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***Public worship at St Thomas' Millbrook has resumed!
Service this Sunday, November 15th
Morning Prayer
at 10.30 am***

A note from the Priest-in-Charge:

“Sadly, owing to on-going Covid-19 restrictions, there were no formal Remembrance Day ceremonies this year at our cenotaph in Millbrook. I was, however, able to ring the bell in the tower of St Thomas’ Church--11 times at 11 am, followed by 2 minutes of silence, and concluding with 102 tolls marking the one hundred and second anniversary of the armistice in 1918. A short prayer for the peace of the world was then offered. I have included below part of a meditation I gave at last year’s cenotaph service. The dreadful statistics are taken from the website of Veterans Affairs Canada...”lest we forget.”

“Today, on this Remembrance Day, we remember all Canadians who served, who risked their lives for us, and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives: In World War I, the 61,000 Canadians killed, and 172,000 wounded. And the more than 9000 who suffered post-traumatic stress, then called shell-shock. From Newfoundland, with a population in 1914 of only 240,000, the 1305 men killed and 3000 wounded. In World War II, the 45,000 Canadians killed, and 55,000 wounded. The 50,000 women who served. The more than 3,000 indigenous and first nations people who volunteered to serve. In the Korean conflict, the 2500 who served, and more than 500 who died. Those Canadians who have served and given their lives keeping the peace through out the world, and the more than 1800 servicemen and women who have been wounded in the Afghanistan mission, and the 158 service people who died in that mission. These numbers are horrific. But they are not merely statistics. Each number represents a human being --a son or daughter, a partner, a parent, a friend-- a unique person, beloved by God--a person who put his or her life in harm’s way so that the rest of us might be safe. Our world continues to experience tyranny and oppression in many forms. As we remember these Canadians who gave their lives so that we might live lives free of tyranny, let us dedicated ourselves to the on-going work of building a society that is truly inclusive. For without both justice and compassion, there can be no true peace.”

Upcoming online educational opportunities:

“**Journey to Bethlehem**” Over the season of Advent, we will visit some of the places and stories from the Hebrew Bible that tell of a people who clashed with the world around them as they struggled to remain faithful to the one God. At the end of our journey, we will visit the holy town of Bethlehem and the surrounding hills where shepherds still watch their flocks of sheep.

This journey will consist of four one hour ZOOM sessions on Monday afternoons, beginning November 30th and concluding December 21st from 2-3 pm.

An evening class is also being offered on Tuesdays, beginning December 1st and concluding December 22nd from 7-8 pm. To register please email Val Whalley at valjwhalley@gmail.com or telephone 905-925-0168.

“Learning How to See” How do we transform our biases? Authors and teachers Brian McLaren and Richard Rohr join the Rev. Dr Jacqui Lewis of New York's Middle Collegiate Church for this 6-episode series. These three public theologians will discuss how seeing is social, political and contemplative. Participants will listen to the podcasts on their own time, make notes, and then come together on Zoom. The morning class is already full, but a second class is being offered on Tuesday afternoons, beginning November 10th, from 2-3 pm (some spaces may still be available). To register, contact Canon Susan Sheen at susan.sheen@sympatico.ca .

“For the Love of Creation”-- a campaign endorsed by the Anglican Church of Canada--is hosting a fall forum every Monday evening in November on Zoom (7:30-8:30 pm ET).

Join in to learn more about our collective work for climate justice, engage with guest speakers, and take action for climate justice together online. [Registration is required](#), and if you have questions, please email flc.pac@gmail.com.

November 16: Grieving, Healing, and Connecting with Creation

November 23: Creation Care: A Letter of the Faithful

November 30: Climate Action Now!

The Bishop’s Committee on Healing Ministries is hosting an online video series in November.

All videos will be available for viewing on the committee’s [Facebook page](#).

Nov. 14: Nancy Truscott and Cheryle Pollock – Parish Nursing

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 of Covid-19 restrictions 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).

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 thankful for the generosity and faithfulness of parishioners and friends of our parish who are making a concerted effort to keep up their regular offerings. 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/>