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Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Special welcome to those visiting with us!

Please make yourself known to the greeters.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings:

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

In Nova Scotia:

~ Rawdon – Rev. Kent Greer, and Rev. Dawn-Lea Greer

~ Christ Church, Windsor – Rev. David Curry, and Marilyn

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

Fall Meeting of Council

~ National Indigenous Archbishop Christopher A. Harper

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. George's, Montague

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

September 3 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Jim D, Darlene L; Martyn C, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Lola MO; Savannah C

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Stephen's HC

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

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

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

~ **St. Thomas' Church Council** – Tuesday, September 19 – 7 pm

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

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

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

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



A sincere and warm thank you to the combined Parish Choir who came together for the Harvest Festival Service last week, with an added thanks to Gwendy Murphy who helped develop the service and pick the hymns, and to Hugh Jones for his leadership and masterful playing for the Service. Thanks as well to LLMs Kim Gallant and Dennis Cole who helped with the planning and then participated as Worship Leaders in the Service itself.

Fundscrip order will be sent on Monday, August 28.
If you wish to place an order, please contact Doris Moase.

Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, August 30, at 9:30 a.m. online and in person at the Rectory. If you are not already on the email list and wish to be, please contact the office.

Food Bank Sunday is September 3. All donations gratefully accepted.

Clinton View Lodge worship services for our Parish will be held 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.

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

The Isle - a - Chords are holding a 50th Reunion Celebration Song Service on September 17th at 7 pm at St. John's Presbyterian Church in New London. There will be a free will offering going to QEH and PCH. All are welcome to come out and hear former members who began in 1973, once again singing hymns together!

PWRDF is partnering with the Diocese and CLIMAtlantic to offer two virtual information sessions on climate change and how to prepare. As you are aware, the Diocese has experienced a hurricane, flash flooding, and wildfires all within this past year. Climatologists tell us we can expect more extreme weather events in the future due to our changing climate. The purpose of the information session is to help educate us on climate change as well as on adaptation and mitigation strategies. The first information session (7pm-9pm on Tues., Sept. 26) will deal with the science of weather change and trends in the region. The second session (7pm-9pm on Tues., Oct. 3) will address how to better prepare and protect our church properties against damage from future events. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the experts from CLIMAtlantic who will be leading the session. Please contact the office and/or let Rev. Shirley know directly if you wish more information, would like to participate with her online at the rectory, or wish to register (no cost) to attend online.

COLLECT (p 376)

Almighty God, we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 376)

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 376)

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A READING FROM EXODUS 1:8 – 2:10

Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.” So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.”

The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?” The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.” So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.” Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said. Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?”

“Yes, go,” she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.” So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.”

A READING FROM ROMANS 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.