

June 2, 2024

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today's Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17;
2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23 – 3:6

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Birch Cove – The Rev'd Arran Thorpe, Rector, and Charmaine
~ Falkland – The Rev'd Ed Coleman, Priest-in-Charge

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Quebec – Bishop Bruce Myers

Council of the North

Diocese of Yukon ~ Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Alban's, Souris

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

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June 9 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20; Psalm 138;
2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Readers: Jim E, Sandra H; Hilda J, Tim O;
Doris M, Norma T; Grace H, Mackenzie C

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Doreen Cole, Bronwyn C

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' HE
11 am – St. Stephen's MP
11 am – St. Mark's HE
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HE

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Council Meetings

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

Sunday, June 30th Anniversary Celebrations

Plans are well underway for the 250th Anniversary/Founder's Day commemorating the arrival of the *Elizabeth* and *Lovely Kitty*, in the summer of 1774, which included settlers who were Anglican and over time would form our Parish as we still know it today. Activities will be held at St. Thomas' Church and Hall and Grounds, and will include Parish Service at 11 am, followed by lunch (provided) and in the afternoon displays and period games for children and talks for adults about topics relevant to the day. More detailed information and formal invitations will be forthcoming soon - please hold the date - and if you are interested in being on the planning Committee or helping out as the date looms closer or on the day, please contact the Church Office.
*We're now looking for artifacts for displays. If you have anything you are willing to donate, please contact the Rectory office.

SAVE THE DATE...

Friday, June 28: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

St. Thomas' Annual Ice Cream Social and Bake Table.

If anyone would like to make a donation to help cover costs, it would be appreciated.

Clinton View Lodge worship service will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2:15 p.m. Come and enjoy time with the residents!

A Day to Draw Closer to God... A retreat will be held on Saturday, June 15, 9:30-1:30 at St. Stephen's Church Hall. Led by Rev. Shirley and LLM Dennis Cole, we will use various prayer practices to draw closer to God. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided; please bring your own bag lunch. All are welcome! For more info, contact Rev. Shirley.

Prince County Kidney Walk will be held on Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. at Credit Union Place, Summerside. Register at kidneywalk.ca.

Vacation Bible School 2024 – “Camp Firelight”

July 8-12 from 9 am-11:30 a.m. at the Murray Christian Centre.

Ages 4-12. Cost is \$25 per child (3rd child registers for free!)

You can register on-line at: <https://forms.gle/vn4pQ21frUPGZtH46>.

Registration is filling up fast! For more information,
please contact the church office.

Each One Teach One Financial Literacy Program

Provincial Credit Union will present 2 sessions (7:00-9:00 p.m.)

~ Wednesday, September 25 – “Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention”

~ Wednesday, October 2 – “Introduction to Basic Banking”

Everyone is welcome; mark these dates on your calendar.

Location to be announced.

Free Seniors’ Lunches!

Saturday, June 8 and June 22, from 11:30 am – 2 pm

at the Kensington Presbyterian Church (fully accessible).

Please join us for a Free Seniors’ Lunch (eat-in and take-out).

Please RSVP to 902-836-3477. All are welcome!

Hospice PEI is seeking more volunteers (especially bilingual);

training will be held on June 24 & 27; contact Catherine at
902-438-4231 or eastprince@hospicepei.ca.

In-person grief groups (6 weeks) will be held in the Fall;

sign up at 902-330-3857 or griefsupport@hospicepei.ca.

HIKE & BIKE FOR HOSPICE PEI is an annual fundraiser open
to all ages and abilities. This event provides participants with an
opportunity to celebrate loved ones living with a palliative diagnosis
and honour those who have passed away. Each year, we hike to raise
funds to help maintain our hospice and bereavement programs and
services. Gather a team of friends and family, challenge your co-
workers or join as an individual to help support end-of-life care in your
community. **Summerside Boardwalk – Sunday, June 9, 2-4 p.m.**

A READING FROM 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12

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.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 2:23 – 3:6

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Daily Manna -- Verse for the Day

Day 11 – Deuteronomy 28:13a

“And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail,
and you shall only go up and not down.”

Day 12 – Isaiah 58:11b

“You shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.”

Day 13 – 2 Corinthians 1:20

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are
‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us
to the glory of God.”

Day 14 – Proverbs 16:1

“We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right
answer.”

Day 15 – Psalm 46:10a

“Be still, and know that I am God.”



Day 16 – Isaiah 43:11

“I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior.”

Day 17 – John 14:14

“If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

Day 18 – Ezekiel 36:26a

“And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you.”

Day 19 – Psalm 138:3

“When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.”

Day 20 – Ephesians 2:5b

“It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!”

COLLECT (p 359)

Lord God of the nations,
you have revealed your will to all people
and promised us your saving help.
May we hear and do what you command,
that the darkness may be overcome
by the power of your light;
through your son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 360)

Eternal God,
receive all we offer you this day.
Give us the wisdom of obedience
and help us to do your holy and life-giving will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 360)

Eternal God,
you have fed us at the table of your grace.
Deliver us from all spiritual pride,
and give us a quiet confidence in your mercy.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.