

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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July 7, 2024

7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today's Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48;

2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

French Village, NS – Rev. Brianna Andrews, Rector, and Danny

Hackett's Cove, NS – Rev. Margie Fagan, Rector, and Rev. Darroch

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, Archbishop Anne Germond

Council of the North

Diocese of Saskatchewan:

~ Bishop Michael Hawkins

~ Indigenous Bishop Adam Halkett

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

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

July 14 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24;

Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Tim O, Jim D; Martyn C, Barb C;
Velma H, Beryl C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Doreen Cole, Savannah M

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

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Rev. Shirley will be away until July 8. **Rev. Ned Henthorne** will be available for Pastoral emergencies at 902-432-2135.

Highlights from Parish Council Meeting, Wed., June 19

- The Future of the Rectory Committee indicated that the renovations are now completed. Most notably, the central heat pump has been installed, as has insulation in the attic.
- Motion passed to initiate offering envelopes for the Parish of New London, as well as individual churches. This will commence on the June 30th Parish Service. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) for offerings is being set up for each of the churches as well as for Parish givings. This is hoped to be in place for July.
- It was agreed to enter a float in this year's Harvest Festival Parade. Kim Gallant will take the lead, and Grafton Cole has offered his trailer and truck to haul it.
- Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Church.

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

A READING FROM 2 SAMUEL 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’” When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward. And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 6:1-13

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (pg 367)

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.