

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON
MARCH 16, 2025
2nd SUNDAY IN LENT



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Today's Readings

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;

Philippians 3:17 -4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ North Sydney, Cape Breton

~ Parish of the Resurrection, Cape Breton



Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI - Bishop Sandra Fyfe

Council of the North

~ Territory of the People – Archbishop Lynne McNaughton

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

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

March 23 – 3rd Sunday in Lent (violet)

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;

1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Readers: Judy C, Jessie A; Jim D, Darlene L; Martyn C, Marie M

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Doreen C, Doris M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' HE

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's HE

March 30 – 4th Sunday in Lent

11 am – Parish Worship at St. Thomas'

St. Thomas' Church Council meeting - Monday, March 17, 7:00 pm.

St. Thomas' APP meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall.

St. Thomas' APP is planning a **Friendship Luncheon** for all 4 churches in the Parish. It will be held at Lotus Garden Restaurant in Kensington on Friday, May 2, at 11:30 a.m. All people of the Parish are welcome; please call or text to book your seat. 😊

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Hospice PEI

Kensington & Area Christian Council recently had a presentation from Catherine Coulson Gaudet, the East Prince Coordinator for Hospice PEI. Hospice PEI provides NON-MEDICAL support for individuals diagnosed with a life ending illness. Hospice PEI provides training for all volunteers. If you might be interested, please contact Bertha Campbell at bertha.campbell@gmail.com or 902-886-2955 before March 31. Catherine is prepared to provide a training session in the Kensington area if enough people are interested.

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

First regular meeting of Parish Council for 2025 was held Tuesday, March 11. Highlights include:

~ Review and updates on continuing discussions and planning were provided by Wardens, Treasurer, and Rector, re: adapting as we face the continuing realities regarding church attendance, resources, etc., with ongoing fixed and increased expenses. Focus on continuing to align Parish Council more closely to Canon guidelines without taking away autonomy of churches. Advancing transparent communications to facilitate discussion and planning for what we will be as church in the coming years. Encourage members to discuss at Church Councils.

~ Church Councils asked to bring financial information from churches to Parish Council meetings in future.

~ Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR): opportunity for those who wish to have offerings to church and/or Parish set up to come out of their bank accounts directly; was approved but not implemented in the fall. Questions have been answered about process, and PAR will now be implemented with information in the bulletins in the coming weeks. (offering envelopes for Churches and Parish will continue to be available).

~ SafeR Church: building inspections are due. Forms will be provided to Church Councils for completion.

~ Next Parish Council meeting – Tuesday, May 13, St. Stephen's 7 pm

COLLECT (pg. 288)

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (pg. 289)

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (pg. 289)

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Illustration on front cover is from a series of lectoons by Anglican Priest & Artist, Rev. Mel Malton, recently retired from The Diocese of NS & PEI.*

A READING FROM GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars--if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.” But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?” So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.” Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—

A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 3:17 -4:1

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 13:31-35

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.