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"A light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2.32)

Worship every Sunday at St Thomas' at 10.30 am

January 5th -- Epiphany	Sung Eucharist (followed by lunch)
January 12th -- Baptism of the Lord	Sung Eucharist
January 19th -- Proper 2	Morning Prayer
January 26th -- Proper 3	Morning Prayer -- "Outreach" Sunday
February 2 -- Presentation of Jesus	Sung Eucharist (followed by lunch and Adv. Bd.)
February 9th -- Proper 5	Sung Eucharist
February 16th -- Proper 6	Liturgy of the Word (Lay Worship Leaders)
February 23rd -- Proper 7	Sung Eucharist
March 2nd -- Proper 8	Morning Prayer (followed by lunch & Vestry)
Wednesday, March 5th -- 12 noon	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
March 9th -- Lent I	Sung Eucharist (with imposition of ashes)
March 16th -- Lent II	Sung Eucharist (Canon Susan Sheen, celebrant)
March 23rd -- Lent III	Morning Prayer
March 30th -- Lent IV	Sung Eucharist
April 6th -- Lent V	Morning Prayer (followed by lunch)
April 13th -- Palm (Passion) Sunday	Sung Eucharist
April 17th -- Maundy Thursday	Liturgy at 7 pm (place: TBD)
April 18th -- Good Friday	Liturgy at 10.30 am
April 20th -- Easter Day	Sung Eucharist
April 27th -- Easter Octave	Sung Eucharist
May 4th -- Easter III	Morning Prayer (followed by lunch and Adv. Bd)
May 11th -- Easter IV (Mother's Day)	Sung Eucharist
May 18th -- Easter V	Morning Prayer
May 25th -- Easter VI	Sung Eucharist

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 send along content ideas and/or photos, etc., to Carol Chantler (our Social Media Coordinator) at:

carolchantler1423@gmail.com.

Many thanks to those who organized and helped out with the Bazaar and with the Community Turkey dinner in December. Over \$2000 was raised at the Bazaar (to be split 50/50 between outreach projects and “bricks and mortar” church expenses) and over \$2000 donated as free-will offerings by guests of the Turkey Dinner (all of which has been used to support local non-profit community organizations). Special thanks to Debbie Worr (Bazaar convenor) and Lynda Peacock (Community Dinner convenor) plus a host of others (including Cathy McIntyre and the Girl Guides) who contributed time, talent, food, etc.

Prayer resources available for the “Season of Spiritual Renewal” of the Diocese of Toronto -- Please go to this link for more information:

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/>

The annual meeting (i.e., Vestry) of St Thomas’ Church and the Parish of Cavan-Manvers will be held on Sunday, March 2nd following church. Reports should be submitted by the end of January if possible. Please send your report by email to the Priest-in-Charge (nate@nexicom.net) in Word document format (no PDFs please).

The Diocesan Social Justice Vestry motion for 2025 is now available.

Please read it in advance of our parish Vestry meeting in March:

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/social-justice-vestry-motion/?lang=en>

January 26th is Outreach Sunday! At our Sunday service on that day, we will welcome members of “**Friendship Force**”--a group of young adults (and their caregivers, parents, & friends) who live with the reality of autism. Members of the group will assist us with some parts of our Sunday worship and then join us at the coffee hour for a time of friendship. Both the ACW and Journeys have financially supported “Friendship Force.” We look forward to meeting with members of the group and their friends and hearing more about their activities.

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. Despite the initial expression of interest, to date only two people have offered to be part this group. If you are interested in joining, please speak to the Priest-in-Charge as soon as possible.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Lent is late this year, so we have lots of time to start thinking about organizing and promoting another community **Pancake Supper fundraiser** on **Shrove Tuesday, March 4th**. Last year's supper was a great success--and nothing succeeds like success! If you are interested in helping in any way, please speak to John French. Many hands make light work!

Calling all singers! The next "**Community Sing-along**" will take place at Saint Thomas' Church on **Wednesday, January 22nd**, 7 pm to 8 pm (weather permitting). Focus: TBA. 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.

The next monthly study on Mark's gospel will take place on Sunday, January 19th after church. Get your coffee/tea in the hall, have a brief visit, then come back up to the church for 30 minutes or so of study. Sessions are self-contained and all materials are provided. All welcome! We will complete our study of Mark at this session and talk about other possible studies for 2025 (Biblical or non-Biblical).

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 8th**. 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 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.

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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 to arrange this. It is quick and easy to do! However, there is now a dedicated email address for e-transfers which you will need to know in advance.***
- ***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!***