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November 19, 2023

25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today's Readings

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Blandford, Nova Scotia:

~ The Reverend Taunya Dawson, Priest-in-Charge and Peter

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Quebec ~ Bishop Bruce Myers

Council of the North

Diocese of Caledonia – Bishop David Lehmann

DCS Cycle of Prayer – Holy Trinity, Alma

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

November 26 – Last Sunday after Pentecost:

The Reign of Christ (white)

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;

Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Kim G, Tim O; Martyn C, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Doreen C, Savannah M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' HC

11 am – St. Mark's MP

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**Parish Council** – Monday, November 20, 7 pm at St. Mark's Church.

**Clinton View Lodge worship service** – Wednesday, November 22,  
at 2:15 p.m. Join in fellowship with the residents.

**Kensington & Area Christian Council** – Monday, November 27,  
7 pm at Kensington United Church.

**Ecumenical Christmas Choir Service** – Monday, December 4,  
7:30 p.m. at Kensington United Church. All are welcome!  
(Storm date: December 11)

**St. Elizabeth's Church Council** – Wednesday, December 6, 7 pm

**St. Thomas' ACW** will hold a meeting on Thursday, December 7,  
at St. Thomas' Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. with lunch afterwards.  
Please call Doreen if you are able to attend. Hope to see you there!

**Hillsborough Hospital** will again be looking for help with their  
Christmas gifts for the residents. A list of requested items  
will follow in next week's bulletin. Stay tuned!

# IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used within the Parish  
are given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of

## OLIVE MABEL (MOASE) BELL

who passed away November 18, 1948  
at the age of 34 years old.  
A Loving Wife and Mother.

Always remembered,  
Loved, and sadly missed  
by daughter Laura and families

## DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

### December 3 (Advent 1)

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

### December 10 (Advent 2)

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

### December 17 (Advent 3)

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

### December 24 (Advent 4 & Christmas Eve)

5 pm – St. Thomas' HC (\*Note: No morning services on Dec. 24)  
7 pm – St. Mark's HC  
9 pm – St. Stephen's HC

### December 25 – No worship services

### December 31 – 11 am – Parish Worship at St. Thomas'

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## COLLECT

Almighty God, you sent your son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens  
and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy;  
through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.  
Help us, through our offering this day,  
to renounce all things that draw us from your love.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body  
and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things  
bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood;  
for he is Lord for ever and ever.



### **A READING FROM JUDGES 4:1-7**

Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, now that Ehud was dead. So the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help.

Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.’”

### **A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11**

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25:14-30**

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

“‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’