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Clarke Mayhew, ODT

***Public worship at St Thomas' has resumed!
Service this Sunday, December 6th
Second Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer at 10.30 am***

We are delighted to announce that Clarke Mayhew has been appointed by Bishop Asbil to the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. The ODT is the highest honour bestowed by the diocese on lay people, and is reserved for those who have given outstanding service to the church and community over many years. For more information on the ODT, please go to: www.toronto.anglican.ca/orderoftoronto. *The ODT Service of Induction will take place from St James' Cathedral on January 1st, 2021, at 2 pm.* Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, the service will be done entirely online. For more information on the induction, please go to: www.toronto.anglican.ca/levee.

Christmas Eve Services this year: Sung Eucharists at 4 pm and 7 pm. There will be no Christmas Day service. Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, seating will be by **advance reservation only. Seating reservations are now open and will close on Friday, December 18th at noon.** Please make your reservations after Sunday services or call the parish office or the Priest-in-Charge..

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.

The parish secretary is now back in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 am - 11 am. Please note that, except for Sunday worship, our buildings are still closed to the general public. If you wish to drop by the parish office, please telephone to make an appointment or knock on the rear parish hall door and you will be admitted to the building. Masks must be worn. *Note: Gail will be on vacation from December 10th to January 4th - so the office will be closed during that time.* **For any urgent matter, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home at 705-932-1231.** If (and only if) his home voicemail is turned off, please call his cell at 705-313-9002.

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/>