

May 5 – 6th Sunday of Easter (white)

Readings: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

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

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

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

11 am – St. Mark's HE

11 am – St. Thomas' MP

Council Meetings

May 13 – 7 pm – St. Thomas' Church Council

June 5 – 7 pm – St. Stephen's Church Council

June 17 – 7 pm – St. Mark's Church Council

June 19 – 7 pm – Parish Council at St. Mark's Church

ScripFund order will be 1 week later; place your order by May 5.

The Bishop's Upcoming Regional Visit to P.E.I. will include a Region Wide **KITCHEN PARTY!** Hosted by the Parish of New London at St. Thomas' Church Hall, 5559 Rte. 20, Spring Brook, 7-9 pm on Sunday, April 28. Bishop Sandra will offer words of wisdom. Music, games, tea, coffee, and snacks will be provided. Bring along your sense of fun and a song or poem or skit to share.

St. Mark's Church -- Yard, Bake, and Plant Fundraiser --

Saturday, June 1 from 9-12. All donated items should be clean and in good condition. A bake sale table, as well as a variety of plants, will be included as part of our fundraiser. To schedule donation pick up, please call Dianne (902-836-4978), Marlene (902-836-4303), or Alan (902-439-1627).

Kensington Peoples' Cemetery spring clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 11, 9 am (rain date: May 18). Please bring your rakes and shovels. All willing volunteers would be greatly appreciated!

Rectory Clean-Up

There will be a clean-up of the grounds around the Rectory on Monday evening, May 6. Please come out for a couple hours and help out!!

Bulletin Pick-Up

Now that spring has arrived, the Bulletins will again be left in the front porch of the Rectory for pick-up (starting the first week of May).

Vital Church Maritimes 2024 Conference is May 9 - 11

in Truro, NS. (there's also a Zoom option). This year our theme is "Soaring Into the Future." REGISTRATION open until Friday, May 3 for in-person attendance. Zoom registration open til May 8.

For more information, contact the Rectory office.

COLLECT (p 340)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ

is the way, the truth, and the life.

Give us grace to love one another

and walk in the way of his commandments,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 341)

Gracious God, you show us your way

And give us your divine life.

May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 341)

God of love,

in this eucharist we have heard your truth

and shared in your life.

May we always walk in your way,

in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.



IN MEMORIAM

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

ETTA PIDGEON

"Mom & Gram"
1915-2010

WILLIAM PIDGEON

"Husband, Dad & Poppy"
1936-2021

They both shared birthdays on May 2nd.

Lovingly remembered and missed by
Laura, Hilda, and families

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April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter

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

Today's Readings

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:24-30; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Alban's, Woodside, Nova Scotia

- The Rev'd David Greenwood, Priest-in-Charge

St. Andrew's, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

- The Rev'd Debra Burleson, Priest-in-Charge, and Christ

- The Rev'd Bert Chestnut, Priest in attendance

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton

Council of the North

Diocese of the Arctic

~ Bishop David Parsons

~ Suffragan Bishop Annie Ittoshat

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. James, Port Hill

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

Parish Council Meeting - 17 April - Highlights:

- Letter was read from Bishop Sandra congratulating the **Parish** and **Leanne Brister** on her acceptance into the **Connectors 6 Cohort**, and encouraging our support.
- Bishop Sandra will be conducting a regional visit to PEI the weekend of 26-28 April. As part of the visit, there will be a “**Finance and Administration Road Show**” at St. Paul’s in Charlottetown from 2-4 on Saturday. This will be an opportunity for clergy and parishioners to ask questions and learn about the Canons, policies, and best practices of the Diocese of NS and PEI. Everyone is welcome.
- Also, as part of the regional visit, our Parish will host a Regional (all of PEI) **Bishops Kitchen Party at St. Thomas’ Church Hall on Sunday evening, 28 April, from 7-9 pm.** Lola Meek Ogilvie is the contact for anyone in this parish wishing to contribute a musical offering or storytelling or any other talent.
- Council heard a preliminary plan from the organizing committee, and approved both the plan and funding (from the Parish History account) for the **celebration and commemoration of the 250th anniversary** of the arrival of the ships on our shores in 1774, bringing settlers who made a significant contribution to the establishment of the parish and Prince Edward Island. A day of events is planned for **30 June**, beginning with Parish Service at 11am. Please mark your calendars.
- The **Energy Efficiency Upgrades** to the Rectory are well on track.
- Plans are afoot to hold a **clean-up** for the **Rectory grounds** the evening of **6 May**.

Free Seniors’ Lunch!

Saturday, May 11, from 11:30 am – 2 pm

at the Kensington Presbyterian Church (fully accessible).

Please join us for a Free Seniors’ Lunch, and take a meal to give to a friend or neighbour! Entertainment will be provided by Mark Wall and Kevin Arthur (from 12:30 – 2 pm). Please RSVP to 902-836-3477. All are welcome!

“Men of the Harvest” concert will be held on Sunday, May 26, 7:00 pm at Southwest River United Church in Margate. Free-will offering in support of the church. All are welcome!

A READING FROM ACTS 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”

So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?”

So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

A READING FROM 1 JOHN 4:7-21

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Bible study continues weekly. Starting May 1, we will meet online and in person at the Rectory at 10:30-11:30 a.m. (rather than 9:30). Anyone wishing to join regularly are most welcome. If you would like a Zoom invite, please let Rev. Shirley know.

Clinton View Lodge

Combined worship service and sing-song will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2:15 p.m. Come and enjoy worship and singing with the residents!

Setting Day 2024!

Folks will gather at Yankee Hill Beach at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, April 29*, to watch the parade of fishing boats on Setting Day. Following this, (6:30-8:00) people are invited to New London Community Complex for social time and refreshments.
*Weather permitting.

Vacation Bible School 2024

We’re excited to announce that our VBS 2024 registration is now open! Come and join us at “*Camp Firelight*” July 8-12 from 9 am-11:30 am at the Murray Christian Education Centre, Kensington. Ages 4-12. Cost is \$25 per child (3rd child registers for free!) You can register on-line at: <https://forms.gle/vn4pQ21frUPGZtH46>. Payment can be made through etransfer: kensingtonvbs@gmail.com, or by cash or cheque on the first day of camp. Looking forward to seeing you!

ACWW Women Walk the World Day

Each year on April 29, women worldwide celebrate ACWW’S international network by joining together to walk the world. All women are invited to join Area 6 PEI Women’s Institute members in a short walk, beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Mark’s Anglican Church parking lot (off Victoria Street). If enough interest, we could go for coffee/tea at a local restaurant following the walk. For more information, call Lola (902-886-2653). Hope you can join us for this worldwide celebration!!