

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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## JUNE 25, 2023

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Today's Readings:** Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;  
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

All Saints, Bedford, Nova Scotia

~ The Reverend Kent Gregory, Postulant

### Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon

~ Archbishop Lynne McNaughton and the Provincial Council

### Council of the North

Diocese of Yukon

~ Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame

**DCS Cycle of Prayer** – St. John's, St. Eleanors

**Prayer Partner** - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

### July 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)

**Readings:** Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;

Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

**Readers:** Jim E, Sandra H; Kim G, Tim O; Doris M, Norma T

**Prayers of the People:** Jim E, Amy M, Bronwyn C

**Worship Times:** 9 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

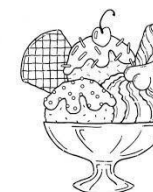
11 am – St. Stephen's HC

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*Congratulations to Belle MacEachern and Lisa Cameron  
who were married at St. Thomas' on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**St. Thomas' Ice Cream Social** will be held  
on Friday, June 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Volunteers would be greatly appreciated!



### Parish Council Meeting Highlights (from June 19th Meeting)

#### **- Food Handling Safety - SafeR Church**

Here is a reminder following consultation with Environmental Health: When serving food to the public in exchange for money (fundraisers such as meals, funeral receptions, or bake tables) all **high risk food** must be prepared and stored in a provincially licensed kitchen. Those foods considered high risk are sandwiches, soups, custards, cream pies, cheesecakes, raw eggs, meat, fish, salad, etc. **Low risk foods** can be made at home and brought into church. These include baked products such as cookies, squares, cakes, loafs, breads, and biscuits. If you have any questions, please contact Amy McCarville or Rev. Shirley.

#### **- Food Handler Course**

We may be looking into hosting a food handler course in the fall.

#### **- Rectory Maintenance**

A professional cleaning of the siding at the rectory will take place in the next few months.

### **- Rectory Future**

A committee has been formed to look at the future of the rectory. Initially, information will be gathered regarding Diocesan implications. Suggestions for discussion include looking at energy efficiency initiatives through reviewing considerations if down the road we were to rent or sell the building. The expense of the rectory is continuing to increase each year, so prudent to consider options, with initial findings to Parish Council in the fall.

### **- Communion**

The three churches who are administering wine during communion are consecrating wine in a common vessel, then using individual cups and it appears to be going well.

### **- Harvest Festival**

The Anglican Parish of New London will be leading worship at the Harvest Festival Ecumenical Service in August. Planning is underway.

### **- Parish Website and Parish Facebook**

The Parish Website and Facebook page are both up and running. Check them out. Search name Anglican Parish of New London. If you have anything you would like to contribute to the Website, please forward to Bonnie. And send items you would like to see on Facebook to Amy.

### **- Parish Seasonal Letters**

Going forward the three seasonal letters will include an envelope for those who donate by that method, but we will not be canvassing money directly.

### **- Parish Worship**

We will be gathering as a parish on July 30th at St. Elizabeth's at 11 am.

### **COLLECT** (p 363)

O God our defender,  
storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.  
Rescue your people from despair,  
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,  
and preserve us all from unbelief;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and ever.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** (p 364)

Eternal God,  
you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ  
the head of all creation.  
Receive all we offer you this day  
and renew us in his risen life,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (p 364)

Almighty God,  
guide and protect your people  
who share in this sacred mystery,  
and keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **A READING FROM GENESIS 21:8-21**

The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.”

The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.”

Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, “I cannot watch the boy die.” And as she sat there, she began to sob.

God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.”

Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

### **A READING FROM ROMANS 6:1b-11**

Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by

sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 10:24-39**

“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn ““a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.