

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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The Day of Pentecost

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

Today's Readings

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37b;
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. George's, Halifax
~ St. Margaret of Scotland, Halifax

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada
~ Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Diocese of Moosonee
~ Archbishop Anne Germond & Archbishop Fred Hiltz

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Peter's, Alberton

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

May 26 – 1st Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday (white)

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Doreen Childs, Darlene L;
Martyn C, Barb C; Beryl C, David H

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

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

11 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' 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

Bible study continues weekly, online and in person at the Rectory
at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to join is most welcome.
If you would like a Zoom invite, please let Rev. Shirley know.

Come out to say hello!

Ron & Leng Kue Viergutz are coming to the Island to visit.
As an opportunity to wrap up the mission we have prayed for and
supported for so many years, and to wish them well in their retirement,
we will meet from 6 to 8 pm on Thursday, May 23, at St. Stephen's
Church in Irishtown for retirement cake and ice cream (tea and coffee),
a chance to visit and hear from them, and to offer our thanks to them.

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).

IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used within the Parish
and flowers at St. Thomas' Church
are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of

**Geoff & Debbie
Crowther**

*There is no parting from those we love,
no distance can divide;
today in memory's garden
they are walking side by side.*

Loved & Remembered by
Maurice, Gwyneth, Charles
and their families

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.

Diocesan Church Society of PEI (DCS) will hold an in-person general meeting on May 21, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, S'side.

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! For more information, please contact the church office.

Guaranteed Livable Basic Income meeting will be held on Friday, May 31, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Murray Christian Education Centre. The Town of Kensington invites everyone to join in this discussion and learn what is being proposed. Guest speaker: Honourable Kim Pate, Senator for Ontario. Free admission.

Free Seniors' Lunch!

Saturday, May 25, from 11:30 am – 2 pm

at the Kensington Presbyterian Church (fully accessible).

Please join us for a Free Seniors' Lunch (games to follow 12:30-2).

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

A READING FROM ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

A READING FROM ROMANS 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

COLLECT (p 345)

Almighty and everliving God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal.

Keep us in the unity of your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your 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 346)

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day.

Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church
continue to work in the world
through the hearts of all who believe.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 346)

Father, may we who have received this eucharist
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
that we may show forth his gifts to all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.