



A Parish of the
Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church
of Canada



Parish e-News

St Thomas' Anglican Church

16 Centre Street

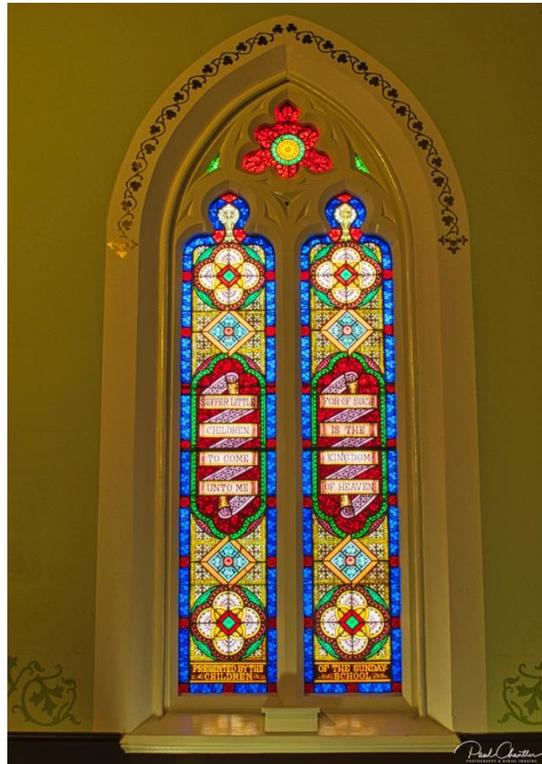
P. O. Box 187

Millbrook, ON, L0A 1G0

705-932-2233

email: cavmanparish@nexicom.net

www.stthomasanglicanchurchmillbrook.ca



**Our next online Sunday Liturgy will be recorded on
February 7th 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 slow, so it is possible the video link
may not be distributed until later in the week*

We are sad to announce the passing of Anne Stothart, mother of Lynda Peacock. More information can be found on the website of the Ross Funeral Chapel, Port Hope, at: https://www.rossfuneralchapel.com/?page_id=789

Offering envelopes for 2021 have arrived and will be distributed to users as soon as possible. In order to avoid waste, these new envelopes are not pre-stamped with specific dates and the donor's identification number, so users should make sure that their name and/or donor number is clearly written on the envelope before it is submitted. **During the Covid-19 lock-down, parishioners and friends are asked to make their donations by mail (cheques only please) to our correct postal address (Saint Thomas' Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, ON, L0A 1G0), or via one of the other methods described at the end of this newsletter.**

The Annual Meeting of Vestry will take place in late February or early March (exact date still to be determined--but most likely a week night). Given the present pandemic, it will be necessary to meet via the Zoom video-conferencing online platform (with telephone connexion available--unfortunately, via a Toronto number which will incur long-distance charges--for those without full computer access). Diocesan canon law does not set a minimum number of people which constitutes a "quorum" for vestry meetings. However, we hope as many people as possible will be able to participate in some way or other. Reports (including the 2021 proposed parish budget) will be sent out electronically (or hand-delivered to those on the Vestry list without email) at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. Any questions/concerns should be directed to the Priest-in-Charge who will forward those questions to the appropriate person for a response. **Written reports from parish organizations should be submitted as soon as possible by email (Word document attachments only please) to the Priest-in-Charge at: nate@nexicom.net.**



Photo: Paul Chantler

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

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** (available from Chapters-Indigo online), 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 as he travelled from Galilee to Jerusalem using photos taken by our team members along with passages of scripture. 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

Syd Birrell organ recitals: Here's a wonderful opportunity to hear some of J.S. Bach's organ music, played by Syd Birrell, on the fabulous three-manual Casavant pipe organ of Murray Street Baptist Church. The series began Wednesday, February 3rd at 7 pm, and will continue every Wednesday at the same time until March 17th. Programmes will be archived for viewing at any time. Here is the link:

<https://www.peterboroughsingers.com/the-organ-talks-syd-birrell-plays-and-talks-bach/>

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 province-wide state of emergency, the parish secretary is working from home, but is available by telephone (705-932-2233).

Please leave a message and your call will be returned during office hours.

Office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 9.15 am - 11.15 am. ***For any urgent matter, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home:***

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/>