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**Our next online Sunday Liturgy will be recorded on
January 17th at 10.30 am**

***A link to a Youtube video recording of the liturgy will be distributed as
soon as possible after it takes place***

*Please note: sometimes the upload to Youtube is very slow, so it is possible the video
link may not be distributed until later in the week.*

Offering envelopes for 2021 have been ordered and will be distributed (somehow!) as soon as we are released from province-wide state of emergency. **In the meantime, parishioners and friends are asked to make their donations by mail (cheques only please) or via one of the other methods described at the end of this newsletter.**

Annual Meeting of Vestry: We are required, both by diocesan canon law and by provincial legislation, to have a meeting of vestry no later than the end of February each year (or, at the latest, the first week of March with permission granted by the Bishop). Given the present situation with the provincial lock-down, we will probably have to resort to an online video conferencing platform (i.e., Zoom) for our meeting in order to meet our legal obligations as a parish. Zoom includes a telephone conferencing call feature for those who do not have video-conferencing hardware on their computers. At present, the churchwardens and treasurer are working on the year-end financial statements and the proposed 2021 parish budget. **More information on the annual meeting of Vestry (including the protocol for electronic submission of reports) will be available before the end of January.**

**Upcoming online educational events from the Durham
Northumberland Deanery Christian Education Team:**

Living Through the Losses of Covid-19: A Guided Conversation
Wednesday, January 27, 10 am to 11.30 am

Some of us have lost family members and friends during Covid-19 times and have not really felt able to fully mourn. Some of us have lost our jobs. Some parents have lost any sense of free time as they juggle teaching their kids or care-giving older parents while still working full time from home. Most of us have lost a sense of safety. Many of us are missing our faith communities and the support they give us. And all of us are missing hugs. Covid-19 has had an impact on all of us. This guided conversation will share with you a tool that may be helpful to you as you face the losses that appear to be ongoing. And having a conversation with others who share our faith will be helpful in and of itself.

Facilitator: Suzanne Lawson

Register with Sara Lawson at saratheorganizer@yahoo.ca no later than January 23. Zoom contact information will be sent out before the session.

How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going

**Thursdays: February 11, 18, 25 and March 4
10 am -11.30 am or 1.30 pm-3 pm**

Susan Beaumont has written a challenging book entitled, ***How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season***. Using her book as the basis for discussion, we will offer both clergy and lay leaders in our churches an opportunity to engage with her ideas which may, perhaps, prompt us to act differently as leaders.

Participants will need to

- **register with Sara Lawson at saratheorganizer@yahoo.ca before February 5th**
- **buy the book**, and
- **read at least the first two chapters of the book before the first session**

Subsequent sessions will focus on two chapters each time which should be read in advance of the sessions. There will be a limit of 12 people in each of the two time slots.

Facilitator: Suzanne Lawson

Zoom contact information will be sent out before the first session.

Journey to Jerusalem

**Mondays: February 22 - March 22 at 1 pm
or Tuesdays: February 23 - March 23 at 7 pm**

Many of us find ourselves unable to travel this year because of Covid-19. This Lenten season, we invite you journey with us to Jerusalem "virtually" via Zoom. We will follow Jesus' footsteps, using photos taken by our team members and passages of scripture, as he travelled from Galilee to Jerusalem. We will see Cana where he changed water into wine, walk along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, climb Mount Tabor, and visit the River Jordan, along with many other holy sites. Once in Jerusalem, we will see the temple steps, the Garden of Gethsemane, the places where the first disciples witnessed the death and burial of Jesus, and experienced the new and glorious reality of the Risen Christ.

Register with Val Whalley at valjwhalley@gmail.com

The Manvers Township Historical Society has a new website. Items will be posted on a regular basis. Here is the link: www.manvershistory.ca

During the provincial state of emergency, the parish secretary will be working from home, but is still available by email (cavmanparish@nexicom.net) and telephone (705-932-2233). Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9.15 am - 11.15 am.

*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 phone 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 this on-going pandemic, especially now that we are back in a lock-down.

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 pre-arranged 'pick-up' from your home** - please call 705-932-1231 to arrange a mutually convenient time. All public health protocols ('physical distancing,' etc) will be strictly followed.
- **By using the outside letter box next to the rear entrance of the parish hall.** Please **never leave cash** in this letter box and also please **call the priest-in-charge to let him know you have left an envelope in the box so that he may collect it.**
- **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/>