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Worship every Sunday at St Thomas' at 10.30 am

February 2nd -- Presentation of Christ	Eucharist (followed by lunch)
February 9th -- Epiphany 5	Eucharist (followed by very brief Adv. Bd.)
February 16th -- Epiphany 6	Morning Prayer (Lay Reader with worship team)
February 23rd -- Epiphany 7	Eucharist
March 2nd -- Epiphany 8	Morning Prayer (followed by Vestry meeting)
March 5th -- Ash Wednesday	Eucharist at 12 noon
March 9th -- Lent 1	Eucharist
March 16th -- Lent 2	Eucharist (Canon Susan Sheen, celebrant)
March 23rd -- Lent 3	Morning Prayer
March 30th -- Lent 4	Eucharist
April 6th -- Lent 5	Morning Prayer (followed by luncheon)
April 13th -- Palm (Passion) Sunday	Eucharist
April 17th -- Maundy Thursday	Eucharist (time TBA)
April 18th -- Good Friday	Liturgy at 10.30 am
April 20th -- Easter Sunday	Eucharist
April 27th -- Easter Octave	Eucharist
May 4th -- Easter 3	Morning Prayer (followed by lunch)
May 11th -- Easter 4 (Mother's Day)	Eucharist
May 18th -- Easter 5	Morning Prayer
May 25th -- Easter 6	Eucharist
June 1st -- Ascension Sunday	Eucharist (followed by lunch)
June 8th -- The Day of Pentecost	Eucharist
June 15th -- Trinity Sunday	Eucharist
June 22nd -- Pentecost 2	Morning Prayer
June 29th -- Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles	Eucharist (summer services begin at the Marsh)

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.

Our long-time church secretary, Gail Neiman, has announced her retirement (the end of April). Information about a retirement party will be forthcoming!

It was a real pleasure on Sunday, January 26th to welcome members of “Friendship Force” -- a group of local young adults (all on the autistic spectrum) and their parents and other friends. Their contribution to our worship was absolutely wonderful! Many thanks to Ruth Roberts for her musical work with these young people and to Craig Graham for introducing us to the group and its leaders. Journeys Outreach, the ACW, and various individual parishioners have offered financial support to this very worthwhile local organization. If you wish to help in any way, please speak to Craig Graham.

On Sunday, February 2nd we will welcome the Rev. Christian Harvey, Executive Director of One City Peterborough, as our preacher. Christian, who is also a vocational Deacon, is an old friend of our parish and will give us some first-hand perspectives on the complex social realities facing downtown Peterborough (e.g., homelessness, poverty, mental illness, and street drugs). Christian will also be available at coffee hour for informal conversation.

The annual meeting (Vestry) of St Thomas’ Church and the Parish of Cavan & Manvers will be held on Sunday, March 2nd following church. Please send your report as soon as possible 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>

The penultimate draft of the proposed 2025 budget for St Thomas’ Church will be distributed at a very brief Advisory Board immediately following church on Sunday, February 9th. Once you have read the proposed budget, please send any questions to the Priest-in-Charge or to Anne Austin. The final draft of the budget will be discussed and (hopefully!) approved by members of Vestry on March 2nd.

Intercessory prayer group (online) -- Any parishioner who would like to join a group committed to praying for a few minutes every day for people who have requested our prayers, please speak to the Priest-in-Charge. This is the “final time of asking” before this on-line group is formed.

Lenten and other resources are 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/>

Calling all singers! The next **“Community Sing-along”** will take place at Saint Thomas’ Church on **Wednesday, February 26th**, 7 pm to 8 pm (weather permitting). Focus: TBA. Come for the fun of it! No singing talent required! Decaff coffee, herbal tea, cookies, and conversation in the parish hall following the sing-along.

The next monthly Bible study will take place on Sunday, February 23rd after church (note change of meeting day from 3rd to 4th Sunday of the month). Get your coffee/tea in the hall, have a visit, then come back up to the church for 30-45 minutes study. Sessions are self-contained and all materials are provided. This year we will be studying the Gospel according to Luke.

Journeys Outreach, our parish outreach, social justice, and congregational growth working-group, regularly meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the parish hall at 7 pm. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 12th**. All are welcome!

St Thomas’ ACW (Anglican Church Women) meet 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.

No pancakes this year (at least on Shrove Tuesday)! Owing to the unavailability of some key organizers, we will **not** be having a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th (unless some other brave soul wishes to organize this event).

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!