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**Worship every Sunday at St Thomas' at 10.30 am**

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| <b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>                      | <b>Morning Prayer</b>                                      |
| <b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>                      | <b>Holy Eucharist</b>                                      |
| <b>November 3<sup>rd</sup> -- All Saints' Day</b>   | <b>Holy Eucharist (followed by lunch)</b>                  |
| <b>November 10<sup>th</sup> -- Remembrance</b>      | <b>Sung Eucharist (Bp. Shaw's parish visitation)</b>       |
| <b>November 17<sup>th</sup> -- All Souls' Day</b>   | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>                                      |
| <b>November 24<sup>th</sup> -- Christ the King</b>  | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>                                      |
| <b>December 1<sup>st</sup> -- Advent Sunday</b>     | <b>Sung Eucharist (followed by lunch)</b>                  |
| <b>December 8<sup>th</sup> -- Advent II</b>         | <b>Morning Prayer</b>                                      |
| <b>December 15<sup>th</sup> -- Advent III</b>       | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>                                      |
| <b>December 15<sup>th</sup> -- Advent III</b>       | <b>Lessons &amp; Carols at St Mary's, Lifford, 2.30 pm</b> |
| <b>December 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Advent IV</b>        | <b>Lessons &amp; Carols at St Thomas'</b>                  |
| <b>December 24<sup>th</sup> -- Christmas Eve</b>    | <b>Christmas Eucharist at 7 pm</b>                         |
| <b>December 25<sup>th</sup> -- Christmas Day</b>    | <b>Said Eucharist at St Paul's, Perrytown, 10 am</b>       |
| <b>December 29<sup>th</sup> -- Christmas I</b>      | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>                                      |
| <b>January 5<sup>th</sup> -- The Epiphany</b>       | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>                                      |
| <b>January 12<sup>th</sup> -- Baptism of Christ</b> | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>                                      |
| <b>January 19<sup>th</sup></b>                      | <b>Morning Prayer</b>                                      |
| <b>January 26<sup>th</sup></b>                      | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>                                      |
| <b>February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>                      | <b>Morning Prayer (followed by lunch and AB)</b>           |
| <b>February 9<sup>th</sup></b>                      | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>                                      |
| <b>February 16<sup>th</sup></b>                     | <b>Liturgy of the Word (RR away)</b>                       |
| <b>February 23<sup>rd</sup></b>                     | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>                                      |
| <b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>                         | <b>Morning Prayer (Vestry Sunday)</b>                      |

**The Harvest Home service at St Mary's, Lifford, scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm has been cancelled due to on-going repairs to the interior of the chapel.**

**The Bible study on Mark's gospel will resume on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and will continue every third Sunday after church. Get your coffee/tea in the hall, have a brief visit, and then come back up to the church for the short study. Sessions are self-contained and all materials are provided. All welcome!**

**A planning meeting for the Christmas Bazaar will take place on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm in the parish hall. The Bazaar itself will take place on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the morning. More information to come!**

***Many thanks to the French family for the beautiful decorations they provided in the church for Thanksgiving this year! Thanks also to those who have donated flowers for the chancel during the past year! If you wish to give flowers or donate funds for flowers for the church, please speak to Susan French.***



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

- ***“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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:susan.sheen@sympatico.ca).
- ***“The Anglican Way” (in-person)*** a series of four workshops on Saturday mornings from 9.30 am to noon: October 26<sup>th</sup> (at St Mark’s, Port Hope), November 2<sup>nd</sup> (at St Peter’s, Cobourg), November 9<sup>th</sup> (at St Peter’s, Cobourg), and November 16<sup>th</sup> (at St Mark’s, Port Hope). Rob Ross will be assisting in the leadership of the November 2<sup>nd</sup> session in Cobourg. *To register, call St Peter’s parish office: 905-372-3442. We may be able to arrive car-pooling for anyone who is interested. Speak to Rob Ross if you wish to go.*
- ***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:*** In addition to our parish and deanery renewal activities (e.g., our Bible Study), the diocese is offering a number of different workshops online. Please go to:  
<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

***From the Journeys Outreach group: We are collecting new or gently-used coats for men and/or women. Please bring them on Sundays until the end of October. Please leave them on the roped-off pews at the rear of the church on the right side. They will be collected and taken to the United Way/PATH deposit centre for repair and then distributed to various charities for those in need. Hats, scarves, mitts, and gloves will also be appreciated.***

***The Right Rev. Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto, will be making an Episcopal visit to St Thomas' on Sunday, November 10th. She will preside and preach on that day. That day, we are also honoured to welcome members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 402, for a solemn act of remembrance. Please make a special effort to be in church on that day. The Millbrook Cenotaph ceremonies will take place the next day on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10.45 am, "lest we forget."***

***The season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. In order to celebrate this season more meaningfully, each of us has been invited to join parishioners from St Paul's, Perrytown, in reading a short book "Advent & Christmas: Wisdom from Henri J. M. Nouwen." Each day of the season has a short meditation by Nouwen, a short scripture passage, a prayer, and a suggested action. Books need to be ordered fairly soon, so please let Rob Ross know if you are interested.***

***We are hoping to have a special Advent-Christmas seasonal celebration for the whole community on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at St Thomas' at 4 pm (followed by a reception in the parish hall). More information to come!***

***"Journeys" -- our parish outreach, social justice, and congregational growth 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, November 13th. 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" occurs on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 pm in the church (followed by refreshments & conversation in the parish hall). The next sing-along is scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent out closer to the date.***

***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](mailto:carolchantler1423@gmail.com).***

***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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.***

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***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](mailto: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  
in any way!*