

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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The Baptism of the Lord

Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Paul's, Charlottetown

~ Archdeacon John Clarke, Rector, and Teresa

~ The Rev'd Jay Macdonald, Associate Parish Priest, and Carol

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

~ Archbishop Anne Germond and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Diocese of Brandon – Bishop Right Rev. William Cliff

DCS Cycle of Prayer – Holy Trinity, Alma

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

January 19

10:30 am – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity –
Ecumenical Service at Kensington United Church,
with Rev. Torrey Griffiths leading, and Rev. Shirley Cole preaching.
All are welcome to attend!

(*Note: There are **NO** worship services in New London Parish).

January 26 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (green)

Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Doreen C, Jean R; Martyn C, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Amy M, Savannah M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Mark's HE

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' HE

Bible Study will be held weekly on Thursday, 9:45 a.m. at the Rectory
and online Zoom. All are welcome to attend!

Parish Council will meet for a last time with the 2024 executive and
members on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's.

There are several matters needing attention before annual meetings,
so please try to attend.

- Deadlines for Annual Reports and actual Annual Meetings:

Annual Reports for St. Thomas' are due by 9 am on January 22,
and for the other churches by 9 am on January 29.

Annual meetings are as follows:

- St. Thomas' - Monday, January 27, 7 pm (alt. Mon., Feb. 3)

- St. Stephen's - Thursday, February 6, 7 pm (alt. Thurs., Feb. 13)

- St. Elizabeth's - Sunday, February 9, 2 pm at the Rectory

- St. Mark's - Monday, February 10, 7 pm (alt. Mon., Feb. 17)

- Parish - Tuesday, February 18, 7 pm (alt. Thurs., Feb. 20)

St. Thomas' will be hosting a **Valentine Party** on Monday,
February 10, 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome!

COLLECT (pg. 348)

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling;
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. 348)

God of life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day
and make us new in him,
who is Lord forever and ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (pg. 349)

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament
you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
We ask this in his name.

DAILY MANNA – Verse for the Day

~ **Day 11** – 2 Chronicles 16:9a

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the entire earth,
to strengthen those whose heart is true to him.”

~ **Day 12** – Psalm 27:1a

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?”

~ **Day 13** – Philippians 1:6

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

~ **Day 14** – Isaiah 42:3

“A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick
he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.”

~ **Day 15** – Job 16:19

“There is someone in heaven to stand up for me and take my side.”

~ **Day 16** – Deuteronomy 4:39

“So remember this and keep it firmly in mind:
The Lord is God both in heaven and on earth, and there is no other.”

~ **Day 17** – Psalm 44:8

“In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.”

~ **Day 18** – Matthew 5:9

“God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God.”

~ **Day 19** – Isaiah 50:4a

“The Sovereign Lord has given me his words of wisdom,
so that I know how to comfort the weary.”

A READING FROM ISAIAH 43:1-7

But now, this is what the LORD says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush and Seba in your stead.

Since you are precious and honored in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east

and gather you from the west.

I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’

and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’

Bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

A READING FROM ACTS 8:14-17

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”