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Message from FRED HILTZ, ARCHBISHOP & PRIMATE



In many places the large rough wooden cross carried into the Good Friday liturgy remains in place throughout the first few weeks of Easter. But now bunches of spring flowers surround its foot and a good length of white linen is draped over its arms. Once a cruel instrument of torture and death, it has become for us a wondrous sign of hope and glory in Christ.

When that cross on a hill outside the city wall looked to the world like a "tree of defeat" for the mission of Christ, an end to the kingdom he was proclaiming, God made of

it a "tree of victory". Now its limbs point the gospel in all directions, to the very ends of the earth.

In his dying "Christ was reconciling the world to God, not counting our trespasses against us and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us". (2 Corinthians 5:19, 20). Through his rising that magnificent work continues in the world. Christ breaks down the barriers we are so prone to erect, and he gives us the grace to make of all the debris the very paths on which we can walk reconciled and renewed in our love and respect for one another as children of God.

We live in a time when the world is in desperate need of reconciliation. In headline after headline, and image after image, we are confronted with so many atrocities committed in the name of religious extremism or political clout. If we are to be about the healing needed within and among the nations, there needs to be a renewed effort for global dialogue, in the search for common commitments and an unwavering resolve in abiding by them. There needs to be a renewed trust in the power of God working through all of us, to bring about the transformation for which we long.

In their joint Easter Message the Patriarchs and Heads of Local Churches in Jerusalem have said, "It is our prayer that the hope established through our Risen Lord will enlighten the leaders and nations of the whole world to see this light, and to perceive new opportunities to work and strive for the common good and recognise all as created equal before God. This light of Christ draws the whole human family toward justice, reconciliation and peace and to pursue it diligently. It draws us all to be unified and to be at harmony with one another. The power and resonance of the Resurrection permeates all suffering, injustice and alienation, bringing forth hope, light, and life to all."

Well rooted in Saint Paul's deep desire "to know Christ and the power of his resurrection" (Philippians 3:10) these Church Leaders are speaking a word of hope in troubled times.

With them I pray that we may know afresh the power of Christ's Resurrection; that we who are signed with his Cross in baptism may embrace the newness of life to which he leads us and all the world.

Church Mice

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Church gets Donation from Community Care Clients



A great Community...

St. Thomas Anglican Church & Community Care Millbrook were each presented with a donation from the clients of Community Care. These funds were to say, "Thanks" to the Church for the use of the Parish Hall and to Community Care for providing this program. Clients enjoy exercising and lots of laughs all at no cost.



Saturday, April 22 – 9 am to noon - Work Party - St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery 4th line

Monday, May 4 – 6 p.m. Pot Luck Supper-Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights

Thursday, May 4 – 5 p.m.- Road Clean Up

Saturday, May 27 - Mammoth Yard Sale

Wardens' Message

We are now in the Easter season as we celebrate the resurrection of our saviour Jesus Christ. We not only celebrate his sacrifice but are thankful for our freedom in this wonderful part of the world. We started this year with positive thinking for a bright future for our church. We had our Vestry meeting on February 5th after soup and sandwiches with a well secured financial budget. We would like to thank all the people who serve in positions to help us make our church operate successfully. We are very fortunate to have Gail Neiman carry on as our administrator to complete the necessary tasks that are required. The financial reports have been audited by Stephen Welbourn of Cavan at no charge. We gave him a cheque for \$500.00 and he will be giving us back this amount for a tax receipt. This certainly helps us financially especially after paying our last accountant a total of \$4300.00. The parochial report has been sent to the diocese which was due March 15th and we made it in time!!!! We have filled out forms for grants regarding the flooring in the hall and hallway plus the chair lift up into the church. These forms were sent to Bishop Ryscilla (Shaw) for her approval and then hopefully were sent on to the diocese to be approved by "Our Faith Our Hope". All we can do is hope and pray we will be successful with the application. We would like to thank Rev. Rob for his professional information on all questions that were required for the grant. On April 1st, Craig, Jody (Gail Neiman's daughter) and their daughters Cheyenne and Sierra moved into the rectory. We are very fortunate having the Harmon's move in because we know they will take very good care of the rectory. We did an inspection before they moved in and the walls of the dining and living area needed repainted and also the master bedroom. We were pleased that Jody and Craig offered their services to paint these rooms. We bought a new fridge (the old one was going to cost too much to fix) and had shelves replaced in one of the long cupboards. Craig's son will be

replacing carpet on the steps from the entrance to the living room. Tenant Duct Cleaning cleaned the furnace ducts to make better air flow and also help the environment within their home.

We would like to thank Mark & Linda Peacock for organizing the Palm Sunday breakfast and for all the people who donated food and to everyone for preparing and serving at the breakfast. We would also like to thank Rob, Glen, Sue and Hillary for their expertise of cleaning the church before our Easter services. Last week when Glen and I painted the doors and trim in the hallway, Orval Thertell (electrician) came and put in sensor switches for the bathrooms. When you enter the bathrooms there is no need to turn on lights and when leaving no need to turn them off. For the men, when you leave please shut the door and do not touch the switch.

On behalf of the wardens we would like to wish you a Happy Easter with family and friends.

John, Bonna, Alice & Pat

A Tribute to Thelma Campbell

Submitted by Dennis Challice, Parish Librarian



The Library--a Window to the Past:

You are a remarkable people. Why? We are members of Jesus Christ's mystical body--the Christian Church--through baptism by water and the Holy Spirit. The Church is the people!

You are Canadian! A mixture of many races, backgrounds, and religions. Only by knowledge can we appreciate, respect, and have consideration for other people's beliefs and customs.

"Seek and you will find. Ask and you will receive".

Today, I wish to expound on our inheritance. We are part of the Parish of Cavan-Manvers. Our responsibility with this inheritance is to see that all parts continue to function as well as possible. In South Monaghan Township we have

Pengelley Cemetery. In Cavan Township we have the former congregation of Christ Church, Bailieboro, and the congregation of St Thomas, Millbrook, as well as St Paul's Cemetery and Chapel on 4th Line (which has much improved in appearance during the last few years). In Manvers, we are responsible for the Chapel of Trinity the Marsh, the Cemetery and Chapel of St Mary, Lifford, and St Alban's Cemetery, Janetville.

We have also inherited a carefully selected library at St Thomas, Millbrook. The Parish of Cavan-Manvers has an honourable place in our community. Members of all backgrounds have valiantly fought in the two World Wars to preserve our rights as Canadian citizens. Once a year in November we take time to remember our service persons. Our library is also a memorial of the people who have gone before, leaving us a record of their thoughts and aspirations. During the last few weeks, I have learned how much effort Thelma Campbell, who sadly died last year, lovingly worked to collect memories of the past. In one section, is a history of the activities of the parish in photographs with captions. There are a number of translations of the bible--from the King James version to present day translations. There are a number of volumes explaining the different religions of our world. Only by knowledge can we respect and honour other people's beliefs.

I also found in the library a vinyl recording of the Junior Choir of St Thomas Church. This recording was produced for the 100th anniversary of the church. The Choir Mistress was Mrs. Ruth Warburton who directed eleven 'heavenly voices.' We have been able to reproduce this recording with the expertise of Package Plus of Peterborough. If you wish a copy, please speak to Clarke Mayhew or myself. The cost is \$5 per disc. All proceeds will be donated to the church. I have also come across a photograph dated August 25-27, 1923: "the First Re-union of Cavan-Millbrook." If any person can shed some light on what reunion this was, it would be appreciated. I am also asking for a person to assist me to record the 'history' of the parish. We need someone to record our special events by photos and written explanation. The photos may be submitted to the recorder by anyone in the parish attending an activity.

The two small stands at the north corners of the parish hall are in memory and appreciation for all the effort Thelma put into our library.

April 16, 2017 to May 13, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:30 Easter Sunday HOLY EUCHARIST	9:00-9:45 Chair Yoga	9:15 Fun & Fit 11:15 Falls Preven 12:15 Mat Yoga	9:00 - 9:45 Chair Yoga	9:00 to 3:00 p.m. Quilters		
			Advisory Board Parish Hall 7:00 p.m. 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Collective Kitchen			
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	6:30 - 8:00 Sparks, Guides, Pathfinders	6:30 - 7:45 Brownies	Community Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 pm			
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			7:00 p.m. Garden Club			
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