

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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## **October 15, 2023** **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Welcome to everyone gathered here today.  
Please make yourself known to the greeters.*

**Today's Readings:** Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;  
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

**Tonight at 7 pm:** St. Elizabeth's Harvest Thanksgiving Service  
Everyone is welcome!

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

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

~ Mahone Bay

- The Reverend Dr. Patti Brace, Rector

~ New Dublin with Petite Riviere

- The Reverend Oliver Osmond, Priest-in-Charge, and Rosalie

### **Provincial Prayer Care**

Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton

### **Council of the North**

Archdeaconry of Labrador:

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador

**DCS Cycle of Prayer** – St. Elizabeth's, Springfield

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

## **October 22 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

**Readings:** Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

**Readers:** Sandra H, Grafton C; Darlene L, Jean R;  
Savannah M, Marie M

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

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

11 am – St. Thomas' HC

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

**PARISH WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 29** -- St. Stephen's HC, 11 am

**Parish Council** - Monday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's.

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).

**Bible Study** is being held every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., in person at the Rectory and online. All are welcome to attend!

### **Mission to Seafarers Shoe Boxes**

**Items needed:** Hat, scarf, gloves or mitts, socks, wrapped hard candy (no chocolate), soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, shaving foam, razors, deodorant, lip balm, playing card, mementos of PEI or Canada. Please have your donations or completed boxes (unwrapped) to the church by November 19. Contacts: Sandra 902-836-4751, Doris 902-836-3827, Lola 902-886-2653. You can donate items for a box, or give a monetary donation. It's all greatly appreciated!

**Confirmation Classes** will begin later this month. Several youth (high school age) have expressed interest. If you know anyone in your family or church community who might be interested, please pass the word along and encourage contact with Rev. Shirley for more information.

**Hospice PEI** and the East Prince Integrated Palliative Care Program invites staff, volunteers, family, and friends to our annual **Memorial Service** to remember those on our program who died over the past year. Trinity United Church, 90 Spring Street, Summerside, Sunday, October 22, 2:00 p.m. Please let others know. A freewill offering will be collected at the door. Please join us for light refreshments served upstairs after the service. If you have any questions, please call East Prince Hospice Coordinator, Catherine Gaudet at 902-438-4231.

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### **FORWARD TOGETHER – NEXT STEPS TOGETHER**

A Gathering for All Anglicans on PEI – Saturday, October 21, 2023  
Crapaud Community Hall (lower level), 36 Rte. 13, Crapaud  
10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The day will include: Opening Prayer, Hymn Sings, Introduction to the Theme “Next Steps Together”, Small Group Discussions & Dream Board, Catered Lunch (gf option available), Evening Prayer. To register, contact: Janet Veith-Forbes: forbesjanet11@gmail.com

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### **Prince County Hospital “Thinking of You” project:**

**Items needed:** deodorant (needed all year round), toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, brushes & combs, toothpaste, body wash, craft items (adult & children), shaving cream & shavers, body wash, colouring supplies (books, pencils, crayons), pens & pencils, puzzle books, t-shirts, sweaters, pants, socks, underwear, shoes. All donations will be gratefully accepted!

**Men of the Harvest** gospel group will be performing 2 concerts:  
~ Sunday, October 22, 2:30 p.m. – O’Leary United Church  
~ Sunday, November 26, 2:00 p.m. – St. Paul’s Catholic Parish Church, Summerside (Christmas concert). All are welcome to attend!

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**“Sounds of Christmas”** with Kirk Neville, Bonnie LaFrance, & Friends ~ Sunday, December 3, 7:00 p.m. at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River.

**Memorial Hymn Sing** will be held at Princetown United Church in Malpeque on Sunday, November 19, 2:00 p.m. If you wish to honour the memory of a loved one, please call the church office by Nov. 5 (902-836-3337)

### **COLLECT** (p 385)

Almighty God,  
in our baptism you adopted us for your own.  
Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us,  
that we, being renewed both in body and mind,  
may worship you in sincerity and truth;  
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 386)

God of constant love,  
in this eucharist you renew the covenant  
made once with us in baptism.  
As you are faithful in all things  
may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (p 386)

Faithful God,  
in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you.  
May we who have shared in holy things  
always bear witness to your covenant,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

### **A READING FROM EXODUS 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.” So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

“I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

### **A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 22:1-14**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”