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Welcome to all, especially those visiting today!

Please make yourself known to the greeters.

Rev. Shirley is on vacation for a few days. Thank you to those who are leading worship services today.

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:11-18;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

French Village, Nova Scotia

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Central Newfoundland

~ Bishop John Watton

Council of the North

Diocese of Saskatchewan

~ Bishop Michael Hawkins; Indigenous Bishop Adam Halkett

DCS Cycle of Prayer – Christ Church, Kildare

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside



July 16 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;

Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Jean R, Hilda J; Savannah C, Marie M

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Amy M, Doris M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Stephen's HC

Saturday, July 29 St. Stephen's Church is holding a

~~"Pancake Breakfast"~~. Please stay tuned for more information!

* Pancake breakfast will not be held at this time.

Prinetown United Church is holding a **"Fish Fry"** on the church grounds in Malpeque (rain or shine) on Saturday, July 15, 4-6 pm. Come and enjoy delicious fish & fries & beverage for \$20!

Malpeque Museum is holding a **"Ladies Victorian High Tea"**

on Monday, July 24, 3:30–5:00 pm, at Malpeque Community Hall.

Tickets (\$35.00) are available from Janet Cotton-902-886-2528

or Dorothy Peters-902-836-3017. Proceeds for museum upkeep.

COLLECT (p 366)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children, we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 367)

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 367)

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A READING FROM GENESIS 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. And my master made me swear an oath, and said, 'You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.'"

"When I came to the spring today, I said, 'LORD, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jar,' and if she says to me, 'Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too,' let her be the one the LORD has chosen for my master's son.'"

"Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'"

"She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also. "I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' "She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.'"

"Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, and I bowed down and worshiped the LORD. I praised the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn." So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said. So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies." Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant,

"Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

A READING FROM ROMANS 7:15-25a

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

"To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: "'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'"

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."