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***“O come, divine Messiah”***

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

<b>December 1<sup>st</sup> -- Advent Sunday</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>December 1<sup>st</sup> -- Advent Sunday</b>	<b>Vespers at 4 pm (with St Paul's Perrytown choir)</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', 10.30 am</b>
<b>December 24<sup>th</sup> -- Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist of the Nativity, 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 the Lord</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>January 19<sup>th</sup> -- Proper 2</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>January 26<sup>th</sup> -- Outreach Sunday</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Word (with special guests)</b>
<b>February 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Presentation of Jesus</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist (Pre-Vestry Budget meeting)</b>
<b>February 9<sup>th</sup> -- Proper 5</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>February 16<sup>th</sup> -- Proper 6</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Word (Lay worship leaders)</b>
<b>February 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Proper 7</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Transfiguration Sunday</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (Annual Meeting of Vestry)</b>
<b>March 5<sup>th</sup> -- Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Eucharist at 12 noon</b>
<b>March 9<sup>th</sup> -- Lent I</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>March 16<sup>th</sup> -- Lent II</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist (Canon Susan Sheen, celebrant)</b>
<b>March 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Lent III</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>March 30<sup>th</sup> -- Lent IV</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>April 6<sup>th</sup> -- Lent V</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>

**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).**

**Many thanks to all who donated clothing to PATH (Peterborough Action for Tiny Homes) to be given those in desperate need. Special thanks to Lianne & Emery Landry and Gayle & Pat Simpson for delivering the piles of coats, etc, to PATH!**

**Some interest has been expressed in starting an intercessory prayer group.** Members of the group would commit to praying for a few minutes every day for the people on the prayer list. Prayer requests would be sent to the moderator (the Priest-in-Charge) who would update the list as necessary and send it by email to those in the prayer group. Only the first names of those being prayed for would be used. Privacy considerations would also limit the amount and kind of personal information on the list. If you are interested, please speak to Rob Ross.

**“Advent for Everyone” -- a series of one hour Tuesday night teaching sessions on Zoom from our Bishops during the season of Advent. For more information please go to: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/events/advent-for-everyone/#:~:text=These%20gatherings%20will%20give%20Anglicans,a%20short%20service%20of%20Compline>.**

**Calling all singers!** The next “Community Sing-along” will take place at St Thomas’ Church on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm to 8 pm. Focus: Selections from “Christmas albums” of various vocal artists. Come for the fun of it! No singing talent required! De-caff coffee and herbal tea (and cookies) in the parish hall following the sing-along.

**Advent Vespers for World Peace--Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 4 pm.** Join us at St Thomas’ (along with our neighbours from St Paul’s, Perrytown, whose choir will sing short selections from their ‘Christmas Cantata’ as the anthem) for this brief and beautiful service of prayer and music. Coffee/tea/short-bread following in the parish hall. Note: this service does not replace the morning service at St Thomas! Come and bring a friend or neighbour!

**Saint Thomas’ Christmas Bazaar--Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to noon in the parish hall.** Baking, crafts, gift baskets, and more! Coffee or tea and a muffin: \$4. All proceeds raised will be split 50/50 between outreach projects and “bricks and mortar” expenses of our church.

**Saint Thomas’ / Journeys Community Turkey Dinner--Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm.** No admission charge: free-will offering. Note: Eat-in guests only (absolutely no take-out allowed). If you wish to donate food or can help in any way, please contact Lynda Peacock at: [lynda61peacock@gmail.com](mailto:lynda61peacock@gmail.com).

***The next monthly study on Mark's gospel will take place on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> after church. Get your coffee/tea in the hall, have a brief visit, then come back up to the church for 40 minutes or so of study. Sessions are self-contained and all materials are provided. All welcome!***

***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, January 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.***

***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!***