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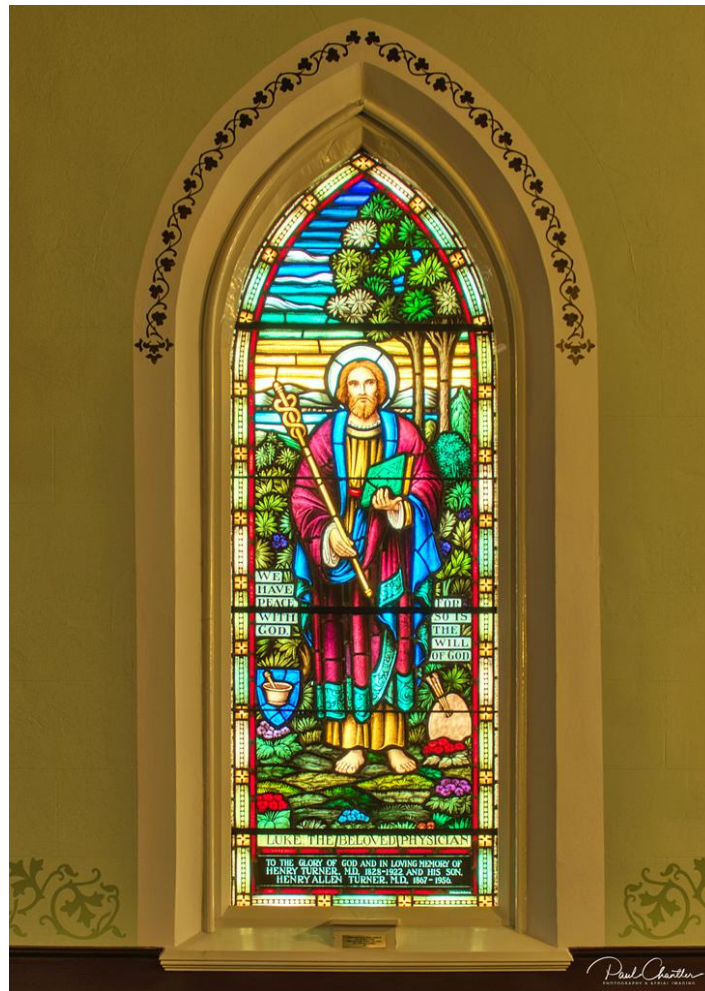
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**Our next Sunday liturgy - Morning Prayer - will be recorded on
March 7th at 10.30 am -
The Third Sunday in Lent**

In-person church services have not yet resumed at St Thomas'.

We will continue to monitor the evolving public health situation, as well as providing a link to our Youtube channel for members of the congregation to access the Sunday liturgy after it has been recorded.

The Annual Meeting of Vestry took place via "Zoom" on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7 pm with 17 members present. It went quite well despite some technical glitches. Anne Austin and Alice Foster were appointed by the Priest-in-Charge as Incumbent's Warden and Deputy Incumbent's Warden. Anne will also continue as principal financial officer of St Thomas' congregation. Sherry-Lynne McMahon and Carol Chantler were acclaimed by Vestry as People's Warden and Deputy People's Warden. All reports were received, and the 2021 Budget was unanimously accepted. The diocesan social justice & advocacy vestry motion on anti-racism was passed unanimously. We must now begin to work out the implications of that motion in our own lives, in our parish, and in our community. The motion itself and a 'backgrounder' can be found on the diocesan website: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/social-justice-vestry-motion/>. Many thanks to all those who worked so diligently to prepare the reports, especially our Treasurer (and now Warden) Anne Austin. Thanks also to our Vestry Clerk, Gail Neiman, for taking the minutes.

Some interest was expressed at Vestry in having more opportunities for worship (as well as other gatherings) using the Zoom online platform. **Beginning on Wednesday, March 10th at 7 pm, we will offer, via Zoom, the brief and lovely Service of Compline.** If there is enough interest, we will continue to offer this service, or some other form of worship, throughout Lent and perhaps beyond. The Zoom sign-in link for the Wednesday evening service will be sent out on Sunday afternoons along with the link to the Youtube channel for our Sunday morning service.

CRA charitable donation receipts for financial gifts in 2020 to our church and/or cemeteries have now been completed by the enveloped secretary and were mailed out on or before the last day of February. Any questions or concerns about tax receipts should be directed to Gail at the parish office (705-932-2233).

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 to journey with us to Jerusalem "virtually" via Zoom. We will follow Jesus' footstep as he travelled from Galilee to Jerusalem using photos taken by our team members along with passages of scripture. We will see Cana where Jesus 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, including the holy city Jerusalem.

Some spaces *may* still be available for the remaining sessions!

Please contact Val Whalley at valjwhalley@gmail.com

Peterborough 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 parish secretary continues to work from home and is normally available during office hours at the parish telephone number (705-932-2233) or via the parish email cavmanparish@nexicom.net. Office hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9.15 am - 11.15 am. Please leave a message and it will be returned during office hours. For any urgent matter, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home at 705-932-1231.

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.

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. Please be sure to use the post office box number (not the street address) when sending items by mail. 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 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/>