, Jellies & Preserves
 - Home-baked Loaves - *Lemon Loaves, Date Nut Loaves, etc.*

- Fruit Cakes
 - Tourtières
 - Unique greeting cards, handcrafted Christmas decor,
 - and more!

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Nuts & Bolts



Christmas Kitchen

This year, our Christmas Kitchen will be a little different. We are very excited to announce that a portion of the proceeds will be going to the North York Harvest Food Bank.

We will have...

Baking,
Frozen Foods,
Ham on a Bun Lunch,
a Young Shoppers Room,
photos with Santa,
St. Andrew's Knitting,
Old Orchard Grandmothers' gifts.

There are many opportunities for people to help with this event such as:

- Donate some fresh baking or other goodies. To allow time for packaging, drop-off deadline time is 10 am Friday 28 November. If you plan to do this, it is helpful but not required if you sign up on the baking sheet outside the office. Please note that, due to St Timothy's Nut-Free Policy, items containing nuts are NOT permitted to be sold in Soward Hall or to be packaged in the church. If you plan on donating anything with nuts, please contact us first.
- Donate some home-preserved. Please note that we can only accept those items that were made following best practice guidelines with properly sealed two part lids. Preserve donations can be delivered to the church over the next few weeks
- Bake a ham for the Ham on a Bun lunch, ham is provided (contact Alan Flint)
- Donate some items to the Young Shoppers' Room (see separate blurb)
- Volunteer on Friday 28 November at 9am to help set up. If you plan to do this, it is helpful but not required if you sign up on the volunteer sheet outside the office. Lunch will be provided
- Volunteer on Saturday 29 November to help with the sale (10 – 1:30) and/or to help clean up after the sale (12:45 – 2pm)

Please consider helping with the sale. Aside from being a fundraiser for the church, this is a time of fellowship and an opportunity to get to know some of our neighbours. Everybody is welcome to come and lend a hand.

If you have any questions, please speak to Marianne Cassin or Anne DeGrasse or email christmaskitchen@sttimothy.ca

Christmas Kitchen - Young Shoppers' Room



Can you help?

The Young Shoppers' Room at the Christmas Kitchen is a place for children aged 12 and younger to buy Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Nothing costs more than \$6 and the children are assisted by elves when needed so their presents will be a surprise on Christmas Day.

There are a number of ways people can help make this room a success:

1. Contributions of gift items are needed. Popular items include soaps, candles, mugs, etc. Gifts for Dad are especially welcome as they are usually in short supply. Note that the maximum price for articles in this room is \$6, so please do not be too extravagant (although multi-item sets such as toiletry items can always be divided).
2. Contributions of gift bags, tissue paper and peel and stick gift tags are useful for wrapping purchases.
3. If you are a teenager and like helping younger children, consider volunteering as an elf. If you know a teenager who might like to help, please mention this opportunity to them. Volunteer hours can be counted towards Community Service Hours.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Hendra 416-998-5795
rosemary.hendra@gmail.com

Donations should be handed in by **Sunday, November 23rd.**

They can be dropped off in the Church Office between 10am – 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, or handed to Rosemary Hendra or dropped in the Church Office on Sundays.

Please make sure that the items are marked Young Shoppers' Room or YSR.

Thanks for your help in making this room a success!





The Old Orchard Blossoms are once again selling tickets to the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir's Christmas Concert. All tickets sold by us support the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. We hope you will join us for a fun evening of festive music. You can also order tickets and pay with a credit card on our website www.olderchardblossoms.ca

TWMVC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THE TORONTO WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

Wednesday, December 10th 2025

7:00pm

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
26 DELISLE AVENUE, TORONTO

Artistic Director William Woloschuk
Accompanist Matthew Coons

Ticket prices are \$45.00 Children under 12 are free...
(Purchase ticket before December 1st... \$35)

Registration Now Open for BREAKAWAY 2026

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual weekend retreat, taking place once again at Fair Havens Resort from **Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1, 2026.**

Registration is now open! Sign up online using the [Breakaway Registration Form](#) or by emailing Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com. The cost of the weekend is \$230 per adult or \$260 for an individual premium room. There is no cost for children. Cost should not be a barrier to attend. If it is for you, please reach out to Irina as subsidies are available.

Breakaway is a beloved winter retreat that invites our parish community to step away from the city's pace and reconnect in a peaceful, scenic setting. Whether you're a longtime attendee or considering it for the first time, this is your chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time together after the holiday rush.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Inspiring sessions for adults led by engaging speakers
- Fun, age-appropriate programs for children and youth
- Delicious buffet-style meals — no cooking required!
- Outdoor adventures at Fair Havens, from cross-country skiing to a wagon ride

We are excited to share that our guest speaker will be **Thomas Reynolds**. A professor at Emmanuel College and a jazz musician, his work explores disability, theology of care, and the healing miracles of Jesus, challenging conventional ideas of wellness, beauty and ability.

We'd love to share this experience with you. Come join us!

For any questions, contact Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com

Donating to the Church

We encourage all of you to continue to give generously in support of the work that continues at St. Tim's. The needs are great.

- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) – If you are already on pre-authorized giving you do not need to do anything and we are very grateful for your continued support.

If you would like to shift to pre-authorized giving, even if only in the short term, please contact Jane Hutchinson, at envelopesecretary@sttimothy.ca

- Envelopes & Cheques – If you use envelopes, we encourage you to mail those envelopes in, addressed to The Envelope Secretary.
100 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, ON, M5M 2E2
Cheques should be made payable to **Church of St. Timothy**.

- Online Donations – We are able to receive electronic transfers. To donate, **add** Church of St. Timothy to your payee list and e-transfer your donation to office@sttimothy.ca



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