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***“Welcome back” to St Thomas' Millbrook
on Sunday, September 8th***

Worship every Sunday at St Thomas' at 10.30 am

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| <i>September 1st</i> | <i>Morning Prayer (last Sunday at the Marsh)</i> |
| <i>September 8th</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist (lunch & brief Advisory Board)</i> |
| <i>September 15th</i> | <i>Morning Prayer</i> |
| <i>September 22nd</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist</i> |
| <i>September 29th</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist (celebrant: Canon Susan Sheen)</i> |
| <i>October 6th</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist (celebrant: Canon Susan Sheen)</i> |
| <i>October 13th</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist (Thanksgiving Sunday)</i> |
| <i>October 20th</i> | <i>Morning Prayer</i> |
| <i>October 20th -- 2.30 pm</i> | <i>'Harvest Home' Eucharist at St Mary's, Lifford</i> |
| <i>October 27th</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist (All Saints' Sunday)</i> |
| <i>November 3rd</i> | <i>Remembrance Sunday (lunch & Advisory Bd)</i> |
| <i>November 10th</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist (Commemoration of All Souls)</i> |
| <i>November 17th</i> | <i>Morning Prayer</i> |
| <i>November 24th</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist (Christ the King)</i> |
| <i>December 1st</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist (Advent Sunday)</i> |
| <i>December 1st -- 4.30 pm</i> | <i>Advent Evensong (with St Paul's, Perrytown)</i> |
| <i>December 8th</i> | <i>Morning Prayer</i> |
| <i>December 15th</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist</i> |
| <i>December 15th -- 2.30 pm</i> | <i>Lessons & Carols at St Mary's, Lifford</i> |
| <i>December 22nd</i> | <i>Lessons & Carols at St Thomas'</i> |
| <i>Tuesday, Dec. 24th -- 7 pm</i> | <i>Christmas Eve Sung Eucharist at St Thomas'</i> |
| <i>Wednesday, Dec. 25th -- 10 am</i> | <i>Said Eucharist (BCP) at St Paul's, Perrytown</i> |
| <i>December 29th</i> | <i>Sung Eucharist (Christmas 1)</i> |

Many thanks to those who helped organize and oversee the very successful "Doors Open" at Trinity the Marsh. We had around 30 visitors and the weather cooperated! Special thanks to Sherry-Lynne McMahon.

An outdoor Corn Roast and Barbecue will take place on Saturday, August 31st, from 5 pm to 7.30 pm in the churchyard of St Paul's, Perrytown, located 14 km south of Millbrook on County Road 10 (just south of Garden Hill). Please bring a lawn chair. This is another opportunity for us to get to know our new friends and neighbours at St Paul's. A free-will offering will be taken up. All cash donations will go to the Bewdley Foodshare.

New Roof on Parish Hall now complete!



The second phase of St Thomas' roof replacement project has now been completed by Stokes Roofing. We are very happy with the work! Many thanks to those who have financially supported these projects. And a big thank you to John French for overseeing the projects. Donations (to help restore the funds we have 'borrowed' from our invested capital to pay for the roofing work) are still possible. Please make cheques out to St Thomas' Anglican Church and write "Roof Fund" on the memo line of the cheque.

Christian Education opportunities (both in-person and on-line) offered by the Durham-Northumberland Deanery Christian Education Team & the Diocese:

- ***“Second Saturday Conversation”*** -- a monthly online presentation on the second Saturday of each month hosted by the Marcus J. Borg Foundation “which explores Christianity in and for the 21st Century.” More information and registration at:
<https://marcusjborg.org/category/second-saturdays/>.
- ***Reflections on the Second Saturday conversation:*** Canon Susan Sheen will facilitate a discussion (via Zoom) on the *Wednesday evening* following the *Second Saturday* seminar for those who attended. For more information, please email: susan.sheen@sympatico.ca.
- ***“Helping Your Family Plan Your Funeral”*** -- an in-person workshop to help participants create a file for their family/friends with information about their own funeral wishes. Date: Monday, September 9th. Time: 10 am to noon. Place: St John’s Anglican Church, Bowmanville. For more information and to register, please email the Rev. Lucia Lloyd at:
lucia@stjohnsbowmanville.com.
- ***A Book Group (via Zoom) on Fr Richard Rohr’s book, “The Universal Christ.”*** This online group will start on Tuesday, September 10th from 7 to 8.30 pm and will continue every Tuesday evening until October 15th. For information on ordering the book and to register, please email Val Whalley at: valjwhalley@gmail.com
- ***“The Anglican Way” (in-person)*** a series of four workshops on Saturday mornings from 9.30 am to noon: October 26th (at St Mark’s, Port Hope), November 2nd (at St Peter’s, Cobourg), November 9th (at St Peter’s, Cobourg), and November 16th (at St Mark’s, Port Hope).
Some of the topics to be covered in the workshops: The worldwide Anglican Communion, the meaning of the Eucharist, Christian Initiation (Baptism/Confirmation), and the use/history/spirituality of our Prayer Books (BAS/BCP). ***To register, call St Peter’s parish office: 905-372-3442.***

- ***Deanery Advent Conference (in-person)*** -- this event will take place on Saturday, November 30th, from 9.30 am to 3 pm, at St Peter's, Cobourg: a day set aside for learning, praying, and thinking about our faith in Jesus. Lunch will be provided. Guest-speaker: Bishop Kevin Robertson. *To register, call St Peter's parish office: 905-372-3442.*
- ***The diocesan 'Season of Spiritual Renewal'*** -- a number of workshops are offered by the diocese to help all of us to deepen our spiritual lives as people trying to follow the Way of Jesus. *For more information please go to: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>*

St Thomas' now has a Facebook group: St Thomas Anglican Church Millbrook.

We also have an Instagram Page: St Thomas Anglican Millbrook.

Please join! Please share with a friend! And please reach out with content ideas and/or photos, etc., by contacting Carol Chantler (our Social Media Coordinator) at: carolchantler1423@gmail.com.

"Journeys"--our parish outreach, social justice, and congregational development working-group--meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the parish hall at 7 pm. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 11th. All are welcome!

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

St Thomas' "Community Sing-along" normally occurs on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 pm in the church (followed by refreshments & conversation in the parish hall). More information on the next Sing-along will be sent out closer to the date.

Monthly Men's Breakfast at St John's, Ida. The men of St Thomas' parish have a standing invitation to attend the Men's Breakfasts at St John's, Ida. The breakfasts normally take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

TOPS - "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" meets every Thursday evening in the parish hall. For more information, please call the Coordinator, Mrs Lou Bomhof, at 705-944-5422 or go to: <https://www.tops.org/tops/tops/canada/home.aspx>

The Parish Office

is normally open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am - 11.30 am.

Telephone: 705-932-2233. Email: cavmanparish@nexicom.net

For pastoral emergencies or any time-sensitive matter, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home (705-932-1231) or call/text his mobile phone number (705-313-9002).

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/>*

Many thanks to all who support the ministry of St Thomas' Church!