

## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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## August 25, 2024

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### Today's Readings

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84;

Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

#### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Cornwallis, Nova Scotia

~ Digby, Nova Scotia

#### Provincial Prayer Care

National Indigenous Archbishop Christopher A. Harper  
and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

#### Council of the North

Fall Meeting of Council – Chairperson, Bishop David Lehmann

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

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

## September 1 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)

### Season of Creation begins

**Readings:** Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10;

James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Readers:** Grafton C, Jim E; Hilda J, Tim O; Martyn C, Barb C

**Prayers of the People:** Sandra H, Lola MO, Savannah M

**Worship Times:** 9 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Stephen's HE

11 am – St. Mark's MP

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**THANK YOU!** St. Mark's Church would like to thank everyone who assisted in making our yard sale fundraiser such a success. We were very appreciative all of the donations that were received, people who were able to help work on the day, grateful to all who attended and purchased some treasures, and so thankful to all who baked the lovely items for the bake sale table. Many thanks to all!

**Thanks** to everyone who helped out with the Float recently entered in the Harvest Festival Parade. Special thanks to Kim for leadership and creativity and all the details tended to! Thanks to Norma for the warehouse space, Grafton for truck and wagon; Thanks as well to Grafton, Leigh, Tim, Lola, Leanne, Norma, and Carl along with Kim for putting it all together; and thanks for loaning us the boat- Ryan MacKay; the buoys- Peter Pidgeon; the nets- Bill Cole; and the Lighthouse- Jim Thompson.

The Kensington and St. John's New London Presbyterian churches, with support of the Kensington Christian Council churches, are again hosting **Kraft Dinner lunches** on Thursdays throughout the school year for KISH students. If you'd like to take part in this ministry by baking cookies, serving in the kitchen (or both), or if you'd like more information, please contact Nanette Clark at ngclark62@gmail.com. Please include in your email how you'd like to help and your phone number. A schedule will be created and distributed.

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

**COLLECT** (pg 377)

Author and Giver of all good things,  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us in all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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 378)

Merciful God,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
Give us grace to love one another  
that your love may be made perfect in us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (pg 378)

Almighty God,  
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.  
May your holy food strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you in each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Anglicans on PEI Forward Together  
“CELEBRATING OUR CHURCHES”**

**Autumn Ceilidh & Social SEPTEMBER 21, 2024  
CRAPAUD COMMUNITY HALL (36 Route 13,  
Crapaud) 1:00 – 4:00 pm ALL WELCOME!  
Bishop Sandra Fyfe will join us! Help us put your  
church on the map! We are seeking entertainers,  
poets, musicians, skits from each parish.**

**Contact Margaret Collins at 902-621-2920 or  
Connie MacKinnon at 902-658-2333 if you can  
help with entertainment. A Poster (poster  
provided) from each church or parish celebrating  
who you are! Join us for entertainment,  
fellowship, music and sharing our hopes & dreams  
for our churches.**

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER**

**Sunday, Sept. 1** – Food Bank Sunday

**Sunday, Sept. 1** – Baptism at St. Stephen's for Ryah Grace MacDonald, daughter of Cody and Hillery (MacLeod) MacDonald.

**Sunday, Sept. 1 & Sunday, Sept. 8** – Backpack Blessings:

As a follow-up from Parish Council last fall, we will be collecting school supplies to fill backpacks for High School students. Please bring along supplies and add them to the backpacks provided at the back of the churches.

**Thursday, Sept. 5** (and weekly) – Meditation Group:

9:15-9:45 a.m. – St. Mark's Church Sanctuary.  
Preparation, Silence, Reflection, using a variety of meditation practices as were introduced at the Meditation Workshop in June.  
No experience or ongoing commitment necessary to 'come and see'.

**Thursday, Sept. 5** (and weekly) – Bible Study:

10:00-11:00 a.m. – St. Mark's Church Sanctuary and on Zoom.  
Please note change of day, time, and location. We will continue to explore and discuss the Readings for upcoming Sunday.  
New participants welcome; contact office to be added to Zoom list.  
No experience or ongoing commitment necessary to 'come and see'.

**Thursday, Sept. 5** – Singing Service with Seniors:

2:15 p.m. – Clinton View Lodge regular monthly gathering.

**Wednesday, Sept. 11** (ongoing) – Bonnie resumes office hours

9:00-11:00 a.m. Bulletins available for pickup by early afternoon.

**Saturday, Sept. 21** – Region Autumn Ceilidh & Social

(see bulletin notice)

**Sunday, Sept. 22** – Parish Confirmation Service:

3:00 p.m. Service with Bishop Sandra Fyfe at St. Mark's Church (additional service to regular services scheduled). Anyone wishing to be confirmed at this time must contact Rev'd Shirley by Tuesday, Sept. 3, to receive and review preparation and learning materials.

**Sunday, Sept. 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month Parish Service

at St. Stephen's at 11:00 a.m. – Celebrating Music Ministry and Gwendy Murphy's 60<sup>th</sup> year anniversary as organist!

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER**

Parish Council Executive (Parish Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer) and Church Wardens planning meeting –

**Monday, Sept. 2, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Stephen's Church

Parish Council Meeting –

**Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Elizabeth's Church

St. Stephen's Church Council Meeting –

**Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Stephen's Church

St. Thomas' Church Council Meeting –

**Monday, Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas' Church

St. Mark's Church Council Meeting –

**Monday, Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Mark's Church

St. Elizabeth's Church Council Meeting –

**Sunday, Oct. 6, 8:00 p.m.** (following Worship)  
at St. Elizabeth's Church

Kensington & Area Christian Council Meeting –

**Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7:00 p.m.** at Princetown United in Malpeque

### **A READING FROM 1 KINGS 8:22-30, 41-43**

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven and said: “LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today. “Now LORD, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, ‘You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done.’ And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true.

“But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! Yet give attention to your servant’s prayer and his plea for mercy, LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, ‘My Name shall be there,’ so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. “As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name—for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—when they come and pray toward this temple, then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

### **A READING FROM EPHESIANS 6:10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 6:56-69**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”