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The 'mostly' monthly Newsletter of St. Thomas Anglican Church, 16 Centre Street, Millbrook, Ontario

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*To start the year off well, your Wardens have contributed this month's editorial. All very best wishes from our home to you and yours for a grand 2017*

*Jill Stocker - Editor*



Looking back on 2016, we had a very good year accomplishing many tasks relating to our church. The painting of the office and kitchen, and also the kitchen in the rectory. We replaced toilets in the ladies washroom and the upstairs bathroom of the rectory. The sound system sounds 100% better after Roy Craft made a number of adjustments. With the organ motor blower that gave us a scare in September, we fortunately had the blower from Christ Church and this certainly saved us from a huge financial stress. We put in a new step at the back door and took out the tree stumps and reseeded and this will make it much easier for cutting the grass. We had a new hot water tank replaced due to the death of the old one. On the last Sunday in July, Rev. Ruth retired from the ministry to spend more time with her family. We were very fortunate to have Rob come on board and he certainly is a wonderful and caring priest. We are very pleased that Rob received another six month contract starting February 1<sup>st</sup>

which takes him to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Our new Bishop started in the Trent-Durham area on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully in time we will have a chance to meet her and discuss the ministry and future of our church. The end of August, Journey's closed their doors. Bishop White said and I quote "you are not a failure, it was time to move on".

We would like to thank everyone for all your time and hard work with the different activities held over this past year. We look forward to another successful year.

On behalf of the wardens, we wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Wardens John, Bonna & Alice

*As a great start to the year, how is this for some encouraging news received from Mike and Nancy Kindree?*

Mike had his most recent MRI last week and the oncologist advised that the tumour is a little smaller. Thank you God! It is a positive way to start off the New Year. He will continue to get an MRI every two months and continues to feel very well during all the treatments.

Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

FUN TIMES

**Two boys were walking home from church** after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad"

*I thought this appropriate given current weather.. Ed.*



**Christmas Eve Service and Pageant**

Considerably more than 100 people attended this year's Christmas Pageant and the following Eucharist Service the evening of December 24<sup>th</sup>. It was grand to see the church so vibrant, wonderfully decorated and welcoming. The many returnees as well as new attendees joined together in grand celebration.

FUN TIMES

Going over the church finances the Treasurer found a receipt from a local paint store signed by someone named Christian. The Treasurer wasn't aware of anyone buying paint, so he called the store to point out its mistake.

"I'm sorry," he told the manager, "but there are no Christians here at our church."

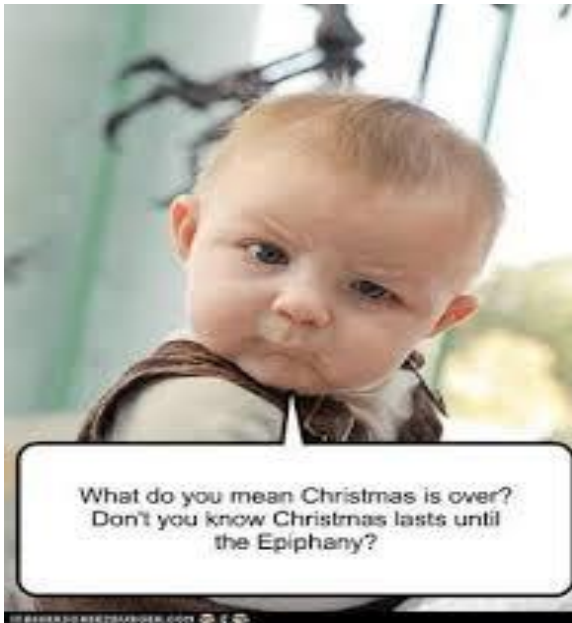
*With apologies to Mark!*

**Awards of Merit**

**To** Lynda Peacock and all the wonderful cast that made this year's Christmas Pageant meaningful and enjoyable.



**To** Marilyn Challice and the many cookie bakers who assembled more than 45 tins of cookies for Millbrook and area shut ins.



*Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins*

- Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.



**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Advisory Board Meeting to review 2017 Budget

**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Community Spaghetti Supper

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Deadline for all written reports to be handed in to Office

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

Annual Vestry Meeting

**January 08, 2017 to February 04, 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>January 08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
10:30 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	9:00-9:45 Chair Yoga	9:15 Fun & Fit 11:15 Falls Preven 12:15 Mat Yoga	9:00 - 9:45 Chair Yoga	9:15 Fun & Fit 11:15 Falls Preven 12:15 Mat Yoga		
<b>Soup &amp; Sandwiches</b>						
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>Advisory Board,</b> review 2017 budget	6:30 - 8:00 Sparks, Guides, Pathfinders	6:30 - 7:45 Brownies	5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Collective Kitchen			
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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			<b>Community Dinner</b> 5:00 - 6:30 pm			
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