



ST. TIMOTHY
ANGLICAN CHURCH

"To be equipped
for every good
work"

2 Timothy 3:17



**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year from St. Timothy!**

It's time for another Pandemic Christmas

As the Holiday approaches, many of us are longing for the rest and peace that we so need. But, with rising case numbers and increased restrictions, that rest and peace look more and more elusive for yet another year.

It is my hope that St. Timothy's can be a source of comfort and hope for you, despite the many uncertainties in our lives. There are a number of services in the days ahead that you can participate in, whether you are able to join us in-person, over a computer, tablet, or smartphone, or even just by reading the text of the service.

(According to the Provincial Health Orders, masks will be required at all services listed below and vaccine passports will be checked upon entry.)

Join us for Christmas!

Longest Night Worship

Tuesday, December 21 at 7:30 pm

Giving Voice to the Struggle to Find Hope in this Season
Jointly with St Timothy; In-Person at St Stephen's and via Zoom

Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24 at 7:00 pm

Family-Friendly Holy Eucharist with Carols
In-Person at St Stephen's and via Zoom

Friday, December 24 at 11pm

Traditional Holy Eucharist with Carols

In-Person at St Timothy's and via livestream on YouTube

Christmas Day Worship

Saturday, December 25 at 10 am

Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols

In-Person at St Timothy's and via livestream on YouTube

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, December 26 at 10 am

Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols

In-Person at St Timothy's and via livestream on YouTube

St Timothy
4550 Kitchner Street
Burnaby, BC
www.sainttimothy.ca



St Stephen the Martyr
9887 Cameron Street
Burnaby, BC
www.StStephenBurnaby.ca

St. Timothy's Christmas Service Schedule

Many of our services this year are being offered jointly with St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby (near Lougheed Mall). Be sure to check the location if you are joining us in person.

The links for the online services are below (the emails for each service will also be sent to your inbox shortly before each service is scheduled to take place).

The Longest Night: 7:30pm Tuesday December 21, 2021 (from St. Stephen) on [Zoom](#) (Dial In: 778 907 2071 Meeting ID: 820 4853 6733 Passcode: 034102) or on [YouTube](#) (as possible)

Christmas Eve Family-Friendly Eucharist: 7:00pm Friday December 24, 2021 (from St. Stephen) on [Zoom](#) (Dial In: 778 907 2071 Meeting ID: 820 4853 6733 Passcode: 034102)

Christmas Eve Traditional Eucharist: 11:00pm Friday December 24, 2021 (from St. Timothy) on [YouTube](#)

Christmas Morning Eucharist: 10:00am Saturday December 25, 2021 (from St. Timothy) on [YouTube](#)

Sunday Eucharist: 10am Sunday December 26, 2021 (from St. Timothy) on [YouTube](#)



What's next for St. Tim's?

The last two years have been challenging for everyone, but they have been felt especially at St. Tim's. Many of you know the challenges we've faced with an aging volunteer pool and an increasing number of people who are burned out from the work they've done at St. Tim's in the past.

Despite the fatigue of both the pandemic and past overwork, St. Timothy's is just not willing to call it quits. We have been operating for nearly a year in an alternate structure with a small team appointed by the bishop to oversee the affairs of the parish (in place of a Parish Council that would normally be elected to do this work). Before our Annual Vestry Meeting in February we will need to have some sense of how we would like to proceed. The clearest options are to elect a full parish council OR to move toward merging with another parish or closing. I don't think anybody wants to close or merge—but we still don't have the people and energy to go back to running a full parish council. It seems a third option is in order so that we can continue in a holding pattern for the time being, until things are more clear.

But, we are also considering some exciting changes at St. Tim's.

I hope to share more details with you early in the New Year about my vision for how this church can better serve the community of Brentwood. How we might use our versatile and convenient building and location to increase our presence in the neighbourhood and address the widespread loneliness and the need for community.

So far, we have been approved for two separate grants totaling nearly \$25,000 towards the cost of making some changes to the space that will make some of this vision possible.

But I need to stress that St. Timothy is not *my* church. It is not really even *our* church. It is your church. I've only been here three years (much less than most of you) and one day, hopefully years from now, I will move on and it will continue to be your church. So you need to be involved in these ideas I'm suggesting. After all, this is a democracy, not a dictatorship

I hope that you will share my excitement for this place and the way we might collectively minister to more people. How we might become a hub in the neighbourhood, where people of all faiths and traditions gather for events and food alongside our traditional Anglican worship and study. Where we care for the needs of one another and see the face of Christ in everyone, whether they are here to volunteer at a community meal, watch a movie with other youth, assist in tabulating municipal votes, or share in the bread and wine of communion.

Watch your email for a video link link in the New Year where I share more of this vision and give you the opportunity to respond—by email, over Zoom, or in-person.

May we, like Mary, see the fulfillment of God's promises in our lives, even while we struggle, waiting for all that we hope for.

Merry Christmas from my family to yours.

-James.