ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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<u>MAY 21, 2023</u>

Welcome to all, especially anyone visiting today! Please make yourself known to the greeters.

Ascension Sunday

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Paul's, Halifax St. George's, Halifax

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Fredericton – Archbishop David Edwards Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces Nigel Shaw and all military chaplains

Council of the North

Diocese of Moosonee ~ Archbishop Anne Germond

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. Elizabeth's, Springfield

<u>Prayer Partner</u> - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside



May 28 - Day of Pentecost (red)

Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23 Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Darlene L, Jean R; Martyn C, Barb C; Beryl C, Judy L Prayers of the People: Jim E, Amy M, Doris M Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' MP 11 am – St. Stephen's MP 11 am – St. Mark' MP 7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

Parish Website has been refreshed and will be updated with weekly bulletins and other news and activities when needed.Facebook page continues to be maintained with news of interest.Check out the Website and Facebook pages, and let us know if you would like to add anything.

Beginning in June, Bonnie LaFrance will be in the rectory office on Wednesday evenings. Bulletins will be available for pick-up on Thursday. Rev. Shirley will still be in the office from Monday to Wednesday, 9-11 am.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, June 19, 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas'. **NOTE** change of date & location (was originally set for St. Elizabeth's on the 20th).

FUNDSCRIP deadline to order is May 28; call Doris Moase. Forms are available at the back of the church.

Yard, Plant, & Bake Sale will be held at St. Mark's Church on Saturday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. til noon. Donations would be gratefully accepted (toys, accessories, knick knacks, books, puzzles, household items, giftware items, garden décor, craft supplies, plants, or other treasures. All items should be clean and in good condition. To schedule a donation pick up, please call Marlene (836-4303) or Alan (439-1627).

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<u>COLLECT</u> (p 343)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 343)

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 343)

SYNOD takes place May 26-28 in Halifax. Rev. Shirley will be attending, along with the Synod delegates, but she will be available for emergencies and can return if necessary.

Revive: Engaging with God through Prayer...

will be offered through Zoom on Tuesday evenings, 7 pm-8:30 pm for six weeks -- May 23rd - June 27th. **Revive** is a program designed to help individuals and congregations grow in spiritual vitality. Facilitators are Janet Veith Forbes, Revd Shirley Cole, Revd Cathy Pharo. Topics include:

- 1. What is Prayer
- 2. The Challenges of Praying with Regularity
- 3. What are the Key Elements of Prayer
- 4. Does God Answer Prayer
- 5. Who is this God We Pray to
- 6. Praying through the Hurt

Interspersed through each topic will be some ways to pray, and together, we will share in various spiritual practices; and as we do, we will gain confidence in prayer, understanding scripture, and developing our sense of call.

The program originated from Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora, Diocese of Toronto, and was created by the Rev. Canon Dawn Davis. Please contact the office if you would like more information or to join the program (so we can ensure you receive the Zoom link).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Theme: "Hero Hotline – Called Together To Serve God"
When: July 3 – 7, 2023
Where: Kensington Murray Christian Centre 17 School Street, Kensington
Who: For children ages 4 to 12
Time: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. daily
Fee: \$25.00 per child (3rd child registers free)
Come and Enjoy Music, Stories, Crafts, Snacks, and Games!
Registration forms are available at the Parish office and churches.
Also, the registration link is on the New London Parish Website.
Registration deadline: June 18. Act now! Only 80 spots available.

A READING FROM ACTS 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."



A READING FROM EPHESIANS 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 24:44-53

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

DAILY MANNA – VERSE FOR THE DAY

Day 11 – Isaiah 60:1

~ "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

Day 12 – 2 Corinthians 12:9

~ "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Day 13 – Haggai 2:19b

 \sim "From this day on I will bless you."

Day 14 – Psalm 118:24

~ "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Day 15 – Jeremiah 16:19a

~ "O Lord, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble."

Day 16 – Lamentations 3:25

~ "The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him."

Day 17 – Philippians 4:13

 \sim "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

Day 18 - Isaiah 40:28b

"The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding."

Day 19 – Habakkuk 3:19

~ "The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights."

Day 20 – Ezekiel 36:11b

~ "I will make you even more prosperous than you were before. Then you will know that I am the Lord."



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MAY 31ST

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