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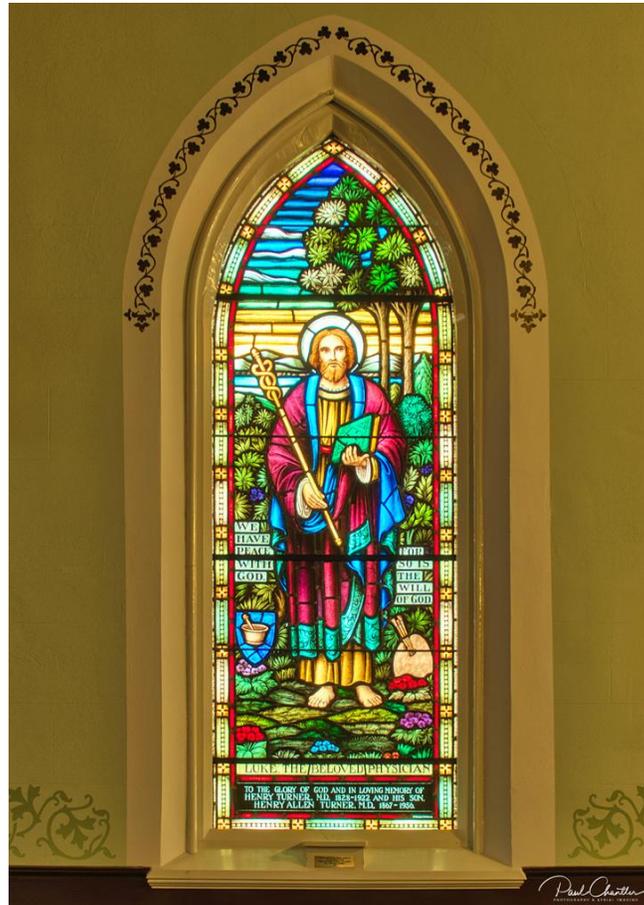
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Public worship at St Thomas' Millbrook has resumed!
Service this Sunday, October 4th
Morning Prayer
at 10.30 am

The County Rd 21 'adopt a road' clean-up will take place over three days this week: October 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. You can participate on any (or all!) of the three days but please be sure to follow this procedure:

- The clean-up route will commence near the traffic circle at the intersection of County Roads 21 and 28. Cones will be set up initially at that location.
- Volunteers should work west along Cty Rd 21 (towards Millbrook) as far as they wish.
- Take the cones with you and leave them at the place where you finish.
- The next volunteers should start at the point where the last ones finished--marked by the cones.

This process is repeated by subsequent volunteers up to the 'gateway' to Millbrook village (near the old water tower). There will be garbage bags inside the cones. Just leave the garbage (with the cones) where you finish and it will be removed later.

Be sure to move the cones up to where you finish so that the next volunteers know where to continue the clean-up.

Note: Participation in the road clean-up is entirely at your own risk. Please use common sense and do not go out after dark or in poor weather conditions. Please exercise extreme caution at all times while on or near the highway and wear 'high visibility' clothing. For more information, contact the parish office or Clarke Mayhew.

A Note from the Priest-in-Charge:

"We managed to survive our third Sunday back in church in this 'brave new world' of Covid-19. In fact, we did more than 'survive'--we managed well. I am still forgetting to move the webcam at the appropriate time (or even to turn it off, which enabled viewers to hear my inane chatter after the service had ended)--but we are remembering to do the important things right: i.e., keeping 6 feet of physical distance, wearing our masks, and sanitizing our hands when necessary. I know many people miss congregational singing. However, I think we are re-discovering some aspects of good liturgy from previous ages and other traditions: for example, an appreciation both for silence and for listening. It was wonderful to hear Steve Hunter play and sing last Sunday, along with Glen Spurrell who sang a new--at least to us--setting of the 'Sanctus' ('Holy, Holy, Holy...'). We are very fortunate to have such a faithful and gifted team of musicians (Ruth, John, Steve, and Glen) to help us to lift up our hearts in song, even if we cannot vocalize the music ourselves. Luckily, so far we have not had to resort to using recorded music--although there are many excellent resources available and we have (thanks to the generosity of our ACW) an excellent 'Bluetooth' speaker system to use if necessary. As we head into what looks like some form of 'second wave' of Covid-19 infections in some areas of Ontario and other regions, let us continually remind ourselves not to let down our guard and to follow faithfully the simple protocols that can protect us and others from possible infection--and, let us continue to pray for leaders in this country and throughout the world, for health-care and other front-line workers, and for all who suffer in any way as a result of the pandemic." RR

The parish secretary is now back in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9.30 am -11.30 am. Please note that, except for Sunday worship, our buildings are still in the “red” stage and, therefore, not open to the general public. If you wish to drop by the parish office, please telephone 705-932-2233 to let Gail know you will be coming (or, if you do drop by, and are waiting at the door, either phone or knock and you will be admitted to the building). Only one person at a time is permitted to enter the office. Please follow all public health protocols (i.e., sanitize your hands, wear a mask, maintain physical distance, etc).

For any urgent matter, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home at 705-932-1231.

If the voice mail is turned off, please call his cell phone at 705-313-9002 and leave a message. Calls will be returned as soon as possible.

The Churchwardens continue to be extremely grateful to parishioners and friends of our parish who are making a concerted effort to keep up their regular offerings. Your generosity is outstanding. Even though public worship has now resumed, we encourage you to continue to use alternate methods of giving (such as e-transfer from your bank account, our website secure Canada Helps donations link, or PAR).

Weekly or monthly offerings (for those who are not on PAR) can be made in the following ways:

- ***By regular mail*** - to St Thomas' Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, Ontario, L0A 1G0. Cheques only please--made out to St Thomas' Church. *Post-dated cheques, for future contribution periods, would be welcome and very much appreciated.*
- ***By e-transfer from your bank account.*** Please call Gail at the parish office at 705-932-2233 (leave message) or email her at cavmanparish@nexicom.net to arrange.
- ***By pre-arranged 'drop off' at the home of the Priest-in-Charge.*** Please call 705-932-1231 to arrange a mutually convenient time.
- ***By pick-up from your home if you can't get out*** - please call 705-932-1231 to arrange a mutually convenient time. All public health protocols ('physical distancing,' etc) will be strictly followed.
- ***By Pre-Authorized Remittance:*** If you wish to enroll in PAR, please call the parish office during office hours. An authorization form will be mailed (or emailed) to you.
- ***By using the secure online donations link on our parish website.*** Here is the link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119202950RR0001-st-thomas-church/>