

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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November 5, 2023 **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Today's Readings:

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

In Nova Scotia:

~ Holy Trinity, Bridgewater

~ St. James', Conquerall Mills



Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

~ Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Diocese of Caledonia – Bishop David Lehmann

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Mary's, Summerside

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

November 12 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Doreen C, Darlene L;

Savannah M, Marie M

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Amy M, Doris M

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

11 am – St. Thomas' HC

11 am – St. Mark's MP

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**St. Thomas' Church Council** – Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

**Parish Council** – Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at St. Mark's

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

### **UPDATE: Mission to Seafarers Shoe Boxes**

**Items needed:** work gloves, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, socks, wrapped hard candy (no chocolate), soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, 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.

**Diocesan Church Society of PEI** will hold a General Meeting on Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

**Ecumenical Christmas Choir Service** will be held on Monday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. at Kensington United Church. All are welcome!

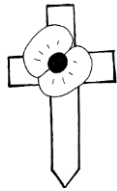
**"Men of the Harvest" Christmas concert** – November 26, 2:00 p.m. ~ St. Paul's Catholic Parish Church, Summerside. All are welcome!

**"Sounds of Christmas"** -- Kirk Neville, Bonnie LaFrance & Friends ~ Sun., Dec. 3, 7:00 p.m. at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River. Admission \$12.00 at the door. All are welcome!

# IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used within the Parish  
this morning are given  
To the Glory of God  
and In Loving Memory of  
**Our Parents, Grandparents,  
and Great-grandparents**

**Veterans of World War II**



**Pte. J. Horace Meek**

July 31, 1916 – March 16, 2005

**Pte. Elizabeth “Bessie” (Cousins) Meek**

November 29, 1924 – September 9, 1976

*Life goes on and time passes by  
but precious memories never die.*

*Sweet is your memory and dear is your name,  
close in our hearts you will always remain.*

Lovingly remembered by  
The Family

### **A READING FROM JOSHUA 3:7-17**

And the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: ‘When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’” Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.” So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

### **A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 2:9-13**

Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

### **HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 23:1-12**

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others. “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

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### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him the family of the earth is blessed, give us faith like his, that in us your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of freedom, accept all we offer you this day.  
May we embrace the law of your service  
and know the glorious liberty of the children of God.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Heavenly Father, bring to perfection within us  
the communion we share in this sacrament.  
May the unity we know this day live in our community and family.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
with an Act of Remembrance  
November 5, 2023**

**O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

**Placing of Wreath**

**Prayer of Remembrance**

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives in world wars and conflicts, past and present,  
have been given and taken away.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability, and pain,  
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may live together  
in freedom, justice, and peace.

What does the Lord require of us, but to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

**A Reading of “In Flanders Fields”** *by John McCrae, 1915*

**A Reading of “We Remember”** *by Flor McCarthy, pre 2019*

**L:** Let us confess to God the sins of the world:  
pride, greed, selfishness, evil, hatred.  
Let us confess our part in these sins,  
and our failings to bring about peace.

**ALL:**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought,  
word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy,  
forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**L:** Almighty God, we ask you to have mercy upon us,  
to pardon our sins, to confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

**L:** Heavenly Creator, grant that this Remembrance Day we  
remember those who have fallen in war for the honour of this country:  
World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict, Bosnia Peacekeeping,  
War on Terror in Afghanistan, and any other conflicts.

Those who have paid the price with their lives are to be honoured.  
We also remember those who have suffered life-altering injuries,  
and the families of all our soldiers, often unseen and unheard.  
Guide us, through your Holy Spirit, to do what is in our power  
to make this earth a more peaceful place for all its inhabitants.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**ALL: Amen**

**L:** Let us remember before God, and commend to His sure  
keeping, those who have died for their country in conflict;  
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure.

**Reading of Honour Roll**

**Last Post**

**Two minute silence**

**Breaking the silence**

**Reveille**

**L:** They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old:  
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

**ALL: We will remember them.**

**Prayer:** Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all people, and  
establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

*Poppies may be added to wreath at front.*

**GOD SAVE THE KING**

God save our gracious King!

Long live our noble King!

God save the King!

Send him victorious, happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us, God save the King.

*\* At the end of the Service at St. Thomas', parishioners are invited  
to mark the Veterans' graves.*

**Morning Prayer Service commences on page 51;  
Holy Eucharist Service commences on page 187  
with the Proclamation of the Word**

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**For your information:**

Royal Canadian Legion Kensington Branch will hold  
Remembrance Day Services on November 11 as follows:

11:00 a.m. – Kensington Memorial Gardens

\*(meet at 10:45 at train station to parade to the Memorial)

1:00 p.m. – Freetown

2:00 p.m. – Malpeque

2:45 p.m. – Spring Brook

