

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Worship on August 24

9 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

7 pm – St. Elizabeth's EP

Today's Readings

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Annapolis, NS

~ Christ Church, Windsor, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Central Newfoundland ~ Bishop John Watton

Council of the North - Fall Meeting of Council –

Chairperson Bishop David Lehmann

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

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

August 31: 11th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Worship Time: 11 am – Parish Worship at St. Mark's MP

Readings: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16;

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Readers: Doris M, Norma T

Prayers of the People: Bronwyn C

HAPPY 88th BIRTHDAY to Wayne Harrington on August 31st!

Rev. Shirley will be on vacation until Tuesday, Sept. 2 (out of country Aug. 19-28 with limited access to email). Regarding coverage for pastoral matters, Rev. Ned Henthorn (902-432-2135; email nedhenthorn@gmail.com) will check and visit parishioners in Prince County Hospital and be available for emergencies, end-of-life contact, and funerals. Contact should be made through Parish/Church Wardens, who would contact Rev. Ned with particulars. Regarding administrative matters, contact can continue to be made with Bonnie LaFrance at nlparish@eastlink.ca, or the church office (902-836-3303). Parish Wardens would determine whether matters arising must be responded to immediately, or wait until Rev. Shirley returns.

Come Walk in Faith

On **September 4** from 10-11 am, 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).

~ **Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long** – September 4, 2:15 pm.

~ **Parish Executive Meeting** – September 11, 6 pm at the Rectory

~ **Parish Council Meeting** – September 17, 7 pm at St. Mark's.

Please note change of date. Archdeacon John Clarke will be attending.

Office hours: Beginning on September 10, Bonnie will resume regular office hours – Wednesday mornings, 9-12.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM JEREMIAH 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

PSALM 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;*
let me never be ashamed.
In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;*
incline your ear to me and save me.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;*
you are my crag and my stronghold.
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,*
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
For you are my hope, O Lord God,*
my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength;*
my praise shall be always of you.

**Holy God, be our strength and our salvation,
that we may never be ashamed to praise you for your mighty acts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.**

A READING FROM HEBREWS 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory,
receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,
increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us
that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.