

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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August 10, 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Worship on August 10

9 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' HE

11 am – St. Mark's MP

7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

Today's Readings

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24;

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. Luke's, Hubbards, NS

~ St. John the Evangelist, Sackville, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

~ Bishop Samuel Rose

Council of the North - Fall Meeting of Council –
Chairperson Bishop David Lehmann

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

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

August 17: Harvest Festival Ecumenical Worship

9:30 am at the Kensington arena. This year's service is being led by the Presbyterian churches of Kensington and St. John's New London. Food bank donations greatly appreciated. Choir members and others are invited to be part of the joint choir.

***NOTE:** There are NO worship services in the Parish of New London.

August 24: 11th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

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

11 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

7 pm – St. Elizabeth's EP

Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Readers: Sandra H, Judy C; Jim D, Darlene L;
Martyn C, Marie M; MacKenzie C, Judy L

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

Rev. Shirley will be away August 18-September 2. Pastoral emergency contact information will be shared by email and on the website.

You are invited -- Come Walk in Faith

Are you looking to spend an hour with Parish friends?

On **August 21 and September 4** from 10-11am, weather permitting, meet at St. Mark's parking lot, walk on the trail or sit and walk a finger labyrinth, or simply sit and enjoy a time of fellowship. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy refreshments on the Rectory lawn afterwards.

All are welcome! For more info, contact Leanne Brister - 905-867-5378 or the Church office 902-836-3303 nlparish@eastlink.ca. (Bible study will resume on September 11).

Fundraising concerts:

~ **August 14 - Terry Kelly in Concert** -- 8:00-10:00 p.m.
at Emerald Community Centre (for St. Elizabeth's).
Tickets (\$25) available from Beryl Carr (902-430-9428)

~ **October 26 - Men of the Harvest in Concert**

at St. Stephen's Church. Watch for more details.



COLLECT

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;*
**he has called the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,*
God reveals himself in glory.
Our God will come and will not keep silence;*
**before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**
He calls the heavens and the earth from above*
to witness the judgement of his people.
"Gather before me my loyal followers,*
**those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."**
Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;*
for God himself is judge.
Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you;*
for I am God, your God.
I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;*
your offerings are always before me.
Consider this well, you who forget God,*
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me;*
**but to those who keep in my way
will I show the salvation of God."**

**Blessed are you, God of glory; you call us to give up all our vain
attempts to reach you, and to come before you in thanksgiving
for your great salvation, shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

A READING FROM HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE 12:32-40

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father,
receive all we offer you this day,
and grant that in this eucharist
we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
grant to your Church the unity and peace
that we have tasted in this eucharist,
the fruit of your life-giving Spirit.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.