

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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## **February 11, 2024**

**Transfiguration Sunday:**

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

*Welcome to everyone gathered here today.*

*Please make yourself known to the greeters.*

### **Today's Readings**

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Sydney Mines/Baddeck

~ The Rev'd Canon Reg MacDonald, Priest-in-Charge, and Sandy

St. John The Baptist, North Sydney

~ The Rev'd Debbie Fice, Rector, and Richard

~ The Rev'd Jackie Warren, Associate Parish Priest

### **Provincial Prayer Care**

National Indigenous Archbishop Christopher A. Harper

and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

### **Council of the North**

Diocese of Quebec – Bishop Bruce Myers

**DCS Cycle of Prayer** – St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown

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

## **February 14 – Ash Wednesday**

**Readings:** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10;

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Worship Time:** 11 am – St. Mark's

## **February 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent (violet)**

**Readings:** Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

**Readers:** Grafton C, Jim E; Tim O, Jim D; Savannah M, Marie M

**Prayers of the People:** Sandra H, Doreen Cole, Doris M

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

11 am – St. Mark's HE

11 am – St. Thomas' MP



Happy belated 85th Birthday to Laura Pidgeon  
(February 4th)!

### **Annual Meetings (all at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted):**

- St. Stephen's – Thursday, February 8 (alt. Thurs., Feb.15)
- St. Mark's – Monday, February 12 (alt. Mon., Feb. 19)
- St. Thomas' – Sunday, February 18 at noon
- St. Elizabeth's – Tuesday, February 20 (alt. Thurs., Feb. 22)
- Parish – Tuesday, February 27 (alt. Feb. 29) at St. Stephen's

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** will be held at St. Mary's Anglican Church, 74 Summer Street, Summerside, on February 13: Take-out (pick up by 4:15 p.m.); Eat-in (4:30-6:00 p.m.) For tickets, call Ruth Sudsbury (902-436-6664) – Adults \$10; children under 12 free. All are welcome!

**Ash Wednesday Service** – St. Mark's, 11 am, February 14th. We have invited the members of Margate Pastoral Charge, and their Candidate Supply Minister Ellen Locke and Rev. Shirley Cole will be leading the Service together. Please note that Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a time of fasting, penitence, and preparation for the Easter feast. Beginning in the tenth century, ashes were imposed on this day upon the penitent, using ashes made from the previous year's Palms.

**If you have used eye glasses that you no longer need, please bring them to your church by the end of February. These will be collected and passed along to the Lions Club. Thank you!**



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**A new year. A new ministry adventure. Connectors Six:**

- Is God prompting you to try something new?
- Do you long to connect with your neighbours?
- Would you like to learn how to be the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in your community?
- Are you experiencing the deep satisfaction of knowing that God is using you to make a difference?

**The Connectors SIX** is a missional learning cohort that nurtures lay and clergy participants in discovering fresh possibilities in their neighbourhoods. Applications are open for up to ten people to explore prayer, discernment, learning, and engaging in missional ministry. Skills are fostered in spiritual gifts, understanding our neighbours, seeing the community with fresh eyes, how to nurture authentic discipleship, and building loving relationships with new people. The Connectors is hosted over a year through 10, two-day sessions. Six sessions are hosted in Debert, NS, and four are on Zoom. This supportive network of peers mutually encourages one another, while being held accountable to missional goals. The Connectors involves study, discussion, goal-setting, trying new approaches to ministry, guest speakers, and mutual peer support. Emphasis is on experimental ministry. Cohort members who have completed the year say they now have clarity about their sense of call and more leadership confidence. Any Anglicans in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia can apply. Expenses are paid by the diocese. Curious? Know someone from your church who would be? If you have even the slightest curiosity about this, please reach out to Rev'd Shirley who can tell you more about it, connect you up with someone who has taken the Program in the past, and connect you with the Church Leaders who will be running it this year.

**St. Thomas'** will be hosting a **Valentine's Social** on Monday, February 12th at 10:00 a.m. with a light lunch to follow. Please join us for food, fun and fellowship. To help with arranging, could you please contact Amy McCarville (902-886-2424) if you are attending. All are welcome! Please bring a Valentine that will be signed and delivered to a senior in your church. (storm date – Feb. 13)



**World Day of Prayer** Service will be held on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 a.m. at Kensington United Church. This year the service has been prepared by Palestinian Christian women. All are welcome.

**Diocesan Church Society Annual Meeting** will be held on Saturday, March 9, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Charlottetown, beginning at 10:00 am. Bishop Sandra Fyfe will be in attendance.

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**COLLECT** (p 418)

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 418)

Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (p 419)

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

### **A READING FROM 2 KINGS 2:1-12**

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

### **A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 9:2-9**

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.