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“A light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel” Luke 2.32

Service of Worship every Sunday - 10.30 am

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| January 7th --The Baptism of Christ | Holy Eucharist |
| January 14th | Holy Eucharist |
| January 21st | Morning Prayer |
| January 28th | Holy Eucharist |
| February 4th | Morning Prayer (S & S lunch & Advisory Board) |
| February 11th | Holy Eucharist |
| Wednesday, February 14th | Ash Wednesday Eucharist at 10.30 am |
| February 18th -- Lent 1 | Lenten Penitential Liturgy of the Word |
| February 25th -- Lent 2 | Holy Eucharist |
| March 3rd --Lent 3 | Morning Prayer (S & S lunch & Vestry meeting) |
| March 10th --Lent 4 | Holy Eucharist |
| March 17th --Lent 5 | Morning Prayer |
| March 24th --Palm Sunday | Holy Eucharist |
| Thursday, March 28th | Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 12 noon |
| Friday, March 29th | Good Friday Liturgy at 10.30 am |
| March 31st --Easter Day | Holy Eucharist |
| April 7th --Easter Octave | Holy Eucharist (followed by 'Easter brunch') |
| April 14th --Easter 3 | Holy Eucharist |
| April 21st --Easter 4 | Morning Prayer |

A Bible study group meets at St Thomas' after church (in a corner of the hall during coffee hour) on the second Sunday of each month. The next session in January 14th. Each session last about 40 minutes and is self-contained. Our topic for 2023-2024 is: "An Introduction to the Gospel of Mark". All materials will be provided. All are welcome!

The next St Thomas' 'Singalong' is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 24th at 7 pm in the church. However, this date may need to be adjusted. A special e-News announcement will be sent out later to confirm the date.

A very brief special vestry meeting will take place just before the next Advisory Board meeting on February 4th. The special vestry is simply to vote on a change to the diocesan canon concerning the income level necessary to require a full financial audit for a parish. The Advisory Board meeting following the special Vestry will be an opportunity to review the proposed churchwardens' budget for 2024 before it is voted on at Vestry the following month.

The annual Vestry of the Parish of Cavan & Manvers will take place on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024, at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Please submit vestry reports as soon as possible (in Word format) by email to the Priest-in-Charge at nate@nexicom.net. These reports will be gathered into one electronic document and then photocopied by the parish secretary for distribution at the annual meeting of Vestry.

The Social Justice Vestry Motion for 2024 addresses several key obstacles to the human right to accessing housing in our province. To read the motion, please go to: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/social-justice-vestry-motion/?lang=en>

Diocesan Parish Leaders' workshops will be offered via Zoom on March 18th and 20th in the evening, and March 23rd in the morning. All clergy, churchwardens, deputy churchwardens, and parish lay staff are strongly encouraged to attend. Participants will be given a 'tool kit' with a wealth of information. Register online at: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-administration/parish-leaders-workshops/?lang=en>

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) usually 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/>*