

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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September 28, 2025 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship on September 28

9 am – St. Thomas' HE

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's HE

7 pm – St. Elizabeth's EP

Today's Readings

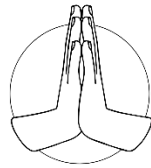
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16;

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Weymouth, NS

~ St. James, Kentville, NS



Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Quebec – Bishop Bruce Myers

Council of the North - Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of

Mishamikoweesh – Bishop Lydia Mamakwa

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. James', Port Hill

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

October 5: 17th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Stephen's HE

11 am – St. Thomas' MP

Readings: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137;

2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

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

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

~ **Thank you** to everyone who donated items for the backpacks!

~ **Bible Study** – Every Thursday 9:45-10:45 am at the Rectory
We will continue to explore upcoming weekly scripture readings.
Returning and new participants are always welcome!

~ **Clinton View Lodge** sing-a-long will be held Thursday, October 2.

~ **Parish Friendship Luncheon** will be held on Friday, October 10,
12:00 p.m. at Lotus Garden Restaurant, Kensington. Contacts:
Sandra Harrington 902-836-4751
Lola Meek Ogilvie 902-886-2653--- 902-303-5795
Doreen Cole 902-886-2207---902-439-3816
We would love to have you join us; everyone is welcome!!

~ **Yarns and Tea** will be held every Tuesday, 1:00-4:00 pm
at St. Thomas' Church Hall. All are welcome to attend!

Save the Date!

November 1st, 2025 – St. Mark's Church Christmas Yard & Bake Sale
Fundraiser from 9 a.m. – noon. We would be pleased to accept
Christmas-themed donations such as puzzles, games, accessories,
jewellery, knick knacks, books, household items, Christmas clothing,
giftware items, craft supplies, sporting equipment, or any other
treasures you feel would make a great gift idea. 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).

Highlights from Parish Council Meeting – September 17, 2025

The meeting focused on:

- 1) Covenant Review led by Archdeacon John Clarke. There were minor changes made, and it was determined/agreed priorities and activity remain the same. The updated Covenant has been sent to Parish Council and is being noted at Church Council meetings and copies will be available in the churches.
- 2) New Canon 35 and Bi-laws – time lines now in place and specifics of options for churches reviewed. Plan developed for Communication and decision making within time frames provided. Information will be provided to congregations through Rev. Shirley and Parish Wardens. Then decisions at Church Council meetings with parishioners welcome to attend.

All other agenda items deferred until next Parish Council meeting.

UPCOMING CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

(note re: Canon 35 - Bi-laws info circulated to congregations)

~ St. Thomas' – Monday, September 22 – 7 pm

(info provided September 28)

~ St. Mark's – Wednesday, October 1 – 7 pm

(info provided September 28)

~ St. Stephen's – Wednesday, October 8 – 7 pm

(info provided September 22)

~ St. Elizabeth's – Meeting TBD *(info provided September 28)*

~ Parish Executive – Thursday, October 16 – 6 pm at the Rectory

~ Parish Council – Tuesday, October 21 – 7 pm at St. Stephen's

5th Sunday of the month Parish Service – November 30 –

at St. Thomas' at 11 am, with pot luck to follow. Joint choirs singing.

Men of the Harvest fall concert will be held at St. Stephen's Anglican Church (1612 Rte. 101, Irishtown) on Sunday, October 26, 2:30 p.m.

Tickets (\$15) are available from Grafton Cole (888-8915);

Leigh Adams (303-5071); or the office.

Annual Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service will be held on Monday, December 1, 7:30 pm at Kensington United Church (storm date: Dec. 8). Our joint choirs will again perform together.

COLLECT

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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 32:1-3A, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,*
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,*
my God in whom I put my trust."
He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter*
and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings;*
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,*
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,*
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;*
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;*
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honour.
With long life will I satisfy him,*
and show him my salvation.

**Gracious God, in times of anxiety and stress, teach us to wait
in quietness for your protection and defence, made known to us
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

A READING FROM 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty,

or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE 16:19-31**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will
in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord



IN MEMORIAM

The bulletins used
within the Parish
are given to the Glory of God
and In Loving Memory of

Mom

Brenda Montgomery

May 19, 1944 – Sept. 8, 2017

Dad

Robert Montgomery

April 13, 1940 – Sept. 29, 2024

From the tree of life
each leaf must fall;
the green, the gold, the great, the small.
Each one in God's own time He'll call
with perfect love, He gathers all.

**In loving memory
from the family**