7 pm, Thursday, August 22, 2024 St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church, Springfield (22728 Rte. 2)

Tickets: \$20.00 Available in advance by contacting: Beryl Carr 902-430-9428 or the Parish Office 902-836-3303 Also available at the door while they last (seating limited).

Award-winning singer, music writer, and speaker, Terry Kelly has travelled extensively in Canada, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand, receiving accolades along the way where he has touched the hearts of many, and motivated them to live their lives to the fullest; and by his example, to overcome challenges of all types. He has received seven East Coast Music Awards and nominations for four Canadian Country Music Awards and a JUNO. He is most recognized for his inspirational song, "A Pittance of Time".

You are sure to enjoy his wonderful songs and stories in a setting of peace and beauty.

This is a fundraiser for the church. Toilet facilities will be available. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

August 4, 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost Welcome to everyone gathered here today. Please make yourself known to the greeters.

Today's Readings

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a; Psalm 51:1-13; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35 **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** ~ Annapolis, Nova Scotia

~ Avon Valley, Nova Scotia

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton <u>Council of the North</u> Fall Meeting of Council – Chairperson, Bishop David Lehmann <u>DCS Cycle of Prayer</u> – St. Thomas', Spring Brook <u>Prayer Partner</u> - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

<u>August 11 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost (green)</u>

Readings: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Jim D; Savannah M, Marie M; Mackenzie C, Judy L
Prayers of the People: Jim E, Doreen Cole, Doris 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

St. Mark's Church Summer Yard & Bake Sale: August 10: 9-12 Come by and browse the new items that have been added to our present treasures. If anyone has other items to donate,

please call Dianne (902-836-4978) or Marlene (902-836-4303).

St. Elizabeth's Church is selling Raffle tickets on a Tony Diodati painting. Draw date: August 22, 2024 (at the end of the Terry Kelly concert). Tickets are \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00. To purchase tickets, contact the church office or Beryl Carr (902-430-9428).

St. Thomas' Church Council is selling tickets on a handmade quilt as a 'Fix the Furnace Fundraiser'. Contact Amy (902-886-2424).

Over the summer, there will be some ongoing thinking, praying, discerning, and talking about services, programs, activities, and so on, for the early fall. Bible Study will resume in early September similar to recent years, and could be supplemented by a meditation group, book study, learning sessions, and more – during the daytime, in an evening, or over the weekend. Again, any ideas, interests, preferences would be appreciated; please call the office if you'd like to discuss further.

For the Kensington Harvest Festival Ecumenical Worship Service

on Sunday, August 18, 9:30 a.m., there will be a joint choir. All are welcome!

COLLECT (pg 371)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** (pg 372)

God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (pg 372)

God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you forever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Message from Kim Gallant & Grafton Cole...

We are planning to resume the practice of putting a float in this year's Harvest Festival Parade on Saturday, August 17. The theme this year is "*Celebrating Our Fishers*". We have a truck and trailer (thanks Grafton), and we have a place to put the float together (thanks, Norma, for the use of your building). We need your help to put the float together and participants to be on the float in the parade. Please join as you are able at Norma Thompson's building in Margate (12517 Rte. 6) at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 15. Thanks in advance for your ideas, creativity, and help! For more information, please call Kim at 902-432-9007.

A READING FROM 2 SAMUEL 11:26 – 12:13a

When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD. The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel."

Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

A READING FROM EPHESIANS 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and

in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 6:24-35

Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.