THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Today's Readings

Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia New Dublin, Nova Scotia



Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario ~ Archbishop Anne Germond and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Archdeaconry of Labrador – Bishop Sam Rose Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Peter's, Foxley River

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

$\underline{October~20-22^{nd}~Sunday~after~Pentecost~(green)}$

Readings: Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b;

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Hilda J, Tim O; Martyn C, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Lola MO, Savannah M

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

Worship at Clinton View Lodge will be held on Friday, October 25, 10:30 a.m. Come and join in fellowship with the residents.

SAVE THE DATE

COLLECT (pg 396)

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (pg 397)

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things.

Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



IN MEMORIAM

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

JERRY RONAHAN

October 18, 1940 - March 27, 2024

"Our world is diminished because you are gone ... but it is a better place because you were here."

Always loved, Jean, Catherine, Bert, Mark, Kent and grandchildren

Parish Council Highlights from Meeting- Tuesday, October 8th

- Still pursuing grants for rectory energy efficiency work, cautiously optimistically.
- Individual churches are still in discussions with the Diocese regarding changes to insurance coverage and therefore costs of insurance for the coming year.
- Parish was well represented at the Regional Event on September 21st and participated in the entertainment and provided a well done poster about the parish- which was all very well received.
- Parish Confirmation on September 22nd saw Nathan Mann and MacKenzie Carr Confirmed and Blaine Carr Received into the Anglican Communion. Appreciation was extended to those who helped out in any way, from singing in the joint Choir to providing the cake and refreshments following the Service.
- Parish 5th Sunday in Month Service was held at St. Stephen's on September 29th. The Service was one of Music Ministry by the St. Stephen's Choir, and it provided the opportunity to celebrate Gwendy Murphy's 60 years as Organist and later Choir Director at St. Stephen's.
- Noted from Christian Council that the Annual Christmas Carol Service will be held at Kensington United on Monday, December 2nd with a storm date of December 9th.
- St. Elizabeth's held its last Service for the season on Sunday evening past, and will open for Christmas Day Service. Other churches will review plans for Christmas Eve Services. Next Parish Service will be December 29th at St. Mark's.
- Follow-up discussion from the last Parish Council Meeting and Church Council Meetings regarding plans to update Parish Council structure, clarity of roles, expectations around commitment to meetings, and process and timelines for nominating church members to Parish Council. This will ensure opportunity for a portion of Parish Council Meetings throughout next year to concentrate on education about

Diocese expectations on Parishes and Churches making changes, through planning for the shape of the Parish moving forward. It will also allow for intentional communication and input back and forth between the churches and Parish Council. This will ensure opportunities for churches to know each other better which will enhance working well together. This will be prepared more formally for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting with expectation of Parish Council Nominating Committee work being completed by end of the year.

Next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, Nov 5th, at St. Stephen's.

A READING FROM JOEL 2:21-27

Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things! Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches. Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

A READING FROM 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 6:25-33

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.