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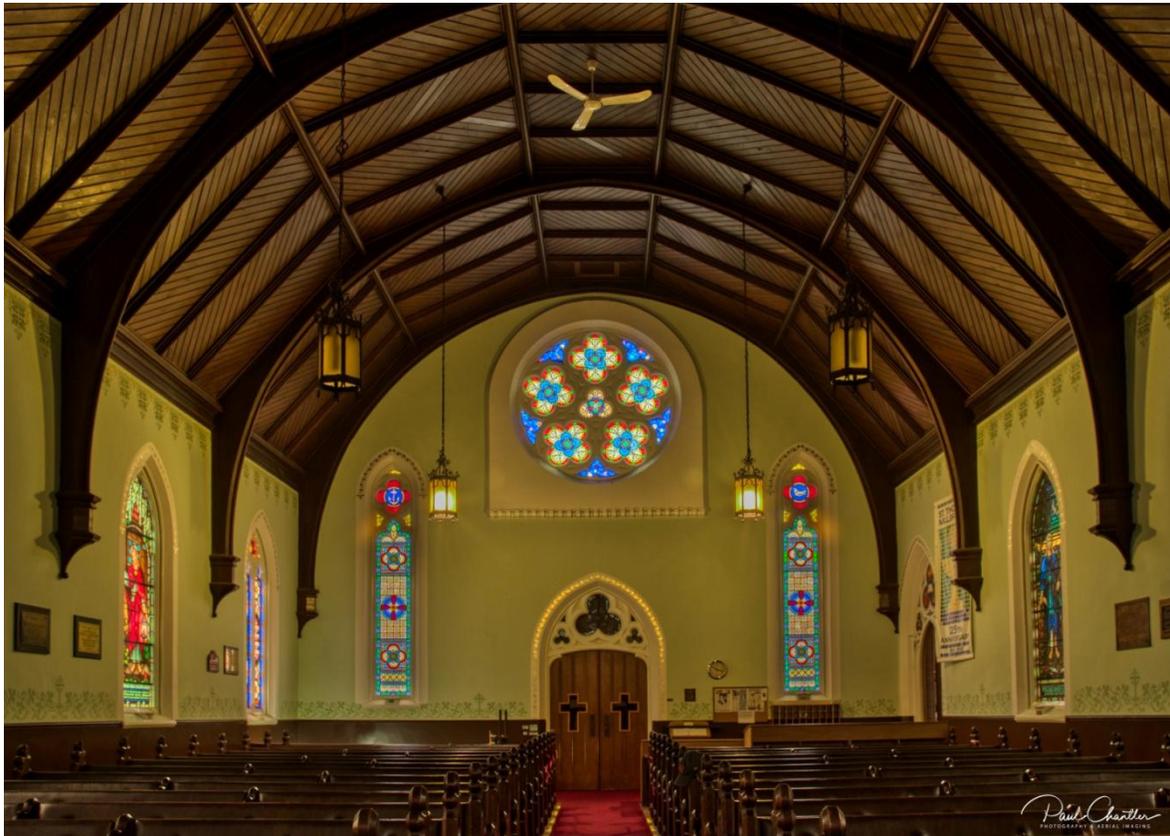
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Public worship at St Thomas' Millbrook has resumed!
Service this Sunday, November 29th
First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am

There will be two Christmas eve services this year: Sung Eucharists at 4 pm and 7 pm. There will be no Christmas Day service. Owing to Covid-19 gathering restrictions, the number of people in the church must be strictly limited; thus, admission to the Christmas eve services is by ***advance reservation only***. In order to maintain physical distancing, we are only able to use every second pew, and to have either two individuals per pew or one family group or 'social bubble' (up to 4 adults) per pew. ***Seating reservations will open this Sunday and close on Friday, December 18th at noon.*** Please make your reservations after Sunday services or call the parish office during regular office hours (705-932-2233).

The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee of the Diocese of Toronto has launched the "Housing Matters" campaign to prevent and address homelessness in the face of a COVID-19 winter. They have prepared a toolkit of materials to use in calling for immediate measures to prevent evictions and to support people experiencing homelessness, as well as encouraging individuals and parishes to support to *Faith Works* and other ministries that serve those in need. For more information, please go to the following link on the diocesan website:

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/social-justice-and-advocacy/current-activities/>

"Journey to Bethlehem" - an online course for Advent offered by the Durham Northumberland Deanery Christian education team:

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 contact Val Whalley at valjwhalley@gmail.com or telephone 1-905-925-0168.

"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.

Final session on November 30: Climate Action Now!

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 (and only if) the voice mail is turned off, please call his mobile number at 705-313-9002 and leave a message. Calls will be returned as soon as possible.

The Churchwardens continue to be extremely grateful for the generosity and faithfulness of parishioners and friends of our parish who are making a concerted effort to keep up their regular offerings during the on-going pandemic.

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/>