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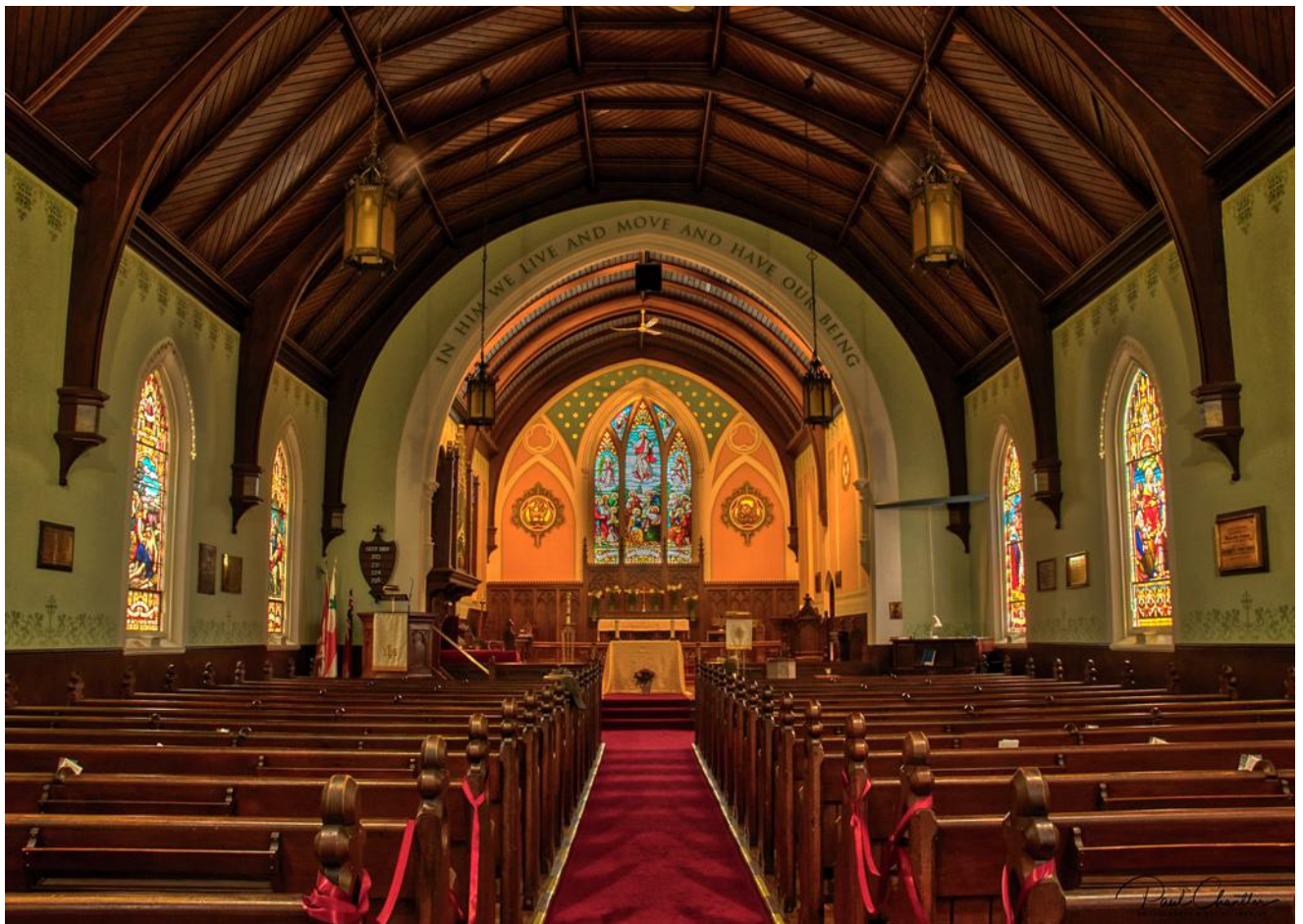
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"East" window over the chancel - The Asension of the Lord

In-person church services at St Thomas' are suspended due to the province-wide Covid-19 'stay at home' order.

Services will continue to be recorded and distributed via Youtube every Sunday afternoon.

**Service this Sunday, May 16th - Seventh Sunday of Easter
(Sunday after the Ascension) -
Holy Eucharist**

A Christian Call to Anti-Racism

A Facilitated Conversation

Saturday, May 15th, 10-11.30 am on Zoom



The vision of God's kingdom is one where all races, tribes, and nations are welcomed and made one in Jesus Christ. This year's diocesan social justice motion asks parishes to consider how they will commit to the work of anti-racism in their local contexts. How do we do this? What is the Christian call to anti-racism? Join members of St John's, Port Hope, explore this question. All are welcome! To register, please email Fr Jesse Parker at:

therevjesseparker@gmail.com

We are sad to announce the passing of Doris Hubbard, a long-time parishioner. Burial service, with family members present, took place on Wednesday afternoon at Zion Cemetery. More information can be found at the website of the Fallis & Shields Funeral Home, Millbrook: <https://fallis-shields.com/obituaries/doris-marie-hubbeard>
“May she rest in peace, and rise with Christ in glory.”

The Social Justice & Advocacy Committee of the Diocese of Toronto

coordinates and advances the public witness of our diocese on issues of social and ecological justice. The committee seeks to help parishes and all people of good will in our diocese to be faithful to God’s call to compassion and justice. For more information, and to see some of the good things that are happening in our diocese and beyond, go to their webpage at: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/>

News from St Thomas’ Journeys Outreach Group -

“The past year has certainly been a challenge for all. No visits, no meetings, no dinners, and virtual church have become the new norm but, hopefully, only for a while longer. In the spirit of moving forward and getting back into doing Community Outreach, Journeys is taking on two projects:

- **Backpacks for Women Being Released from Custody from the Lindsay Correctional Centre**
You will recall that we have supported this program for a couple of years. The new backpacks are given to women who are being released from custody and are likely not going 'home'; rather, they will likely be homeless. Toiletries, socks, snacks, and more are put into the bags--including something inspirational to read: a small Bible or book of prayers. Each pack cost about \$50.00 each to put together. We leave ample space for the women to add their own few possessions.
- **Zippaport** - This grassroots not-for-profit initiative was launched in 2020 with one clear mission: **to help make the process of receiving cancer treatments easier on children through customized clothing that is functional, comfortable and fun.**
The Vision: To supply port-accessible clothing across Canada, free of charge, to families coping with childhood cancer. It costs about \$12 to supply each T-shirt.

From now, until the end of May, we would ask that you consider making a financial donation to Journeys to support one or both of these projects. At the end of May, we will tally up donations and make as many backpacks as we can with money collected and also send a cheque to Zippaport to support their good work.

Please make cheques payable to “Journeys” and mail to St Thomas’ Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, ON, L0A 1G0. *If you feel you would like to support only one of the projects, please write “Backpacks” or “Zippaport” in the memo line of the cheque.*

Journeys is an outreach ministry of St Thomas' Anglican Church and a charitable receipt will be issued by the church for your donation. Thank you!"

-- from the Journeys Outreach Committee.

Note: Journeys Outreach meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm via Zoom. If you wish to join this group, please email the Priest-in-Charge and you will be sent the Zoom meeting link. All are welcome!

The parish secretary continues to work from home and is available during office hours at the office telephone number (705-932-2233) or via the parish email cavmanparish@nexicom.net. Office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 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 number (705-313-9002) and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

The Churchwardens continue to be extremely thankful (and relieved) at 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. Thanks to you, we are holding our own financially during this difficult time.

Weekly or monthly offerings (for those who are not already 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 (leave message) or email her at cavmanparish@nexicom.net to arrange.
- **By pre-arranged 'drop off' at the home of the Priest-in-Charge or at the parish hall mail box.** Please call 705-932-1231 to arrange a mutually convenient time. **Note: if you wish to leave your envelope in the box at the back door of the parish hall, please phone the Priest-in-Charge to let him know so that he can collect the envelope in a timely manner. Please never leave cash in the mailbox!**
- **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/>