

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.

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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July 21, 2024 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today's Readings

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- ~ St. Luke's, Hubbards, NS
- ~ St. John the Evangelist, Sackville, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon. Archbishop Lynne McNaughton and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Diocese of Saskatchewan:

- ~ Bishop Michael Hawkins
- ~ Indigenous Bishop Adam Halkett

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Mark's, Kensington

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

<u>July 28 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost (green)</u>

Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14;

Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

Readers: Jim E, Sandra H; Doreen Cole, Jean R;

Doris M, Norma T; David & Grace H

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Amy M, Bronwyn C

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Mark's HE

11 am – St. Stephen's MP 11 am – St. Thomas' HE 7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HE

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!

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).

St. Thomas' Church Council is now 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.

COLLECT (pg 369)

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 369)

O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (pg 369)

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A READING FROM 2 SAMUEL 7:1-14a

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son.

A READING FROM EPHESIANS 2:11-22

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the

promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.