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"O come, let us adore Him..."

Service of Worship every Sunday - 10.30 am

<i>December 3rd -- Advent 1</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist & Baptism (followed by lunch)</i>
<i>December 10th -- Advent 2</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
<i>December 17th -- Advent 3</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>December 17th -- Advent 3</i>	<i>Carol Service at St Mary's, Lifford, at 2.30 pm</i>
<i>December 24th -- Advent 4</i>	<i>Service of Readings & Carols at 10.30 am</i>
<i>December 24th -- Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Sung Parish Family Eucharist at 7pm</i>
<i>December 25th -- Christmas Day</i>	<i>Said Eucharist at 10.30 am</i>
<i>December 31st -- The Epiphany</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>January 7th -- Baptism of Christ</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>January 14th</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>January 21st</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
<i>January 28th</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>February 4th</i>	<i>Morning Prayer (lunch and Advisory Board)</i>
<i>February 11th</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>February 14th -- Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Said Eucharist at 10.30 am</i>
<i>February 18th -- Lent 1</i>	<i>Lenten Penitential Liturgy</i>
<i>February 25th -- Lent 2</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>March 3rd -- Lent 3</i>	<i>Morning Prayer (followed by Vestry meeting)</i>

St Thomas' Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 2nd

10 am to 2 pm in the parish hall



Handmade gifts/ornaments, baking, preserves, & silent auction

Lunch will be served: soup, scones, tea/coffee and dessert

A Turkey Dinner, offered as outreach to the local community by St Thomas' parishioners, will take place on Wednesday, December 13th, from 5 pm to 7 pm. Volunteer workers and donations of food are needed. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway next to the kitchen of the parish hall. For more information, please speak to Lynda Peacock.

Kawartha Lakes Singers Yuletide Cheer Concert -- Sunday, December 10th at 2.30 pm, Cambridge Street United Church, Lindsay. Music by John Rutter, David Willcocks, and others. Joined by guest hand bell performers UnBELLievable. Tickets \$25 online at www.klsingers.ca or at the door.

Season of Advent "Zoom" course -- offered online by Dr Sylvia Keesmatt, Anglican Biblical teacher and scholar. Topic: "Inhabiting the Psalms: Ancient Songs for a Time of Crisis" For more information, please go to: <https://www.bibleremixed.ca/psalms-course>.

A Bible study group takes place at St Thomas' after church (during coffee hour) on the second Sunday of each month. The sessions are about half an hour. Each session is self-contained so there is no need to attend every one. Our study topic for 2023-2024 is: "An Introduction to the Gospel of Mark". All materials will be provided. All welcome!

The next St Thomas' Singalong is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 24th at 7 pm in the church. There will be more information on this event in the January edition of the Parish eNews.

The annual Vestry of the Parish of Cavan & Manvers will take place on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024, at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Only those parishioners who are on the Vestry list are eligible to vote. The Vestry list will be posted in the parish church (St Thomas') in December. If your name is not on the list, and you think it should be, please speak to the Priest-in-Charge.

Journeys Outreach group normally meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the parish hall. The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024. All are welcome to attend and participate in these meetings. For more information, please speak to the Chairperson, Lianne Landry (705-808-1954).

Food Handling Course from PPH -- Anyone interested in taking the Peterborough Public Health food handlers' course and receiving certification is asked to speak to Sherry-Lynne McMahon. This course is recommended for all those who prepare food in our church kitchen.

St Thomas' ACW (Anglican Church Women) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm (except July & August). 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 at the parish office.

Men's Breakfast at St John's, Ida: The men of St Thomas' parish have been graciously invited to attend the Men's Breakfasts at St John's, Ida. The breakfasts normally take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Please call St John's parish office, or check their website, to get up-to-date information on the exact date of the next breakfast.

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 Parish Office

is normally open Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9 am - 11.30 am

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Telephone messages and emails are answered only during office hours.

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

He will attempt to return urgent messages as soon as possible.

Financial contributions may be made to St Thomas' in the following ways:

- By using offering envelopes when you attend Sunday services. Please leave your envelope on the large collection plate near the entrance of the church (a collection is no longer taken up during the service). Please be sure your name and/or envelope number (if you know it) is written on the envelope. If you need offering envelopes, just ask!***
- 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) or email her at cavmanparish@nexicom.net to arrange this. It is quick and easy to do!*
- By Pre-Authorized Remittance from your bank account or credit card. *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. If you are already on PAR, you are encouraged to re-visit your pledged amount on an annual basis and prayerfully reflect on your financial offering to the church.*
- 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/>*