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Last Sunday after Pentecost:

The Reign of Christ

Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Today's Readings

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-19;

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Bridgewater and the Conqueralls, Nova Scotia

~ Blandford, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

National Indigenous Archbishop Christopher A. Harper

and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

Council of the North

Diocese of Caledonia – Bishop David Lehmann

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

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

December 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent – HOPE (blue)

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9;

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Stephen's HE

11 am – St. Mark's MP

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Services

4 pm – St. Stephen's

7 pm – St. Thomas'

9 pm – St. Mark's

December 25 - Christmas Day Worship Service

11 am – St. Elizabeth's

December 29 Worship Service

11 am – Parish Christmas Carol Service at St. Mark's



Kensington & Area Christian Council will meet on Monday,
November 25, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish.

St. Elizabeth's Church Council meeting will be held on Sunday,
December 1, 7 p.m. at the Rectory.

ScripFund: There will be only 1 more order before Christmas:

December 2. If you wish to place an order, please call Doris Moase.

Clinton View Lodge worship service will be held on Wednesday,
December 11, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!

St. Stephen's Church Ladies and Friends Christmas Luncheon

will be held at Lotus Garden Restaurant on Wednesday, December 11,
12:00-1:30 pm. Please feel free to wear red and green, and please bring
along a wrapped \$5.00 gift for a fun gift exchange activity. Contact
Sandra H (902-836-4751) to add your name to the reservation list.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN 2024

Thank you to all of you who have brought in gifts for the annual Seafarers Shoebox Campaign. All of the items received from each of the churches will be blessed at St. Thomas' worship service on December 1 and then sent on to Halifax.

Hillsborough Hospital would like our help with Christmas gifts for their residents. Suggested items: socks, slippers, pyjamas, clothing (new items with tags still attached), toiletries, gift cards for Walmart & Tim Hortons, crossword puzzle books, games, colouring books, nail polish, blankets, Lego. Bring **NEW** items to your church by **Dec. 1**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service**

Sponsored by Kensington & Area Christian Council
Monday, December 2, 7:30 p.m. at Kensington United Church
(storm date: December 9)

- **Christmas Concert**

'Men of the Harvest' Christmas Concert at Princetown United Church in Malpeque – Sunday, November 24, 2:30 p.m. \$10 at the door.

- **Christmas Concert**

With Kirk Neville, Bonnie LaFrance & Central Queens Musical Friends
Sunday, December 1, 3:00 p.m. at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River. Admission: \$14 at the door

Yarns 'n Tea: reminder of pot luck lunch to be held on Tuesday, November 26, 12 noon at the hall (come early for last minute food preparation). Regular stitching will take place after the meal.

The Board of the Lucy Maud Montgomery Birthplace in New London is hosting an **Open House** in honour of LM Montgomery's 150th birthday; November 30, 1-4 pm. Free admission; light refreshments. All are welcome!

COLLECT (pg 394)

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (pg 394)

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (pg 395)

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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Note from Rev. Shirley...

DCS general meeting was held on Saturday, November 16, in Ellerslie. Thank you to Dennis Cole and Grafton Cole, who attended along with myself. Please note that as a follow-up to the surveys we completed some time ago, planning is underway for a day-long retreat in March with an experienced retreat leader from Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (SSJD) for all clergy and laity. More information to follow. We were also advised that parishes will receive back 1.5% of monies paid to the Diocese this year! Again, more information to follow.

A READING FROM 2 SAMUEL 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

“The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,
the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High,
the man anointed by the God of Jacob,
the hero of Israel’s songs:
“The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me;
his word was on my tongue.
The God of Israel spoke,
the Rock of Israel said to me:
‘When one rules over people in righteousness,
when he rules in the fear of God,
he is like the light of morning at sunrise
on a cloudless morning,
like the brightness after rain
that brings grass from the earth.’
“If my house were not right with God,
surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant,
arranged and secured in every part;
surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation
and grant me my every desire.
But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns,
which are not gathered with the hand.
Whoever touches thorns
uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear;
they are burned up where they lie.”

A READING FROM REVELATION 1:4b-8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”

and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”

So shall it be! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
“who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 18:33-37

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.