

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON**  
**MARCH 30, 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**



**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON**

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*Welcome to everyone gathered here today.*

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**Today's Readings**

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-31

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Canso, Nova Scotia

**Provincial Prayer Care**

Diocese of Fredericton – Archbishop David Edwards  
Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces Nigel Shaw  
and all military chaplains

**Council of the North**

Territory of the People – Archbishop Lynne McNaughton

**DCS Cycle of Prayer** – St. Elizabeth's, Springfield

**Prayer Partner** - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside



## **April 6 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (violet)**

**Readings:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;

Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**Readers:** Judy M, Jim E; Hilda J, Tim O; Doris M, Norma T

**Prayers of the People:** Sandra H, Lola MO, Bronwyn C

**Worship Times:** 9 am – St. Mark's HE

11 am – St. Stephen's HE

11 am – St. Thomas' MP

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### **Parish Easter Services**

**Maundy Thursday:** April 17 – 7:00 p.m. St. Stephen's HE

**Good Friday:** April 18 – 12:00 p.m. St. Mark's

**Easter Sunday:** April 20 – 7:00 a.m. St. Thomas' HE

9:00 a.m. St. Mark's HE

11:00 a.m. St. Stephen's HE

**Bible Study** continues weekly on Thursday, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.,  
in person at the Rectory, and online.

**Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long** will be held Thursday, April 3,  
2:15 p.m. All are welcome!

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

**St. Mark's Church Council meeting** will be held on Monday,  
April 7, 7:00 p.m.

**St. Stephen's Church Council meeting** will be held on Thursday,  
April 10, 7:00 p.m.

### **Special Upcoming Services**

~ **Annual Fishers' Service** at St. Thomas' - April 13 – 6:00 p.m.

~ **Annual Ecumenical Holy Week noon services** at St. Mark's:

**April 14** – led by Anglican Church

**April 15** – led by Presbyterian Church

**April 16** – led by Roman Catholic Church

**April 17** – led by United Church

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

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**Save the Date!** June 21st, 2025 – St. Mark's Church Yard & Bake Sale  
Fundraiser from 9 a.m. – noon. We would be pleased to accept  
donations such as toys, games, accessories, knick knacks, books,  
puzzles, household items, giftware items, garden decor, craft supplies,  
small furniture items, sporting equipment, or any other treasures  
you might have hidden away. All items should be clean and in good  
condition. Also included in our fundraiser will be a Bake Sale Table.  
To schedule a donation pick up, please call Marlene (902-439-9642)  
or Alan (902-439-1627).

**Men of the Harvest** benefit concert in support of Hospice PEI --  
Sunday, April 6, 2:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church, Summerside.  
Admission: \$10 at the door. All are welcome!

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### **COLLECT** (pg. 292)

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven  
to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us  
this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** (pg. 293)

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (pg. 293)

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts  
with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

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\*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 JOSHUA 5:9-12**

Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal to this day. On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

### **A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21**

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-31**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"