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"What if we view this time of Lent as not just a time to reflect or to lament or to confess or to fast, but a time where we learn to be free?" — Megan Westra

Services of Worship at St Thomas' Church every Sunday at 10.30 am

Sunday, March 5th	Morning Prayer - followed by Vestry
Sunday, March 12th	Holy Eucharist
Sunday, March 19th	Morning Prayer
Sunday, March 26th	Holy Eucharist
Palm Sunday, April 2nd	Holy Eucharist - followed by brunch
Maundy Thursday, April 6th	Holy Eucharist at 12 noon
Good Friday, April 7th	Liturgy at 10.30 am
Easter Sunday, April 9th	Holy Eucharist
Easter Octave, April 16th	Holy Eucharist
Sunday, April 23rd	Morning Prayer - address by Christian Harvey
Sunday, April 30th	Holy Eucharist

Calling All Singers!



**Join us at St Thomas' Church, Millbrook,
for a monthly sing-along...**

- **4th Wednesday** of every month at 7 pm--next sing-along on **March 22nd**
- We will pick a different musical focus each time - next focus: **Simon & Garfunkle!**
- Nothing required--just your voice!
- Location: **St Thomas' Church, 16 Centre Street, Millbrook**
- Please use parish hall entrances--park on the street or in the rear parking lot

For more information, please contact Rhonda Smith at: rhondasmith@trentu.ca

The annual meeting of the parish (known as “Vestry”) will take place on Sunday, March 5th, following the church service.

A soup & sandwich lunch will be available before the meeting. We hope to start the meeting at 12 noon and be finished by 1.30 pm at the very latest. Annual reports have now been sent out electronically. Those attending Vestry are asked, if possible, to read the reports *in advance* of the meeting in order to save time. A limited number of hard copies of the reports will be available at the meeting. If you did not receive an electronic copy of the reports, please email or phone the Priest-in-Charge.

Journeys Outreach group meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the parish hall. The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 8th.

All are welcome to attend and participate in these meetings.

For more information, please speak to the Chairperson, Lianne Landry (705-808-1954).

St Thomas’ ACW (Anglican Church Women) usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. All women in the congregation are encouraged and welcome to attend ACW meetings. For more information on the work of the ACW in our parish and diocese, and the location of the next meeting, please call Gail Neiman (ACW President) at the parish office.

Lenten online educational opportunities

“Bad Boys in the Bible : exploring their humanity or lack of it”

Join us on Wednesday afternoons on April 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 2 pm to 3.30 pm via Zoom. Discover some fascinating facts and/or fables about some of the “really bad boys” of the Bible. Some of the stories may be horrific, but there are lessons for us today. No charge for the course. To register, contact Fran Richardson: fran.richardson@sympatico.ca.

“Eco-anxiety & Biblical Wisdom: Torn between grief and hope”

Join Dr Sylvia Keesmaat, a renowned teacher and Biblical scholar, on Sunday evenings: 7 pm to 9 pm--March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd and 10th-- via Zoom. Recordings will be available for those not able to attend all sessions. Tuition: pay what you can (there are suggested amounts and also bursaries for those unable to pay anything). For more information, please go to: <https://www.bibleremixed.ca/eco-anxiety-and-biblical-wisdom>

“Lent with Leonard Cohen”

Listen to the songs of Leonard Cohen and use simple, creative ways to respond that stir our hearts, souls, and minds in deeply felt ways this Lent. To participate, please go to:

<https://dq5pwpq1q8ru0.cloudfront.net/2023/02/06/10/15/49/475c81ee-2b88-4989-9a70-9fa467acda34/Lent%20with%20Leonard%20Cohen%20final%202023.pdf>

The World Day of Prayer Service will take place at St Thomas More Roman Catholic Church, King Street, Millbrook, on Friday, March 3rd at 2.30 pm.

This service has been planned, and will be conducted by women from different Christian denominations in Millbrook and area. **Please note: this service is not just for women!!!**

All are welcome! For more information on the World Day of Prayer, and the work of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, please go to:

<https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/what-is-wdp/>

Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF) response to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria...

For more information on the work of the PWRDF in response to the humanitarian disaster in parts of Turkey and Syria, and how to make a financial gift to assist the survivors, please go to:

<https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-supporting-act-alliance-response-to-earthquake-accepting-donations/>

TOPS - "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" meets in our parish hall every Thursday evening throughout the year. New members are always welcome! For more information, please call the Coordinator, Mrs Lou Bomhof, at 705-944-5422. **For more information on TOPS** please go to: <https://www.tops.org/tops/tops/canada/home.aspx>

**The next monthly e-News will be published the first week of April, 2023.
YouTube videos of Sunday services will continue to be made available on a regular basis.**

The Parish Office

is normally open Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9 am to noon.

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Note: Telephone messages and emails are received and answered only during office hours.

For pastoral emergencies or any time-sensitive matter, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home (705-932-1231). If, *and only if*, the voicemail is turned off at that number, please call his cell phone number (705-313-9002) and leave a message.

The Churchwardens continue to be extremely grateful for the generosity and faithfulness of parishioners and friends of our parish who make an on-going effort to keep up their regular offerings throughout the year.

In addition to making an offering at church on Sundays, financial contributions can be made to St Thomas' in the following ways:

- **By regular mail** addressed to St Thomas' Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, Ontario, L0A 1G0. Please be sure to include the post office box number on the envelope -not just 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 Neiman during parish office hours (705-932-2233) at or email her at cavmanparish@nexicom.net to arrange this. It is easy to do!
- **By pre-arranged 'drop off' at the parish office.** Note: Please call in advance to let us know you plan to do this. Please *never* leave cash in the mailbox!
- **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 easy and secure Online Donation link on our parish website.** Charitable donation receipts are issued automatically on our behalf by Canada Helps. Here is the link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119202950RR0001-st-thomas-church/>