



# ST. MARTIN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

WHERE FAITH AND COMMUNITY MEET

Summer 2026

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## Izzy Doll Blessing

On 31 May, Trinity Sunday, we were privileged to bless approximately 480 Izzy Dolls to be distributed to children in areas of humanitarian crises all around the world. We are so grateful to all who contributed to this work from our parish and beyond.

We invite you to join with us in blessing these Izzy Dolls.



*God of Love,  
you have knit us together  
in one human family:  
Look with favor upon  
the work of our hands  
and the love poured into these dolls.  
We send them forth  
as ambassadors of your grace  
into the darkest corners of our world.  
Bless the hands that created them,  
the hands that will carry them,  
and most of all,  
the small hands that will receive them.  
In the midst of chaos and crisis,  
let these dolls be a soft reminder  
that love is stronger than violence,  
and that hope can never be destroyed;  
in your holy name we pray. Amen.*



**Wait for the Lord;  
be strong,  
and let your heart  
take courage;  
wait for the Lord!**

**Psalms 27:14 NRSV**

### Interac E Transfer now available

You may now e-transfer your donations by sending them to [office@stmartinschurch.ca](mailto:office@stmartinschurch.ca). Please be sure to include your name and address to ensure you receive a tax receipt.

### Summer Vacation Tip:

Be sure to sign up for auto-debit so your donations don't go on vacation with you. Contact the office.

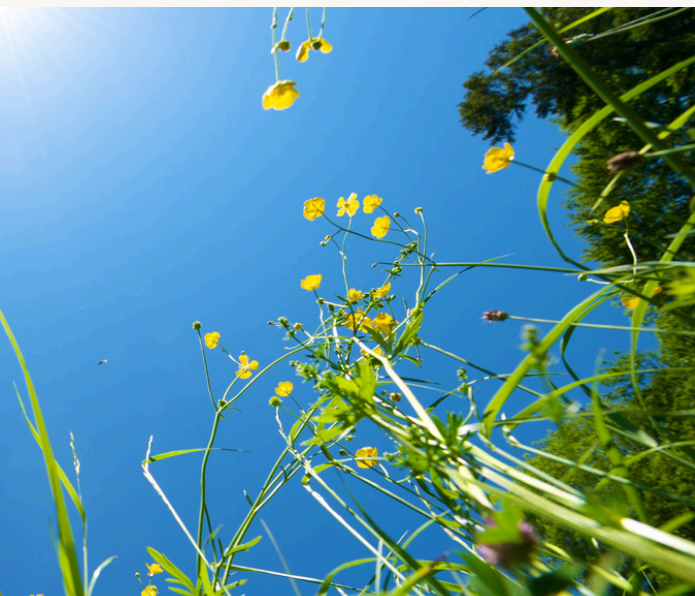
# Ordinary Growth

Summer is here! Though with all of the rainy weather we've been experiencing, I have taken care to remind myself that at least it isn't snow, the flowers are in bloom, and the Earth is green again. The changing of seasons always serves as a beautiful reminder that we, too, are rooted in the cycles of the earth. In fact, these very cycles are the reason we celebrate the Resurrection in the spring.

We are now invited into this long season the church calls "Ordinary Time." This is a period in which the church marches onward toward the future, with only the occasional celebration along the way. Yet, Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary; it is a time of growth and change as much as any season in life. Change and growth are not limited to the high feasts and seasons of the year. We will be walking through the stories and parables of Matthew's Gospel this year.

As we enter vacation season, we hope that you will remain connected to St. Martin's. To help with that, we thought it would be a great idea to put together an upcoming events calendar for the fall and include it here as part of our Summer Update.

Peace and blessings,  
Jerrod+



## Save the Date

**13 September – Welcome Sunday**

Invite a Friend | Lunch will be provided

**3 October – Blessing of Animals**

Cathedral Church of the Redeemer @ 10:30am

**3 October – Community Dinner**

5 & 7pm seatings available

**7 November – Patronal Festival Dinner @ 5:30**

**8 November – Patronal Festival @ 10am**

**28 November – Christmas Market**

## The Season of Creation

In the fall, we will celebrate the newest feast of the church, taking a small break in the cycle of Ordinary Time to observe "The Feast of Creation" on the first Sunday in September and the subsequent "Season of Creation."

This time will focus on our role as caretakers of the earth, as pledged in our baptismal covenant when we were asked: "Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?"

Will you strive to  
safeguard the  
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Earth?

I will with  
God's Help.