

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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## **August 13, 2023**

*Welcome to everyone gathered here today.*

*Special welcome to those visiting with us!*

*Please make yourself known to the greeters.*

### **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Today's Readings:**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45c

Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

#### **In Nova Scotia:**

~ Cornwallis

~ Digby

~ Brooklyn

### **Provincial Prayer Care**

Diocese of Quebec – Bishop Bruce Myers

### **Council of the North**

Fall Meeting of Council

~ National Indigenous Archbishop Christopher A. Harper

**DCS Cycle of Prayer** – St. Peter's, Foxley River

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

## **August 27 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

**Readings:** Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Psalm 124;

Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

**Readers:** Jim E, Sandra H; Kim G, Tim O;

Doris M, Norma T; Joyce L, Blaine C

**Prayers of the People:** Sandra H, Amy M, Bronwyn C

**Worship Times:** 9 am – St. Stephen's HC

11 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' HC

7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

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Please join us for Ecumenical Harvest Festival Service at 9:30 a.m. on **Sunday, August 20**, at Credit Union Centre, 25 Garden Drive (Kensington Rink). Donations for the Food Bank will be gratefully accepted. Offering envelopes will be collected. We are hoping for a good turn out for Parish Choir. Please join whether you've been able to attend practice. Hymns are familiar and we need your voices! Reminder: not wearing choir robes; rather black and white.

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**MANY THANKS to EVERYONE** who helped out at St. Mark's Yard Sale! Thanks to all who donated items, worked at the sale, and bought items and made donations.

### **SEPTEMBER MEETINGS**

~ **Parish Council** – Monday, September 11 – 7 pm at St. Elizabeth's

~ **St. Thomas' Church Council** – Sunday, September 17 – 7 pm

~ **St. Mark's Church Council** – Monday, September 18 – 7 pm

~ **St. Stephen's Church Council** – Thursday, September 21 – 7 pm

~ **St. Elizabeth's Church Council** – Sunday, September 24 – 8 pm

For everyone elected or acclaimed into roles, please note:

We appreciate your attendance at Parish Council, and/or Church Council meetings, both because we do need a set number to have Quorum, and as importantly, your input and ideas are critical (regardless of whether you would technically have a vote on a particular issue).

## **SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER**

(continuing summer schedule: will discuss at Parish Council meeting in September before adjusting for Fall)

### **September 3**

9 am – St. Thomas' MP  
11 am – St. Mark's MP  
11 am – St. Stephen's HC

### **September 10**

9 am – St. Thomas' HC  
11 am – St. Mark's HC  
11 am – St. Stephen's MP  
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC



### **September 17**

9 am – St. Thomas' MP  
11 am – St. Mark's MP  
11 am – St. Stephen's HC

### **September 24**

9 am – St. Thomas' HC  
11 am – St. Mark's HC  
11 am – St. Stephen's MP  
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

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Our Parish is scheduled to lead worship at **Clinton View Lodge** on Wednesday, September 6 at 10:30 am, and Wednesday, November 1 at 10:30 am. Much of our service time is singing and fellowship. Please consider joining as you are able!

**Sunday School** will be resuming at St. Stephen's in September. Please contact Rev'd Shirley for more information.

**Confirmation Classes** will be offered in September. Please contact Rev'd Shirley for more information.

A **new reader's schedule** is being prepared for September/October. If you wish to add or delete your name as a reader, please contact the church office by August 20.

**Bible Study** will resume on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 am, online (Zoom) and/or at the Rectory office, beginning August 30. You are welcome to attend any week you are able and are most encouraged to attend every week! Please contact Rev'd Shirley for more information, and/or if not already on the group email list, to have your name and email address added to the list, to ensure you receive weekly information and Zoom invite!

**Kensington & Area Christian Council** meets on Wednesday, September 20, 7 pm at Princetown United Church in Malpeque.

**Princetown United Church** in Malpeque will hold a Fish Fry on Sunday, August 13th, 4 - 6 pm. Fish, fries, and beverage for \$20. All are welcome!

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### **COLLECT** (p 373)

Almighty God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the spirit in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** (p 373)

Father, receive all we offer you this day,  
and grant that in this eucharist  
we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (p 374)

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace  
that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

### **A READING FROM GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28**

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."

"Very well," he replied.

So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?"

"They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

"Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

### **A READING FROM ROMANS 10:5-15**

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 14:22-33**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”