

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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September 29, 2024

St. Michael and All Angels

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Season of Creation

Today's Readings

Genesis 28:10-17 (NRSV)

Psalms 103:19-22 (NRSV)

Revelation 12:7-12 (First Nations Version)

John 1:47-51 (First Nations Version)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Wilmot, NS – The Reverend Sue Channen, Priest-in-Charge

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land,

Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh –

Bishop Lydia Mamakwa & Larry Beardy

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Luke's, O'Leary

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

October 6 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings: Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26;

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Readers: Jim E, Sandra H; Jim D, Darlene L;

Savannah M, Marie M; Judy L, Blaine C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Doreen C, Doris M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Mark's HE

11 am – St. Stephen's HE

11 am – St. Thomas' MP

7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HE*

(*Church Council meeting to follow)

Next Sunday, October 6, is **Food Bank Sunday!**

Clinton View Lodge Sing-a-Long: Thursday, October 3, 2:15 pm.

All are welcome to join in with the residents!

Provincial Credit Union **financial literacy session:**

Wednesday, October 2, 7-9 pm - "Introduction to Basic Banking"

Held at Kensington United Church. There is no charge; if you plan to attend, please contact Rev. Jack Spencer 902-836-3347 OR jackrichardspencer@gmail.com.

"Men of the Harvest" will be in concert in the Kensington United Church sanctuary this afternoon (Sunday, September 29th) at 2:30pm. Admission is by donation with the proceeds divided between the congregation's General Fund and Mission & Service Fund.





IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used
within the Parish
are given to the Glory of God
and In Loving Memory of

**All those who have died
who joyfully offered
their music ministry
at St. Stephen's
over the years**

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?
(from "My Life Flows On")



Parish Worship Service – September 29, 2024
Celebrating Music Ministry

Welcome

Opening Hymn: All the Way (yellow book #2)

Opening Sentence: Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will. Psalm 103:21

Introductory Response: For Major Saints' Days

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

There is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another

and shall declare your power.

All your works praise you, O Lord,

and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your power.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;

let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

The Invitatory – Saints' Days

The Lord is glorious in his saints: O come, let us worship.

God's Love – Choir

Too Much to Gain to Lose – Ardene

Isn't He Wonderful – Men

Teach Me Your Way – Sheila

I Know a Man Who Can – Grafton

Sweet Hour of Prayer – Elaine, Dianne, Glenda

Readings

Old Testament – Genesis 28:10-17

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 103:19-22

New Testament – Revelation 12:7-12

Gradual Hymn: (yellow book #110)

Let There Be Love verse 1; Let There Be Joy verse 2

Let There Be Hope verse 3; Let There Be Peace verse 4

Gospel – John 1:47-51

Homily

Ross & Sheila - instrumental

Offertory: Because He Lives (yellow book #6)

Offertory Prayer (Prayer over the Gifts)

God of glory,

as you have appointed angels to minister in your presence,

so may all our worship bring you worthy praise.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

What a Friend – Grafton & Elaine

Thank You Lord for Your Blessings – Choir

Precious Lord – Grafton & Ardene

Prayers of the People (Morning)

(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfillment and peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has loved us.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to renew the church through the power of his life-giving spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

God who created all things, seen and unseen, make us messengers of your compassion, so that with Michael and the hosts of heaven we may end ancient conflicts and pave the way for justice, kindness, and humility; through Christ, the firstborn of creation. Amen
(A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) alt.)

Blessing

Closing: To God Be the Glory (yellow #36)

Dismissal

"Thank you to Gwendy Murphy for your 60 years of music ministry here at St. Stephen's Church and to all the current and past choir members. We are most grateful."

A READING FROM GENESIS 28:10-17 (NSRV)

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

PSALM 103:19-22 (NSRV)

REFRAIN Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all. Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word. **R**
Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul. **R**

A READING FROM REVELATION 12:7-12 (First Nations Version)

I looked up and saw that there was an uprising in the spirit-world above. Who Is Like Creator (Michael) and his spirit-messengers were waging war with the fiery-red sea serpent and its spirit-messengers. They fought back, but they were not powerful enough, and the sea serpent and its spirit-messengers lost their foothold in the spirit-world above. The great fiery-red sea serpent was thrown down from the spirit-world above. He is the ancient trickster snake, who is also called the evil one and Accuser (Satan). He is the one who takes the whole

world down a false path. He was thrown down to the ground, along with all his spirit-messengers. Then I heard a voice thundering in the spirit-world above, saying, "The good road of the Great Spirit has finally arrived! This good road has the power to set us free and make us whole! The Chosen One has walked this good road to the end and has the right to bring it to us. And now, the one who by day and by night accuses the sacred family members before the Great Spirit has been thrown down to the ground. Creator's holy ones won the victory over him by the lifeblood shed by the Lamb and by boldly telling his story, and, when faced with death, they loved him more than they loved their own lives. So let your hearts be glad, you who live in the spirit-world above. But to those who live on land and sea there will be great sorrow and trouble, for the evil trickster snake has come down upon you with great anger, because he knows that his time will soon come to an end."

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO JOHN 1:47-51 (First Nations Version)

When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) saw Creator Gives (Nathanael) walking toward him, he said, "Look, a true descendant of Wrestles with Creator (Israel)! There is nothing false in him." Creator Gives (Nathanael) asked him, "How do you know me?" Creator Sets Free (Jesus) smiled and said, "Before Friend of Horses (Philip) found you, I saw you under a fig tree." "Wisdomkeeper!" Creator Gives (Nathanael) answered, "You are the Son of the Great Spirit and the Chieftain of the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel)!" "You believe me because I said I saw you under the fig tree?" he said to him. "I speak truth from my heart. You will see much more than this! You will see the sky open wide and the spirit-messengers from Creator climbing up and down a great ladder. On the True Human Being they will climb from the spirit-world above to the earth below and back again."