

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

MAY 11, 2025
4th SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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May 11, 2025
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Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Today's Readings

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23;

Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Christ Church, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

~ St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador –

Bishop Samuel Rose

Council of the North - Diocese of Moosonee –

Archbishop Anne Germond & Archbishop Fred Hiltz

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. James, Port Hill

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

May 18: 5th Sunday of Easter (white)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's HE
11 am – St. Mark's HE
11 am – St. Thomas' MP
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Readers: Judy C, Judy M; Hilda J, Tim O;
Martyn C, Marie M; MacKenzie C, Judy L

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Doreen C, Doris M

*Blessings & Congratulations to Wayne and Shirley Harrington
as they celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on May 14!*

Happy Mother's Day to all the women, mothers,
and mother figures in our lives! Have a special &
wonderful day!



Flowers for Mother's Day are placed at
St. Thomas' Church in loving memory of:

~ **Brenda Montgomery**, with love always from The Family

~ **Elizabeth (Bessie) Meek**, with love always from The Family

Save the Date! June 21, 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).



Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 7 pm
at St. Stephen's Church.

Diocesan Synod will be held May 23-25. Rev. Shirley, Grafton Cole,
Kim Gallant, and MacKenzie Carr will be attending as the Parish
delegates. Sunday morning services on May 25th will be at the
regular times, and all 3 will be Morning Prayer services.

Kensington & Area Christian Council meets at Southwest River
United Church, Margate, on Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School 2025 registration is now open!

This year's theme is: "*Road Trip: On the Go with God*".

July 7-11 at Murray Christian Education Centre, Kensington.

Daily 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. for ages 4-12. Fee: \$25.00 per child;
\$50.00 per family (3 or more children). Enjoy music, stories, crafts,
snacks, and games! Registration forms are available, or register online.

Food Safety Course is being offered by Environmental Health
at Trinity United Church, May 13, 6-9 p.m. Course is free,
but you must register with Environmental Health (902-368-4970).
This course is for volunteers or staff for non-profit organizations.

New London Community Complex is having a **Ham & Scallop potato
take-out supper** on Saturday, May 24 - pick up 4-6 pm. \$20 each;
pre-order only. Email: nlcc@newlondoncc.org. Facebook messenger
or contact Laurie Blackett 902-888-9593.

KARSI – Kensington and Area Refugee Sponsorship Initiative
Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 21, 9-1, at the home
of Jim Blanchard and Carolyn Francis, 24613 Route 2 in Kensington.
Rain date is June 28. All the proceeds from the sale will go toward
funding Issack's family to bring them to Canada from the refugee
camp. His application has been approved and hopefully the process
will move quickly.

A READING FROM ACTS 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

A READING FROM REVELATION 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO JOHN 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

COLLECT (pg 339)

O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (pg 339)

God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our shepherd.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (pg 340)

God of steadfast love,
watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.
May we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.