

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today's Readings

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24;
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. Nicholas, Westwood Hills, NS
~ Hatchet Lake and Terence Bay, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Montreal, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson

Council of the North

Diocese of Saskatchewan:
~ Bishop Michael Hawkins
~ Indigenous Bishop Adam Halkett

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. John's, Crapaud

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

July 21 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37;
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Doreen Childs, Darlene L;
Savannah M, Marie M

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Lola MO, Doris M

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

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

Save the Date: St. Mark's Church Summer Yard & Bake Sale:
August 10, 2024 9 a.m. – noon.

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).

The 250th Anniversary Committee work has wrapped up, with the events on Sunday, June 30, well attended and well received. It's such a pleasure to be going out on a positive note! Thanks to one and all for the efforts in the background and up front in the months and weeks leading up to and on the day itself. Everything done individually and collectively all contributed to the success of the day. Thanks for coming out and participating. Also, we are taking a break for the summer but considering possibilities for the fall, related to church history and such. So, if you have ideas, suggestions, interests, please let it be known. More will follow by end of summer. Finally, we have a number of lovely pictures from the day and would love to have more. If you took some pictures of people or displays, inside or out, and are willing to share, please contact the office and let us know.

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.

Questions have been raised about the Parish Offering Envelopes (POE's). Here's a brief Q & A:

~ **What are they?** POE's provide opportunity for those who wish to make a one-time or ongoing offering to the Parish – for Missions work in the Parish or to support the expenses of the Parish generally.

~ **Why have POE's?** POE's, like the church envelopes, provide opportunity, by filling in name and address and amount, to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year (an added incentive for some to give).

~ **Does this replace Church Envelopes? Reduce Church offerings?** POE's are not meant to or expected to replace or interfere with regular occasional or one-time offerings to any of the Churches. Rather, they are meant to offer an additional option for those who wish to contribute to the Parish generally or to Parish Missions work.

~ **Does this replace open offering on the Church plate?**

Unless it is a Parish service, open offering will continue to be viewed as offerings to the Church where they are received.

~ **How are POE's managed?** POE's will be available in each of the Churches, at the back or in the pews, where visitors would see them. Arrangements will be made with Envelope secretaries for managing offerings that come in this way.

~ **How do Parish Offering Envelopes relate to PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)?** PAR is being set up for Parish offerings as well as each of the Churches (St. Mark's already has). Q & A about PAR will be in the bulletin next week!

COLLECT (pg 367)

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.
May we find peace in your service,
and in the world to come, see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (pg 368)

Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom.
Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (pg 368)

Living God,
in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery
forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

A READING FROM 2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12B-19

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—
thirty thousand. He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up
from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the
LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark.
They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of
Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab,
were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was
walking in front of it. David and all Israel were celebrating with all
their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels,
sistrums and cymbals. So David went to bring up the ark of God
from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.
When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six
steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.

Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets. As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart. They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

A READING FROM EPHESIANS 1:3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 6:14-29

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus’ name had become well known. Some were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”

Others said, “He is Elijah.”

And still others claimed, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.”

But when Herod heard this, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!”

For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him.

But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, “Ask me for anything you want, and I’ll give it to you.” And he promised her with an oath, “Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

She went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask for?”

“The head of John the Baptist,” she answered.

At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John’s disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.
