

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

New London, PEI – The Rev. Shirley Cole

Provincial Prayer Care

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Council of General Synod,
Anglican Church of Canada

Council of the North

Diocese of Brandon – Bishop Right Rev. William Cliff

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

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

January 12 – The Baptism of the Lord (white)

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

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Hilda J, Tim O; Savannah M, Marie M

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

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Mark's HE

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' HE

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).

From Rev. Shirley...

~ A sincere thank-you to all of you for your kindness at Christmas –
the cards, gifts, treats, and well wishes are so appreciated!

~ Thanks to everyone who participated in decorating, preparing and
providing music, leading Worship, and so much more over the Advent
and Christmas season.

~ Thank you to Norma Thompson and family for the beautiful
Communion Set for use in the Eucharist at St. Mark's. This was given
in memory of Carl Thompson. It was Blessed then used at the Parish
Service on December 29.

~ Thank you to Thomas Haslam for his interesting and thought-
provoking presentation at the Parish Service on December 29.
Thanks as well to Hugh Jones and the combined Choirs for their
beautiful musical selection offered at the same Service.

“On behalf of myself and all of us here in the Parish ---

Happy Birthday, Dennis, on your BIG Birthday

(I'll leave it to you to confirm how big)!

We are all grateful for your presence among us
and your gifts you share so readily with us.”

~ Blessings to you, Revd Shirley



St. Thomas' APP will meet on Tuesday, January 7, 10:30 a.m., in the Church Hall.

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

Weekly Bible Study resumes on Thursday, January 9, at 9:45 a.m. at the Rectory and online Zoom.

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 do please try to attend.

The **schedule** for the **Churches and Parish Annual Meetings** will be included in next week's bulletin. In preparation, notice will also be included next week about **deadlines for committee reports and nominations for church councils, for inclusion in the Annual Reports**. Related, the nominations for 2025 Parish Council membership have been received from the Churches. Thank you. This is much appreciated and now leads to the Churches nominating committees work in securing Church Council members for the new year.

COLLECT (pg. 280)

Eternal God, who by a star
led wise men to the worship of your Son;
guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
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. 280)

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

A READING FROM ISAIAH 60:1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
“Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.
Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

A READING FROM EPHESIANS 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.
I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in

God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

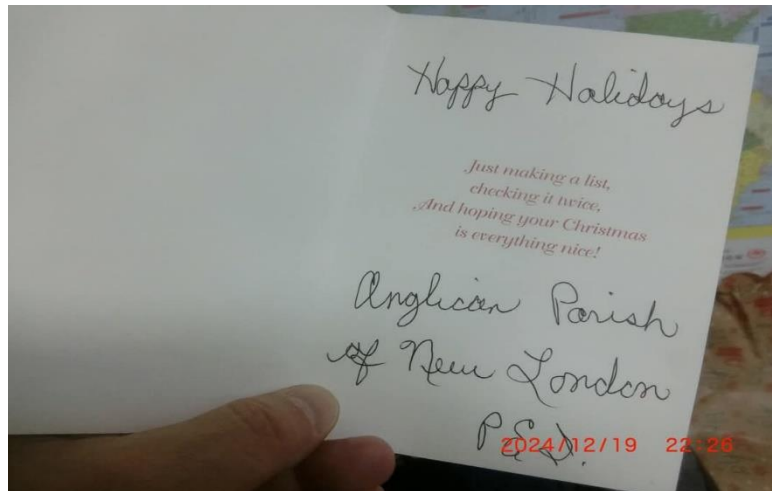
THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Our Mission Manager Helen Glenn received a wonderful message of thanks from Capt. Takanori FURUHASHI, Master of ONE MINATO. It read:

"This is to say thank you for your Christmas present for all of our crew member 26 pcs received at last Halifax port stay.

And please kindly convey the same greeting to Church Anglican Parish New LONDON.

Have a nice Christmas to all and happy new year 2025!"



DAILY MANNA – Verse for the Day

~ **Day 1** – Deuteronomy 31:8a

“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

~ **Day 2** – Psalm 5:8a

“Lead me in the right path, O Lord.”

~ **Day 3** – Hebrews 13:21a

“May the God of peace provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will...”

~ **Day 4** – Isaiah 28:29b

“He (Lord of Hosts) is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.”

~ **Day 5** – Lamentations 3:56a

“You heard me when I cried, “Listen to my pleading!”

~ **Day 6** – 1 Thessalonians 5:16, 17

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing.”

~ **Day 7** – Psalm 20:4

“May he (the Lord) grant you your heart’s desire, and fulfill all your plans.”

~ **Day 8** – Romans 8:14

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.”

~ **Day 9** – Isaiah 63:7a

“I will tell of the Lord’s unfailing love. I will praise the Lord for all he has done.”

~ **Day 10** – Proverbs 16:7

“When the ways of people please the Lord, he causes even their enemies to be at peace with them.”