

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

MAY 18, 2025
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Today's Readings

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;

Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Holy Trinity Emmanuel, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

~ Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Central Newfoundland

~ Bishop John Watton

Council of the North - Diocese of Moosonee -

Archbishop Anne Germond & Archbishop Fred Hiltz

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. John's, Ellerslie

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

May 25: 6th Sunday of Easter (white)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's MP
11 am – St. Mark's MP
11 am – St. Thomas' MP

Readings: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5; John 14:23-29

Readers: Jim E, Grafton C; Jim D, Darlene L; Doris M, Norma T

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

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.

Rectory yard clean-up will be happening on Tuesday, May 20 (alternate date if needed: May 21) at 6:30 p.m. All volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your rake. Thank you!

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

St. Mark's Church **Yard & Bake Sale** Fundraiser: June 21, 9-12. 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).

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.

Parish Council Highlights - Tuesday, May 13th

-- discussion and motions passed regarding Leanne Brister accepting role of Parish Secretary, and Tony Diodati's role moving from Parish Warden to Parish Treasurer, and Rodney Mann to Parish Controller/Bookkeeper. These changes are to better align with current and anticipated further Canon 35 (regarding governance) provisions.

- \$10,000 grant received from Diocese for Energy efficiencies (Insulation/heat pump) to Rectory. Thanks to Jim Evans for his work on this.

- Discussion and motion passed regarding 1. loose offerings from Parish Services being directed to Parish account, and 2. above ordinary expenses for Parish Services/ events being covered by Parish.

-Property inspections have been completed on each of the Churches. Discussion was held on quarterly church attendance and finances.

Clean up of rectory property scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 20th from 630 pm on - and Wednesday 21st as/if needed.

- Information provided regarding Resolutions upcoming for Diocesan Synod - Grafton Cole, Kim Gallant, Mackenzie Carr, and Revd. Shirley attending as voting delegates. Resolutions regarding: Canon 35 changes which continue to emphasize authority of Parish Corporation and Parish Council in every Parish and adding provisions for single point vs multipoint parishes; Canon 35 changes to around financing to allow Parishes to incorporate e-transfers to Parish accounts (currently there are no provisions for e-transfers); other provisions to ensure compliance with insurance, CRA and Charity status were reviewed.

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.

COLLECT (pg 340)

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his
commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM ACTS 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

PSALM 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.
He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

**Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth;
you open our eyes to see the wonders around us,
and our hearts and mouths to praise you. Now give us strength
for loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

A READING FROM REVELATION 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (pg 341)

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life.
May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (pg 341)

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth
and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.