

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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September 7, 2025 13th Sunday after Pentecost Season of Creation Worship on September 7

9 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Stephen's HE

11 am – St. Mark's MP

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17;

Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Aylesford with Berwick, NS

~ Brooklyn, NS

Provincial Prayer Care

National Indigenous Archbishop Christopher A. Harper

and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

Council of the North - Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of

Mishamikoweesh – Bishop Lydia Mamakwa

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Thomas', Spring Brook

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage Service will be held for Benjamin Mosher Thibeau and MacKenzie Lynn Beaton on Saturday, September 13, 3:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Irishtown.

September 14: Holy Cross Day (red)

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' HE

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's HE

7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

Readings: Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-6;

1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17

Readers: Grafton C, Sandra H; Tim O, Jim D;

Doris M, Norma T; Blaine C, Velma H

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Lola MO, Bronwyn C

~ **Office hours:** Resuming September 10, Bonnie will be in the church office Wednesday mornings 9-12.

~ **Sunday, Sept. 14 & Sunday, Sept. 21 – Backpack Blessings:**

Following its success last year, we will again be collecting school supplies along with personal care items to fill backpacks for high school students. Please bring along supplies and add them to the backpacks provided at the back of the churches. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

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

~ **Bible Study** – Beginning on September 11 (every Thursday); 9:45-10:45 am at the Rectory (in-person only, unless Zoom is requested). We will continue to explore upcoming weekly scripture readings. Returning and new participants are welcome. No experience or ongoing commitment needed; please join us!

~ **Parish Council Meeting** – September 17, 7 pm at St. Mark's with Archdeacon John Clarke in attendance (note change of date to accommodate Archdeacon John's schedule).

~ **Kensington & Area Christian Council** meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 7 pm, at St. Stephen's.

~ **St. Thomas' Church Council Meeting** – September 22, 7 pm

~ **Parish Friendship Luncheon** will be held on Friday, October 10, 12:00 p.m. at Lotus Garden Restaurant, Kensington. Contacts:

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We would love to have you join us; everyone is welcome!!




IN MEMORIAM

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

WILLIAM (BILL) PIDGEON

Remembering Bill on their
Anniversary (Sept. 11, 1961)

Sadly missed and
lovingly remembered
by Laura and family



COLLECT

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
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 JEREMIAH 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;*

**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places*

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,*

but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before*

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;*

it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;*

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made;*

your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you,*,

while I was being made in secret

and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;

all of them were written in your book;*

they were fashioned day by day,

when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!*

how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;*

to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**God of mystery and power, even our minds and hearts are the veils
and signs of your presence. We come in silent wonder to learn the
way of simplicity, the eternal road that leads to love for you and for
your whole creation. We come as your Son Jesus Christ taught us,
and in his name.**

A READING FROM PHILEMON 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE 14:25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father,
your word and sacrament give us food and life.
May we who have shared in holy things
bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.