

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today's 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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- ~ Staff & Students at Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax
- ~ Staff & Students at University of King's College, Halifax
- ~ Staff & Students at Kings-Edgehill School, Windsor
- ~ The programmes of Discernment, Training and Formation for Ordained Ministry

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada –

Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh –

Bishop Lydia Mamakwa & Larry Beardy

DCS Cycle of Prayer – Holy Trinity, Alma

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

September 8 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Season of Creation

Readings: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;
James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Jim D, Darlene L;
Savannah M, Marie M; Beryl C, David H

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Doreen C, Doris M

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

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).

St. Elizabeth's Church would like to thank everyone who attended the Terry Kelly Concert and/or bought raffle tickets for Tony Diodati's painting. Congratulations to Grafton Cole, winner of the painting!

The annual **Ecumenical Season of Creation** begins September 1st, the Feast of Creation, and ends October 4th, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Ecumenical faith leaders from around the world have shared their reflections to inspire our ecumenical family in this journey forward, as Christians everywhere prepare to witness the hope and action working together with and for creation.

“Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident... I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful.”
His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, Roman Catholic Church.

“It was 35 years ago that our predecessor issued the first invitation to dedicate September 1st as a special day of prayer for the preservation of the natural environment. Today, across the planet, numerous Christian churches and faithful recognize this celebration. This sense of ecumenical conviction and Christian unity is paramount because we cannot and should not hope to address climate change without working closely with one another.” His All- Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Holy Orthodox Church.

“Inspired by the Orthodox Church’s leadership, the Anglican Communion enthusiastically supports this ecumenical season. I encourage Anglicans around the world to pray for the unity of the church, as we follow Christ’s call to protect and renew what God has entrusted to us.”
Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Anglican Communion.

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 – 5th Sunday in the month Parish Service

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

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 SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

Listen! My beloved! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice. My beloved spoke and said to me, “Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.”

A READING FROM JAMES 1:17-27

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial

washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?” He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.” Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

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.